

Quality of life under current circumstances

In addition to snow and the joy it brings to children, there are also some downsides to winter. Providing a safe and warm living environment is a primary concern, especially for those living in harsh conditions. It is only when we satisfy our basic needs that more complex and less vital needs and desires, such as the desire for comfort and an attractive living environment, come to the fore.

Perceived quality of life in various types of residential neighbourhoods, as explored in one of the articles* featured in this issue, is a fairly common research topic in urban planning and similar disciplines. However, because of the specific spatial context discussed (i.e., Kyiv), at first glance the issue of quality of life may not seem appropriate under current circumstances to us as readers, who only follow the latest developments in the daily media. The authors conclude that the study of quality of life in Kyiv neighbourhoods is especially topical in terms of rebuilding Ukrainian cities after the war is over. Will this rebuilding be based on chaotic neoliberal interventions and the interests of developers, or will it take into account previous research and rely on well-thought-out and comprehensive planning? We hope for a good outcome, and we look forward to future reports on successful renewal.

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*See the article by Dronova, Khomenko, and Brunn in this issue.