

1 **Appendix - Notes about the positionalities of the authors regarding data gathering and (digital) auto-**
2 **ethnographic material.**

3 The following statement outlines the geographic, temporal, and identity-based frameworks that informed the
4 gathering of the primary material presented in this study. In alignment with contemporary ethnographic
5 standards, we declare our positionality to ensure transparency regarding the “situated knowledge” (Haraway,
6 1988) produced herein.

7 The material was gathered through observation and active engagement between 2023 and 2025. Research
8 was conducted across two primary European urban centres: Milan, Italy, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
9 The data gathering is the result of a scientific process by using a walkthrough and digital auto-ethnographic
10 techniques. Both authors are of Italian nationality, sharing a linguistic background that enables interpretation
11 of English, Italian, and Dutch (as the selected apps are designed in these languages or multiple). At the time of
12 the research, both authors were travelling between Amsterdam and Milan for work and leisure. The authors
13 identify with the pronouns he/him and she/they. The authors are aged between 29 and 38. Data collection
14 was conducted truthfully and thoughtfully during everyday life activities, but not according to a specific
15 timetable indicated in the paper. Declaration of integrity: The authors claim that the ethnographic material is
16 original, gathered through rigorous fieldwork, and reflects the authentic lived realities of the researchers
17 within the specified timeframe and locations. One of the authors in Milan collects, through a personal
18 communication, a statement which has been reported as a “Commuter, Milan, 30 January 2023” in the paper.