

Insights from Japanese cities

Built environment & Place attachment



Highlights

Walkable built environments are linked to stronger place attachment.

Destination availability and population density increase place attachment.

Individual built environment factors and composite indices affect place attachment.

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Aim

Explore the associations between individual and composite metrics of neighbourhood walkability and place attachment, using a sample of Japanese urban dwellers.

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Data

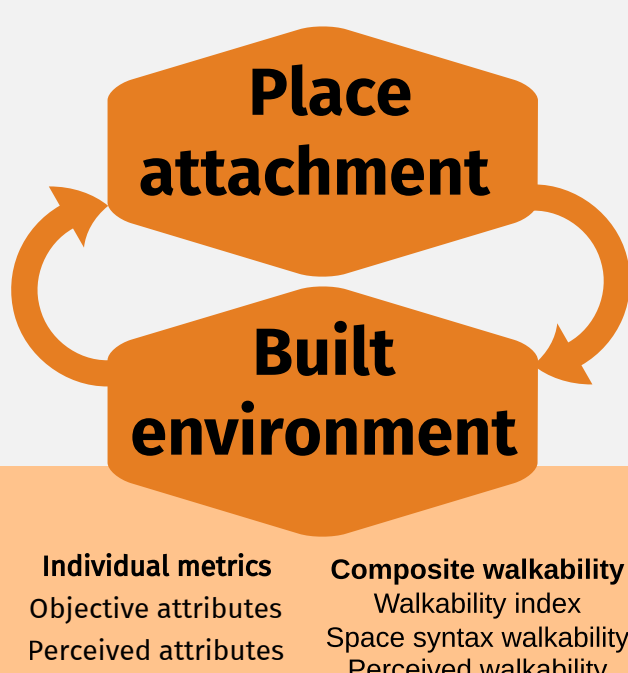
Geo-social Survey for Urban Lifestyle Preferences (GULP)



25,340 participants

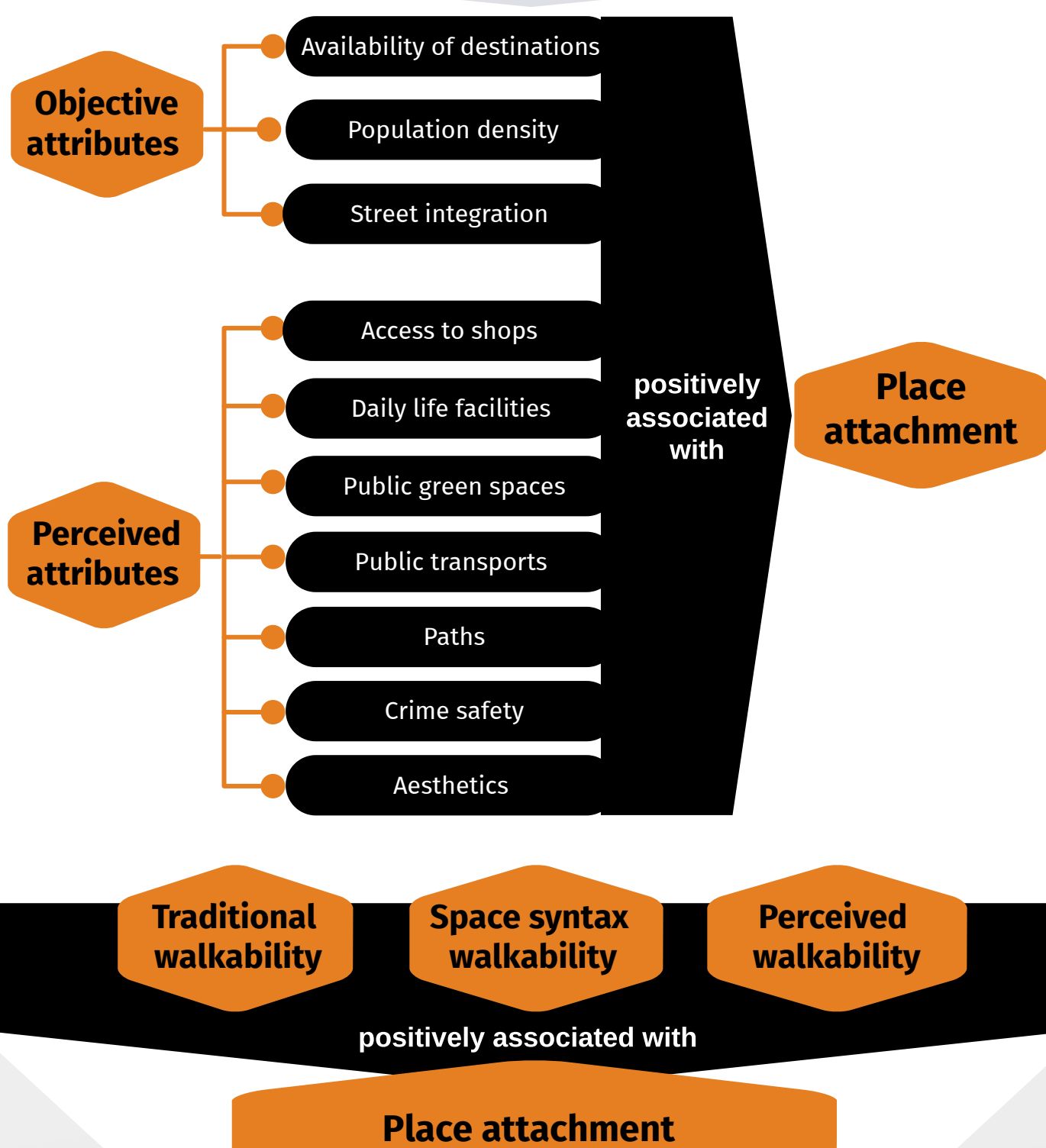


Covering 21 cities in Japan



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Results



Living in highly walkable areas may support place attachment.

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