



## **Exploring the City in order to Enhance the Quality of Life: a Case Study**

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We start with the premise that the way in which city life is managed is very important for the quality of life of its -temporary and permanent- inhabitants. We claim that in order to enhance the quality of life, inhabitants should be encouraged to explore the city from its historical perspective and participate in the development of transformation strategies, policies, tools, urban management and governance. To support our claim we use the documentation available on a district in Istanbul and the experience gained with an undergraduate class while exploring various cities in our planet. Based on the evidence gather we propose a model of “urban governance model”.

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