MICRO INTERACTION SPACES
on the thin line between private and public

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HOW CAN MICRO INTERACTION SPACES FOR DAILY USE BE CREATED?

HOW CAN THESE SPACES SERVE AS AN EXTENSION OF CONFINED LIVING SPACE?

» Exploring possibilities of alternative utilization of the available «micro spaces».
» Creating specific interactions, by re-appropriating and re-organizing the existing spaces.
» Re-organizing the available spaces.
» Respect for cultural & personal behavior of the people that use the space.
» Promote interaction.
**Micro Spaces** » buffer spaces on the thin line between public and private «

**Backyards** » from entrance of building to roof «

**Inside** » from building to entrance of individual flat «

**Outside** » near surroundings of buildings until entrance «
RESEARCH METHODS

Mapping
- visualizing the whole area
- structure of the streets, buildings and locations
- localizing the study-case buildings and surroundings.

Panels
- Visualizing particular aspects of the buildings.
- Observe features and characteristics of existing micro-spaces

Data analysis
- Describing the social reality
- Explaining certain causalities

Observation
- Analyzing indepth aspects of human behavior
- Describing places or attitude

Interviews
- indepth understanding of life and personal beliefs
- understanding and explaining the human behavior
CASE STUDY // ANALYSIS OF BUILDINGS

MAX WINTER PLATZ 9

» Renovated
» Apartment categories from A to D
» Mixed age structure
» Mixed gender structure
» Mixed nationality structure (mostly Yugoslavian, Serbian and Austrian)
» 2 backyards
» Lift
» Wide lobby and corridors
» Private roof garden

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» Non-renovated building
» Apartments with toilet in the corridors
» Mixed age structure
» Mixed gender structure
» Mixed nationality structure (immigrants from different countries)
» 2 backyards
» No lift
» Small lobby
» Unused and unmaintained attic
MAX WINTER PLATZ 9

Interview

«I know all people in the building.»
«I would never move out, because I love the flat. The building is in a really good condition.»
«I miss green spaces in the city.»
«I only use the backyard to dump garbage.»

«I know everybody who lives here, but I no longer have friends here.»
«Only a few people use the backyard - for example the Yugoslavian housekeeper and people from Serbia.»
«There are many people of different nationalities, young families and elderly people as well.»

Observation

» many decorations on doors
» children living there
» arranged backyard
» arranged corridors and windows (plants)
» bikes stored in staircase

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Interview

«I need space for my bike.»
«I want new colors on the walls.»

«I don’t know anybody here.»

Observation

» many different languages were spoken inside the building
» toy-bike for children
» garbage and old furniture in the backyard
» rotten flowers, unmaintained lawn
» self arranged storage (shelves)
» woman threw garbage out of the window into the backyard
» bikes, baby strollers stored in staircase
ANALYSIS BUILDINGS // CASE STUDY

OUTSIDE

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INSIDE

BACKYARD

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MICRO SPACES BACKYARD

Common Garden
Playground
MICRO SPACES INSIDE

Place for rest & sharing information
MICRO SPACES OUTSIDE

Green meeting space &
Bike storage
MICRO SPACES BACKYARD

Seating accommodations
Common Garden
Vertical Gardens

MICRO SPACES OUTSIDE
MICRO SPACES BACKYARD

Common Laundry
IMPLEMENTATION

• Considering the importance of „Micro Interaction Spaces“ within the gentle urban renewal processes of City of Vienna.

• Foster integration and cultural communication

• Projects on awareness rising on the integrated use of the Micro Interaction Spaces

• Importance of participation by local people

• Funding (e.g. Greening Backyard – MA42, district government …)
Thank You!