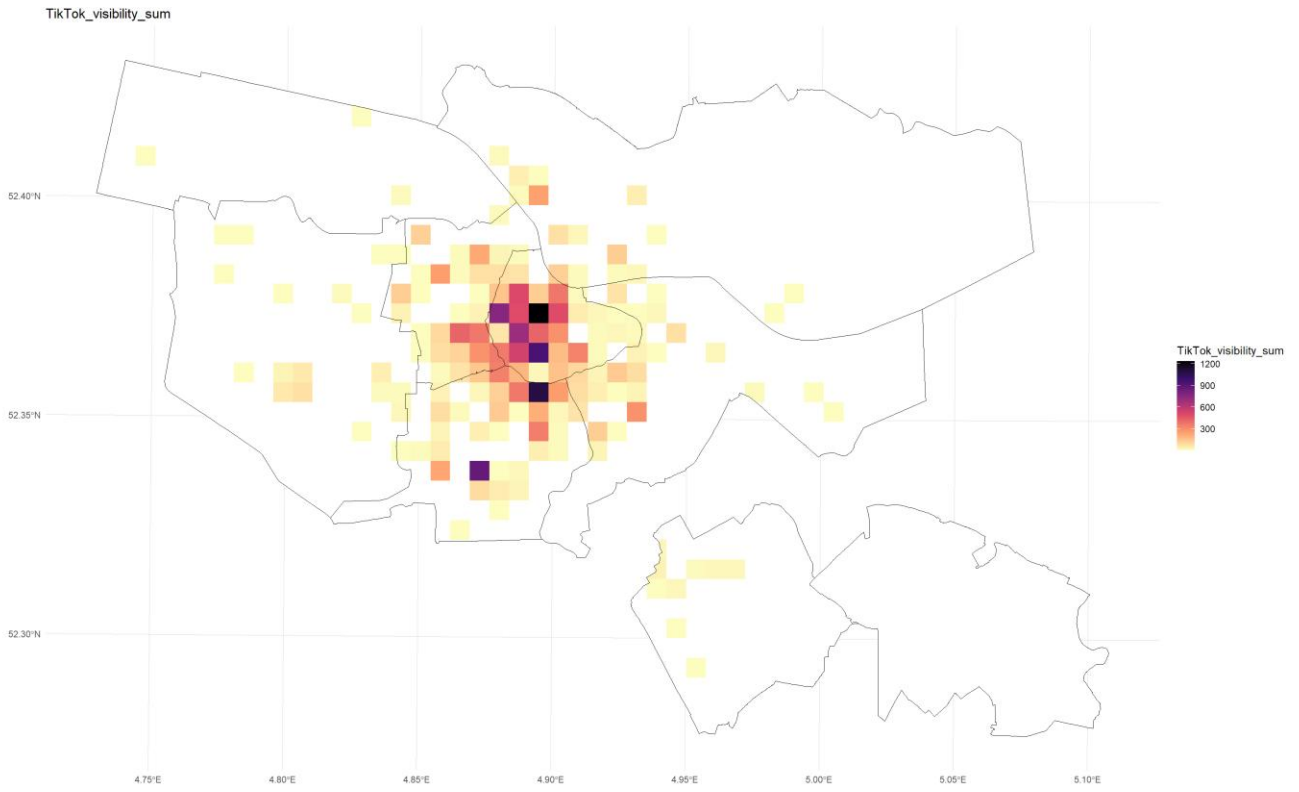


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45 **Supplementary File**6 **1. Sensitivity analysis**

7 We first assessed the robustness of the TikTok visibility index (PLVS) to changes in the weighting
8 scheme. The Pearson correlation between the original PLVS and the version without hashtag weights
9 is very high ($r = 0.976$), indicating that the overall distribution of visibility is largely insensitive to this
10 adjustment. Consistently, both versions exhibit significant positive spatial autocorrelation: the original
11 PLVS shows Moran's $I = 0.494$ ($p < 0.001$), while the no-hashtag version yields Moran's $I = 0.434$ ($p <$
12 0.001). These results demonstrate that both the values and the spatial clustering of the visibility index
13 remain highly robust to modifications in the weighting approach.

