'Invisible minorities' and 'hidden diversity':

the linguistic landscape of Saint-Petersburg

and discourses about migrants

in language planning

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Introduction: 2010 census data

	Moscow	St. Petersburg
Declared Russian ethnicity	91,65%	92,47%
Declared speaking Russian fluently	99,72%	99,67%

Methodological concepts

- Ethnographic Linguistic Landscape Analysis (ELLA) (Blommaert 2013, 2016)
- Spatial segregation (Vertovec, 2011; 2015; Massey, Denton, 1988; Massey, 2012)

Methods of obtaining data

- Series of observation in multicultural districts
- Systematic photographing of signs and advertisements (2016–2017)
- Interviews with migrants (taken as a part of different sociological projects in 2009–2014)
- Official documents relating to language policy

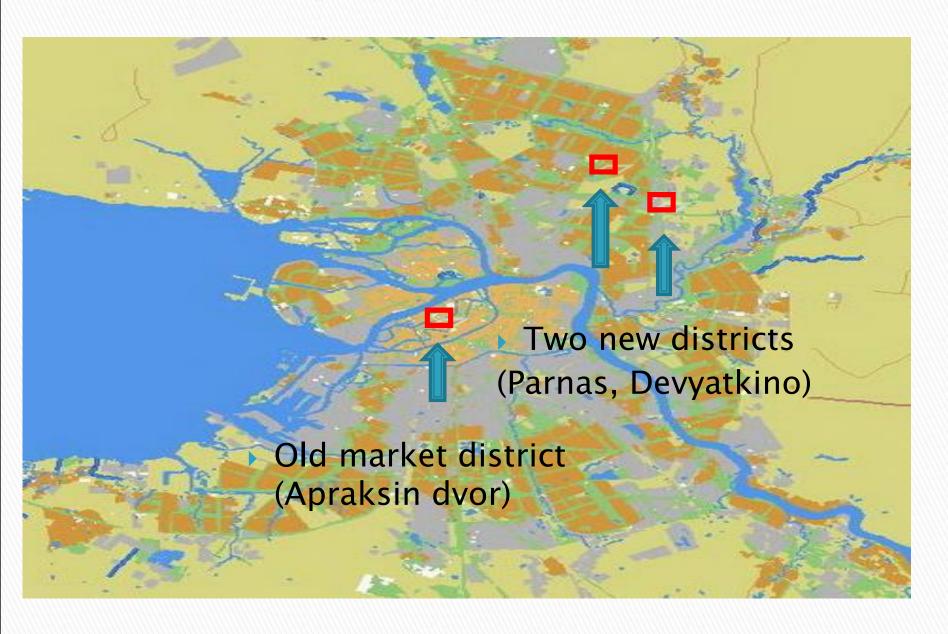
Migration to St. Petersburg

Migrants are predominantly from Uzbekistan (in 2012-2014 more than 40%), Tajikistan, Moldova, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic http://petrostat.gks.ru/



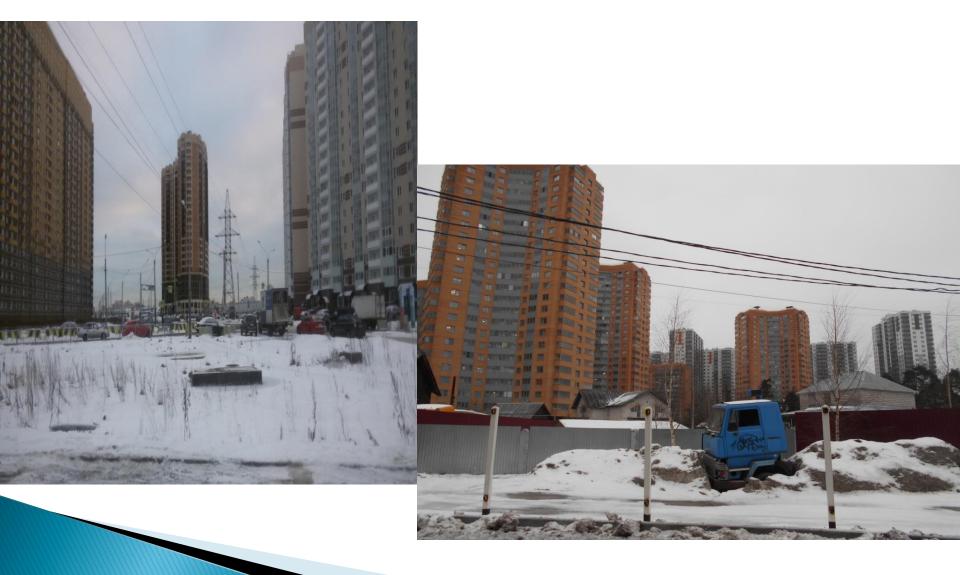


Urban context

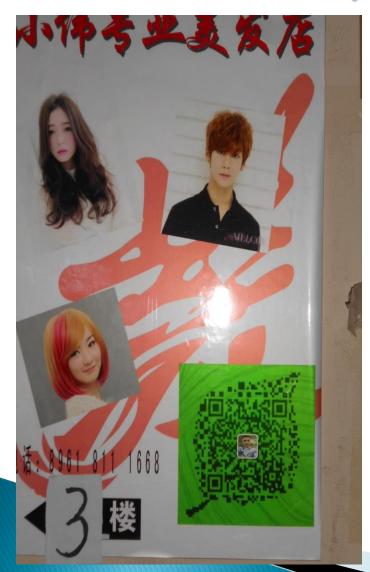




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Internal communication: minority addresses minority





A dentist!

- Dental care service
- Extraction, prosthesis
- Teeth whitening and cleaning of calculus
 30 years of experience

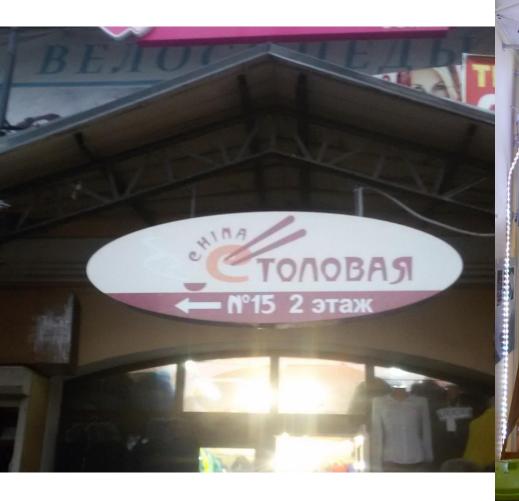
Sexual services advertisements



Ethnic food and products: minority addresses majority









Official services and advertise majority addresses mine

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пония	OT 2,6%	LKR(нац. валюта)
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Results:

- Poor visibility of migrants' languages in the linguistic landscape of St. Petersburg
- Predominantly internal communication, restricted spheres of use
- Avoiding of ethnic marketing through linguistic means
- Difference between written communication in "open" and "closed" spaces
- Ignoring linguistic needs of migrants by Russian speaking majority

Conclusions

Language policy in St. Petersburg is determined by linguistic ideology of monolingualism

Actual language diversity is ignored

St. Petersburg keeps monolingual façade as a part of social exclusion of migrants





THANK YOU!