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zum Thema:

The Constitution of Al-Souq street market in the Zaatari Refugee Camp

In 2012, Jordan opened two refugee camps to respond to the vast number of refugees escaping the conflict in Syria. The challenge of refugees and refugee spaces lies in the “permanent temporariness” they face during which they grow to develop into often-unexplored and unsettled urban settings through the social production of space. This dissertation mainly questions how the interplay between human agency and space exhibits the emergence of market spaces in the Zaatari refugee camp.

The data was collected during a fieldwork conducted in July 2016 employing a qualitative narrative approach to document the “essence” of everyday experiences. This was done according to three essential dimensions of the constitution of space: the routinized paths of action, the structural dimension of spatiality and the constitution of places or atmospheres.

The main aims of the work is to promote the camp as a spatial phenomenon and a medium for refugees to gain agency, as opposed to the traditional understanding of it as a site of exception or a site of “bare life” and provide recommendations for promoting “bottom-up” urbanism as a policy.