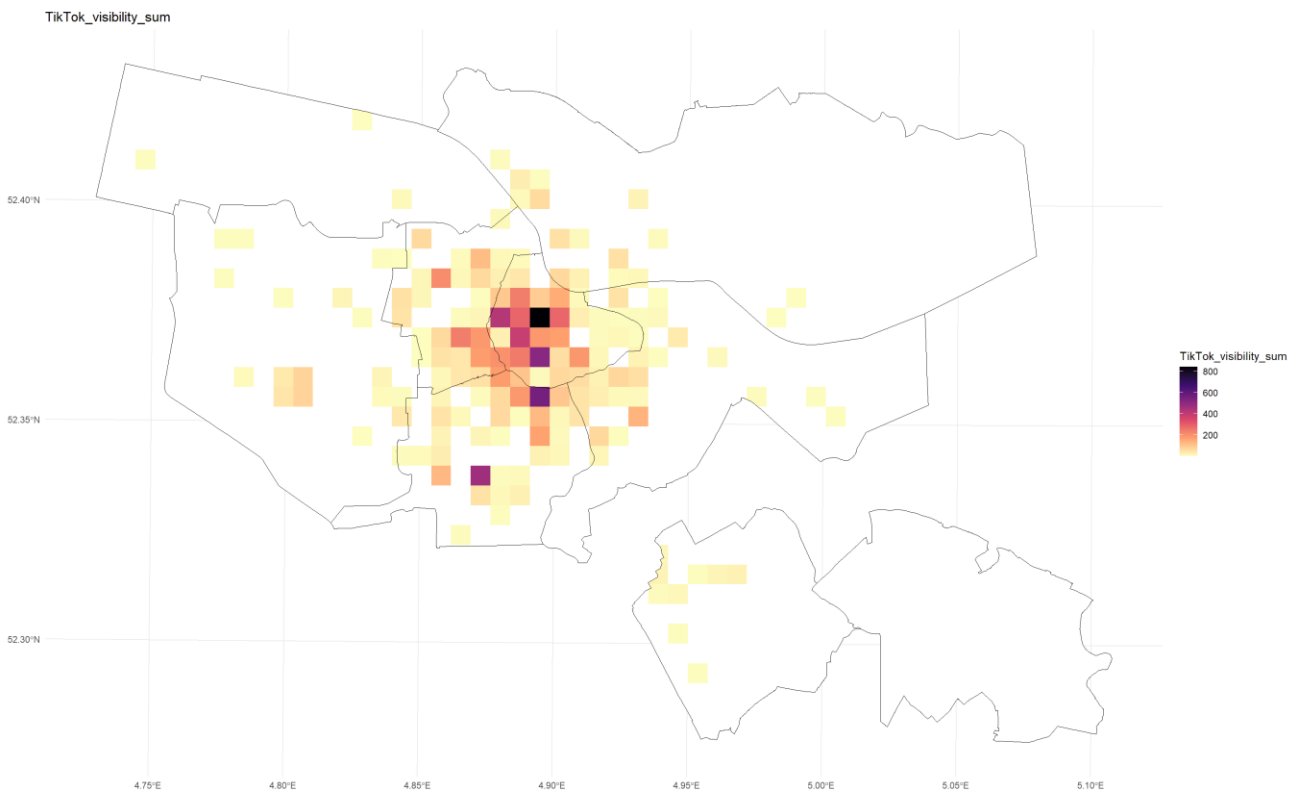
14 We further tested the sensitivity of the spatial clustering to the choice of grid resolution. Using a finer
15 250 m grid, the Moran's I for TikTok visibility is 0.326 ($p < 0.001$), compared with 0.494 ($p < 0.001$) for
16 the original 500 m grid. Although the absolute Moran's I decrease slightly at the finer scale, positive
17 spatial autocorrelation remains significant, indicating that the overall clustering pattern of visibility is
18 consistent across different spatial resolutions.

