

### **The Definition of Public space**

Since open public spaces have the most actual and potential facilities for the presence of the citizens, these spaces have a significant role in the citizens' social lives. (Lawson 2004). The meaning of public space has changed during the past few decades; historically, it referred to "Open Space", meaning the streets, parks and recreation areas, plazas and other publicly owned and managed outdoor spaces. However, with recent changes in form of urban settlements, due to the change of ownership from public to private partnerships, public spaces refer to a space that is accessible to public (Tonnelat 2010). In (Molavi and Jalili 2016), it is mentioned that more life occurs when people move slower in public since there is a higher chance for interacting with the environment and experiencing. Yet, this interaction should not be because of compulsion; in order for an urban space to be considered as vital, people need to stop and stay for the space desirability. "Public Life" is mentioned in (Banerjee 2001) as a broader concept in comparison with "Public Space" and he encourages designers to pay more attention to it. In the public domain of the city, there are three primary criteria that identify urban spaces:

1. The space is public
2. The space is open
3. Existence of social interaction (Molavi and Jalili 2016)

Also, in every neighborhood face-to-face human interactions has positive correlation with livability of that neighborhood (Singh, 2016). In order for each neighborhood to be defined as great, it needs to be attractive, active, open, walkable, entertaining and full of people (Sousa and Rosales, 2010).

### **Youth Culture**

Just like all marginal groups, youth also have different cultural values, perception and demands. All these differences should be acknowledged and be taken into account in design of public spaces (Malone 2002). In public spaces, this group of people is looking for social integration, safety and freedom of movement (Chawla 2016). However, general studies about this group of people does not represent Iranian youth culture completely. As a developing country, youth population of Iran seeks to improve their culture and lifestyle (Jafari, 2007). In some cases, this young generation perceives their identity in a way that is different from their parents and society and some of them want to be exactly the opposite of what their family wants them to be (Jafari, 2007). One of the major problems of this generation is that they feel isolated because of the theocratic government and the restriction that is imposed on them. This is one of the reasons that some of them tend to live in the country in hope of living a better life (Mahdi 2007). Also, in (Sheykhi, 2016), it is mentioned that many young men and women in their 20s are financially supported by their parents. Therefore, the problem of public space for this group of people should be addressed with extreme caution.

### **Public Space in Streets**

Street can be defined as a dynamic and live element which can be used for many municipal and aesthetic purposes (Rehan, 2013). According to (Fyfe 2006):

“Streets are the terrain of social encounters and political protest, sites of domination and resistance, places of pleasure and anxiety.”

Impact of streets will be undermined and distorted, if it does not meet the requirements of a citizen and if it is not standard in terms of functions and features (Molavi and Jalili 2016). Streets should give reasons to people to come to a place and make them return to that place over and over again(Whyte). (Malone 2002) describes an ideal street as an inviting environment with acceptance of differences between people and it should also be unoppressive. When it comes to young people, street plays an important role for their social activity (White 1994). For this group of people, streets are used for constructing their social identity and it can also act as a stage for performance (Malone 2002).

### **Crowdsourcing**

The name crowdsourcing consists of two words: crowd, which is referring to the people who participate in the initiative; and sourcing, which makes reference to the practices that aim at finding the intended results (Estellés-Arolas and González-Ladrón-de-Guevara 2012). There are many definitions for crowdsourcing but in this study we can define crowdsourcing as:” one way of accessing external knowledge” (Burger-Helmchen and Pénin 2010). Since the author does not have access to the location under study, this method is used as one of the ways of gathering information. During the past few years, Instagram has become one of most widely used social networks (Boy & Uitermark, 2016) and it has proven that in some scenarios, pictures and short videos can speak louder than words (Lee, Lee, Moon, & Sung, 2015). A study shows that the level of engagement for Instagram is 57% which means this amount of users check this website at least once a day and also 35% of users visit Instagram multiple time a day (Zolkepli, Hasno, & Kamarulzaman, 2015).

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