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title of project	Security planning for public spaces: Testing a proposed CPTED rating instrument in Berlin, Germany.
main research goal	To test a proposed CPTED rating instrument on public spaces in the European city of Berlin (Germany).
main research question	Can the CPTED rating instrument for public spaces, as developed by Nemeth and Schmidt for the city of New York, be applied to the European city of Berlin (Germany)?
main research methods	Case study selection of public spaces, analysis of contextual variables, in-depth interviews
main results (description of projects and findings)	Planners, law enforcement, researchers, public officials and citizens are all concerned with safe use of public spaces. Researchers Jeremy Nemeth and Stephan Schmidt have proposed a survey instrument designed to score plazas, parks and other spaces for their accessibility and control. There is a tension, in free societies, between public use of public spaces and rules governing that use. We desire the most freedom with the greatest safety, yet those two ends can be counter to one another. This study takes a carefully researched and designed survey tool out of its native New York environment and tests it in Berlin, Germany. We wanted to discover if the instrument adapts well to other locations and cultures. As far as we can tell, no research related to this proposal has been yet published. This appears to be the first field trial of an instrument that may prove quite useful in the future. This case study seeks to glean what factors in German society might influence how the instrument performs and what, if anything, different cultural mores might reveal.
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