Version / Grid	Moran's I	Expectation	Variance	p-value
Original PLVS (500 m grid)	0.4943	-0.00055	0.0001315	< 0.001
No-hashtag PLVS (500 m grid)	0.4342	-0.00055	0.0001285	< 0.001
Original PLVS (250 m grid)	0.3253	-0.00014	0.0000342	< 0.001



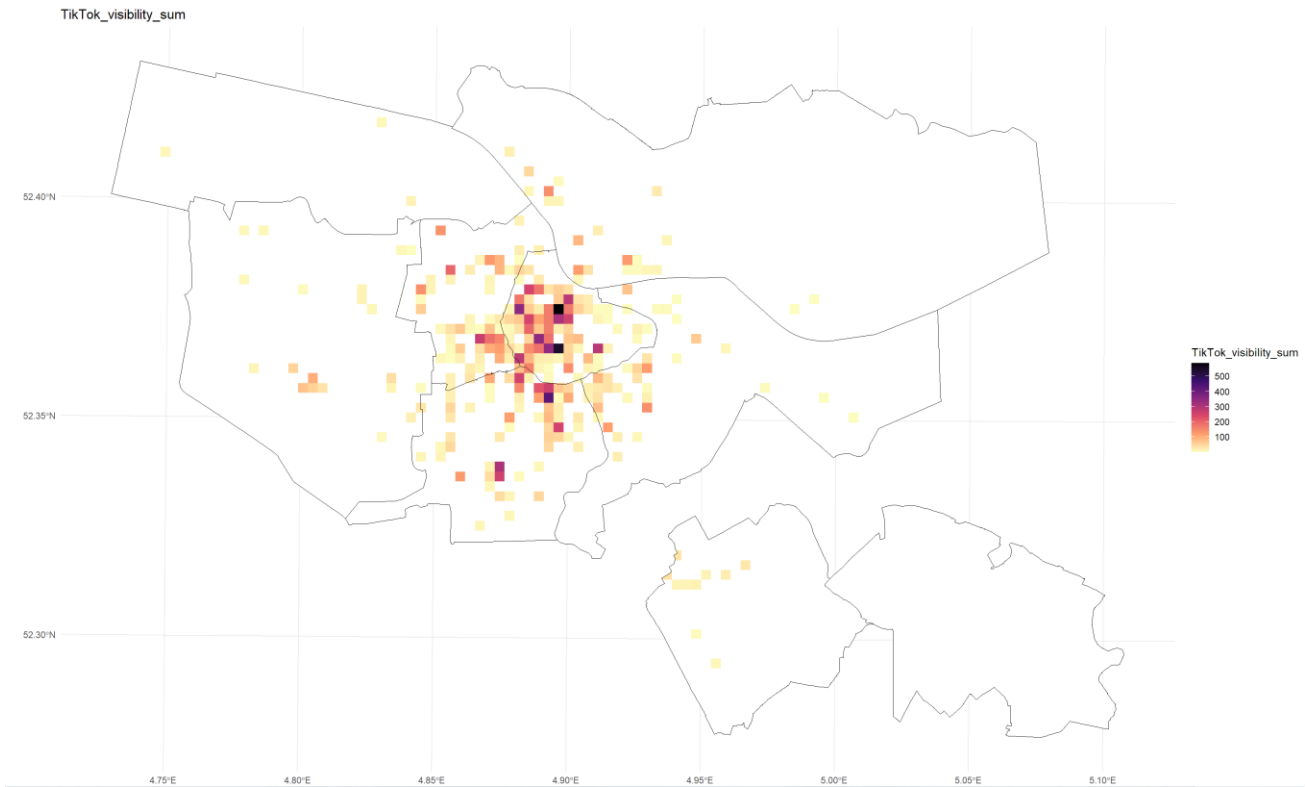
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20 Figure 1. 500-meter spatial grid aggregation of TikTok PLVS (has_hashtag weight = 6).



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22 Figure 2. 500-meter spatial grid aggregation of TikTok PLVS (has_hashtag weight = 0).



