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SOCIAL AND SPATIAL PARAMETERS OF SHARING

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ABSTRACT

Much of the study and literature on sharing is focused on consumer and political aspects. The research of this thesis uses these aspects and approaches sharing from a design angle - by looking into shared spaces.

The main study of this thesis is directed towards defining the interactional, social, and finally the spatial qualities of sharing. The first part of the study uses existing theories to define sharing as an interaction and zooms into sharing in regards to the social realm, beyond the distinctive public-private realms. From using theory to identify organizational parameters of sharing, the second half will tackle existing contemporary spaces and examine sharing using these previously defined parameters.

The aim of this thesis is to characterize the relevance of sharing, ultimately its importance in physical space, arguing that sharing aids in the sustainability of a space and imposing organization can develop the potential of a shared space.