

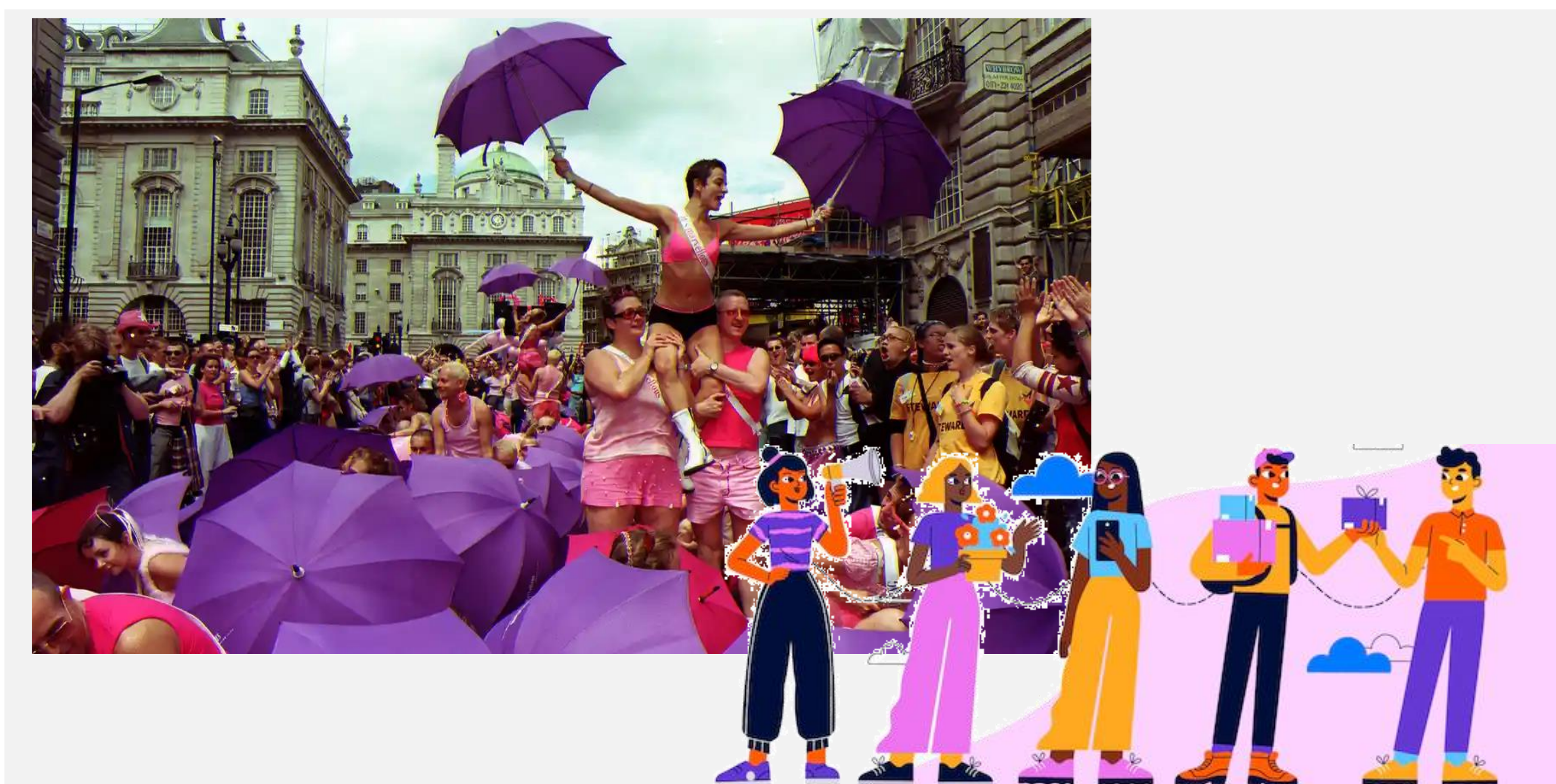
Diversity in Cities

Negotiating Intersectional Inclusions and Exclusions

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Research history

1. Governing Urban Diversity: Creating Social Cohesion, Social Mobility and Economic Performance in Today's Hyper-diversified Cities (FP 7)
2. Everyday Experiences of Refugee Youth in public space (HERA)
3. Recognition and Acknowledgment of Injustice to Strengthen Equality (Horizon)



Main research questions

Using an intersectional and social justice lens we critically research the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion within cities and their accompanying institutional and grassroots practices of place-making:

- How do cities function in all their various complexities as places of political (non)participation, civic (dis)engagement, intergenerational and cross-cultural (inter)action, but also as places of persistent segregation, discrimination, and deepening precarity?
- How can social and cultural capital in conjunction with redistributive mechanisms be leveraged and with what challenges to afford more just and equitable access to public spheres, public services and infrastructure, housing, culture and recreation for migrants, refugees, youth, sexual and gender minorities, and women?

Contribution to urban geography

With its prioritization of equity, diversity, and inclusion, this research program contributes to critical urban geographical scholarship on socio-spatial inequities in cities. It aligns with Habitat III's New Urban Agenda and its transformative commitment to intersectional social sustainability by combatting racism, xenophobia, sexism, homo- and trans-phobia, ageism, and ableism. Methodologically, quantitative and qualitative mixed-method research expertise is leveraged through a range of participatory and creative visual methods (e.g., ethnographies, go-along and photo-elicitation interviews, focus groups, individual and collective mental mapping) to deepen scholarly geographical insights into the narratives and counter-narratives around diversity, boundary- and place-making, and the socio-cultural infrastructure of inclusion in cities.