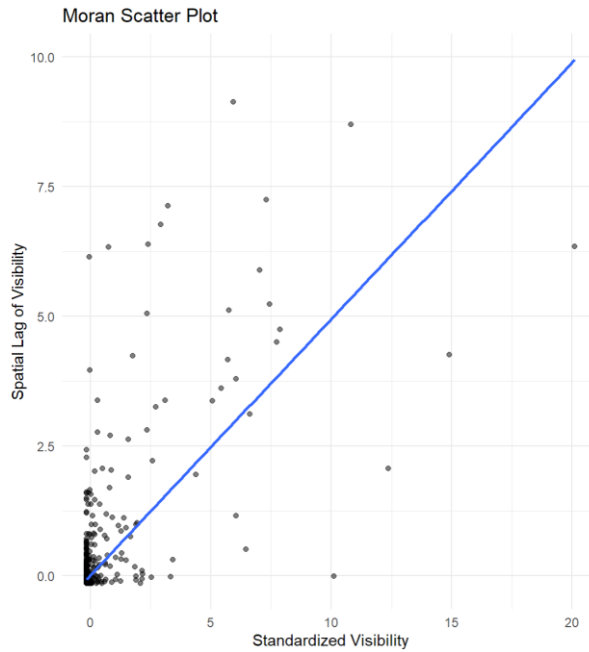
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24 Figure 3. 250-meter spatial grid aggregation of TikTok PLVS (has_hashtag weight = 6).

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26 **2. Additional materials for Global Moran’s I analysis**

27 For the Global Moran’s I, we used a contiguity-based spatial weights matrix generated. A Moran scatter
 28 plot has been provided to illustrate the relationship between TikTok visibility and its spatial lag. We
 29 decided not to include Local Moran’s I (LISA) in the revised manuscript because our focus is on
 30 regression-based analysis, and adding LISA would substantially increase the number of figures without
 31 changing the main interpretation. Using the same contiguity-based spatial weights matrix ensures
 32 consistency between the global Moran’s I and any potential LISA analysis.



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35 **3. Additional materials for OLS regression**

36 We have conducted additional diagnostics for the OLS regression of TikTok visibility. Residuals were
 37 examined using the Shapiro-Wilk test, which indicates deviations from perfect normality ($W = 0.326$,
 38 $p < 0.001$); however, given the large sample size ($N = 1,820$), the OLS estimates remain reliable.
 39 Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) values for all independent variables are low ($distance_to_centrum =$
 40 1.19 , $poi_count = 1.19$), indicating negligible multicollinearity. To account for the skewed distribution
 41 of POI counts, we also estimated a log-transformed specification ($poi_log = \log_{1p}(poi_count)$), which
 42 yields qualitatively consistent results, with POI density remaining the strongest predictor of visibility
 43 ($\beta = 25.32$, $p < 0.001$) and distance to the city centre showing a small but significant positive effect (β
 44 $= 0.0011$, $p < 0.05$). The R^2 decreases from 0.645 (original model) to 0.225 in the log-transformed
 45 model due to the non-linear scaling, but the substantive interpretation remains consistent. Distance
 46 was calculated from grid centroids to the city centre in meters using the Dutch RD New projection
 47 (EPSG:28992).

OLS Regression of TikTok Visibility (POI Count)		
Predictors	Estimate (Std. Error)	p-value
Distance to Centrum	0.001*** (0.0003)	0.0004 ***
POI Count	1.748*** (0.033)	0.009 ***
Intercept (Constant)	-8.973*** (2.510)	< 0.001 ***

Model Statistics	
Observations	1,820
R2	0.645
Adjusted R2	0.645
Residual Std. Error	36.237 (df = 1817)
F-statistic	1650.327*** (df = 2; 1817)
Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01	

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OLS Regression of TikTok Visibility ((POI_log Count))		
Predictors	Estimate (Std. Error)	p-value
Distance to Centrum	0.001** (0.0005)	0.021 **
Log of POI	25.320*** (1.387)	< 0.001 ***
Intercept (Constant)	-19.280*** (5.115)	< 0.001 ***
Model Statistics		
Observations	1,820	
R2	0.225	
Adjusted R2	0.225	
Residual Std. Error	53.526 (df = 1817)	
F-statistic	264.328*** (df = 2; 1817)	
Note: *p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01		

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