Pedestrian Dynamics
and
Urban Resilience

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Measuring Pedestrian Dynamics: Doing it the right way

- While understanding pedestrian behavior is essential for many aspects of urban design, planning, and management, monitoring of pedestrians often intrudes a person's privacy. Therefore, we develop a framework with novel technological solutions toward measuring pedestrian dynamics to answer urban-related questions in a privacy-preserving and socially acceptable way.

- **Research Question**: What are the questions regarding urban dynamics that rely on measured pedestrian dynamics, for which we can show that privacy of an individual pedestrian can be preserved in a legally and socially acceptable manner and through technologically sound and explainable schemes?

https://www.nwo.nl/en/research-and-results/research-projects/i/33/35333.html

Measuring Pedestrian Dynamics: Doing it the right way

1) Identify a set of interesting questions regarding urban design, planning, and management.

2) Identify which specific information from pedestrian dynamics is needed to answer those questions.

3) Devise a method for capturing the relevant data of those dynamics and show that subsequent analysis would lead to appropriate answers.

4) Formulate precisely the intentions for which the data has been collected and make clear that the data set fits those intentions and no other ones.

Pedestrian Dynamics and Urban Resilience

1) What are questions regarding urban design, planning, and management related to urban resilience?

2) Which specific information from pedestrian dynamics is needed to answer these questions?

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