

VARIABLE NATURE OF REALITY*

ABSTRACT

I am part of a research team collaborating with İzmir Metropolitan Municipality of Turkey in the conduct of a socio-spatial analysis of Patlıcanlı Slope, the main street connecting two important historical centers in İzmir; Kadifekale Castle and ancient Agora archeological field. We conduct long-interviews in the region that is a low-income squatter neighborhood, in order to understand the content of social relations reflected in space. The neighborhood hosts poor people from different ethnic identities and Syrian refugees are the latest addition to the already diverse social composition of the neighborhood. Therefore, conflicting social encounters, problems of communication and concern of security surface as the main issues in our preliminary analysis. Below is the extract from one of my interviews, which made me think about a methodological issue:

Emre: So, do you feel safe when you walk outside on the street at night?

Gülizar (female interviewee): Sure I do, I never walk without a knife.

**Quantitative approach
sustains answers**

**Qualitative
approach
provides
understanding**

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