

Pandemic-resilient Spaces for Sustainable Cities. Urban Places for the Pandemic Resilience of Young People. A transformative research project.

BACKGROUND AND RELEVANCE

- Young people are relying on easily usable urban space.
- The requirements of young people are often neglected in the context of planning and development processes.
- Regarding the use of urban space, young people are often addressed as a problem.
- Young people have suffered in specific and different ways in their day-to-day management caused through the pandemic regulations.
- Sustainable urban spaces need to provide pandemic resilient experiences.
- Urban space and specific communal places are key factors for young people's resilience against pandemic

OBJECTIVES

Scientific objectives

- Understanding young people's behavior and needs in and around urban space
- Understanding of the role of specific urban places in young people's pandemic resilience

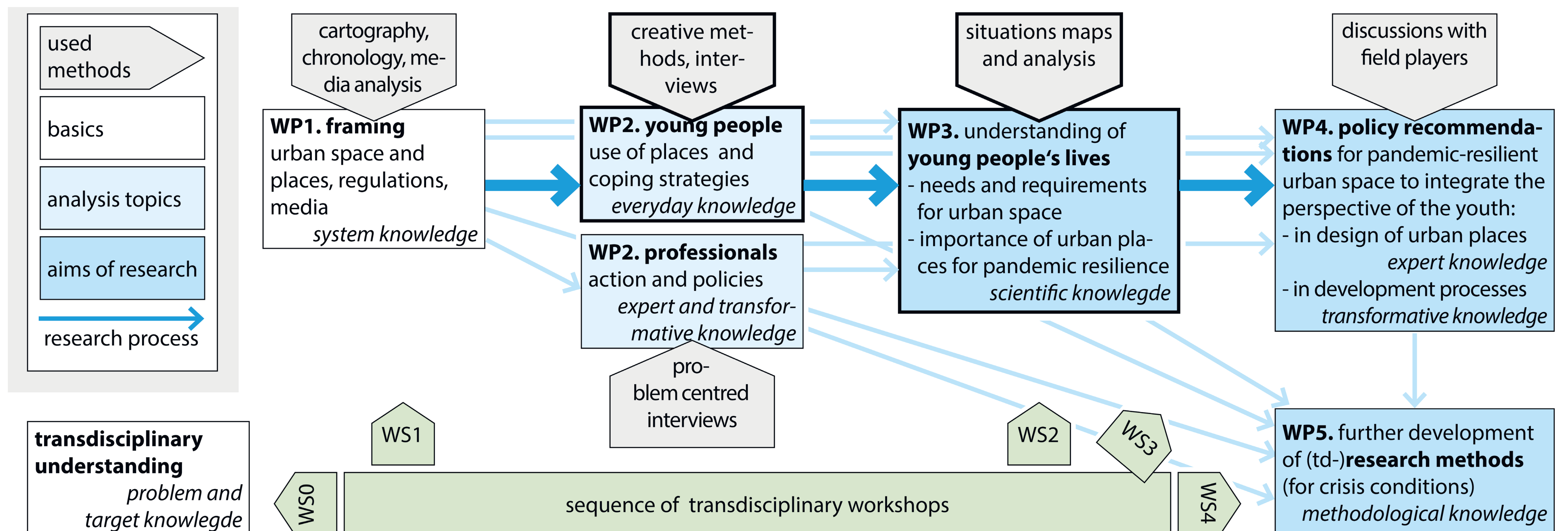
Practice-related objectives

- Stimulate the discourse on the contribution of urban space and its pandemic-related design to sustainable development
- Insights into the participatory nature of design processes
- Enabling young people to experience "self-efficacy" in the context of political processes

Methodological objective

- Further development of participatory and transdisciplinary methods

RESEARCH PLAN AND METHODOLOGY



Co-production of knowledge

- Participation of young people for a deeper insights into their needs and possibilities and reflect findings.
- Participation of professionals to co-produce knowledge, that directly addresses their challenges, can be instantly applied.
- Participation of a sounding board to reflect findings and experiences under international and interdisciplinary perspectives.

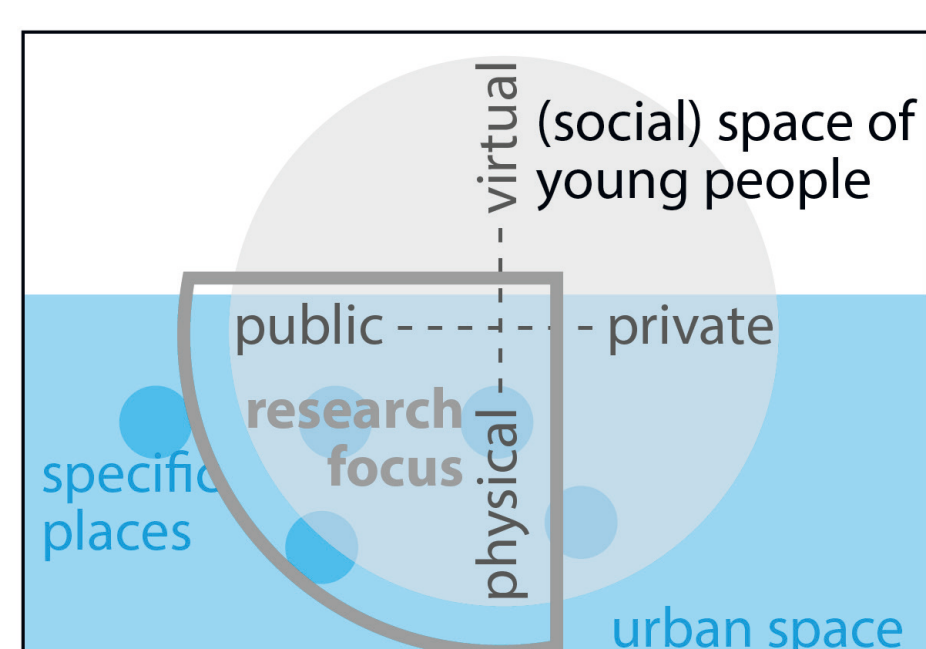
DEFINITIONS

Youth, young people

- 15-21 years old (12-18 during pandemic)
- Intersectional perspective
- Youth as "possibility space"

Space and place

- relational understanding of space



PROJECT TEAM

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