Programme

The UK Ireland Planning Research Conference
Re-imagining the Planning Project
## Programme Overview

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WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

PhD Workshop
10.00 - 13.00

Professor Ali Madanipour & Dr Alexander Wilson, Workshop Coordinators

10.00 - 11.15
Digital Research Methodologies
Exploring the use of digital methods in the social sciences in a series of guided workshop activities.

11.45 - 13.00
Academic Publishing
Short presentations by Dr. Neil Powe (Editor of JEPM), Dr. Sue Brownill, Faculty chair of the Doctoral Training Programme at Oxford Brookes University and Dr. Jennifer Manuel, Senior User Researcher, Civil Service. Followed by discussions about academic paper writing, submission, peer review procedures, response to reviewers, and academic book publishing.

The PhD Workshop will be accessible through a link which will be shared with registered delegates.

Planning Schools Forum
10.00 - 13.00

Welcome and Opening
14.00 - 14.15

Professor Tom Ward, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Newcastle University
Professor Simin Davoudi, Newcastle University
Dr Paola Gazzola, Newcastle University

Plenary Panel 1
14.15 - 15.45
Reimagining the Planning Project

Pooja Agrawal, Public Practice (Chair)
Dr Hugh Ellis, Town & Country Planning Association
Dr Katie McClymont, University of West of England
Craig McLaren, the Royal Town Planning Institute

RTPI Awards Ceremony
16.00 - 17.15

Join us to celebrate the best and most impactful spatial planning research from RTPI members and accredited planning schools at this year’s RTPI Awards for Research Excellence hosted by RTPI President Dr Wei Yang and Young Planner of the Year Ryan Walker.

There are four award categories this year:

- Sir Peter Hall Award for Excellence in Research and Engagement
- Student Award
- Early Career Researcher Award
- Planning Practitioner Award

This year also sees the return of the biennial Practitioner Research Fund - two grants of £5,000 to enable planning practitioners to conduct new research over the next 12 months.
Parallel Tracks Session 1

09.00 - 10.30

Roundtable Hope under Neoliberal Austerity
Track 1: Planning, politics and reforms
Mark Shucksmith
Simin Davoudi
Liz Todd
Mel Steer

Approaches to spatial justice
Track 2: Spatial justice and regional inequalities
Co-producing spatial justice in the city: a critical perspective from Budapest
Zsófia Anna Ghira & Valeria Monno
Spatial justice: exploring the relevance of ‘generative’ values regionally and locally
Sarah Bissett Scott
Feminist urbanism: the answer to our cities’ spatial injustice.
Kirsty Watt

Roundtable What is governed in cities?
Track 3: Housing, real estate and gentrification
Iqbal Hamiduddin
Mike Raco
Jessica Ferm
Sonia Freire Trigo

Making space for biodiversity
Track 6: Nature, sustainability and climate emergency
“Do birds matter more than people?”: exploring the role for developer contributions in addressing the biodiversity crisis in the England.
Malachy Buck
Converging interests to protect urban greenery: case study of Tehran’s privately owned gardens
Katy Karampour & Eliaz Behnam Kia
Listening for the voice of nature in the city
Ken Boyle

Smart City
Track 8: Digital technologies and civic engagement
Smart cities transitions and inclusive urban transformation: a tale of four smart cities
Juhyun Lee
Teenager’s perceptions of the planning of smart cities in the UK
Simeon Shitebunaev
E-commerce, entrepreneurialism and rural development in China: a conceptual understanding framework
Yitian Ren

Parallel Tracks Session 2

11.00 - 12.30

Politics
Track 1: Planning, politics and reforms
When stories meet: a case of housing development, squatters and evictions in Hong Kong
Ada Lee
Participatory planning and urban insurgency: the limits of an institutionalised right to the city agenda in addressing spatial inequalities in Brazilian cities
Gabriel Silvestre
Towards a peoples’ history of planning
Andy Inch

Roundtable Worldwide perspectives on (in)justice in planning with a focus on housing precarity
Track 2: Spatial justice and regional inequalities
Veronica Gago
Renu Khosla
Michele Lancione
Theresa Williamson

Emerging Concepts
Track 3: Housing, real estate and gentrification
Agonist engagements and lessons from Lukes: the gap between the attempted and effective exercise of power in community opposition to housebuilding
Charles Goode
Conceptualising the logistics of housing crisis
Alex Baker
Aspirations & Development Aesthetics in ‘Left/Kept Behind’ Places
Emma Ormerod & Julia Heslop
Supporting Innovation and Best Practice in the Materials Supply Chain
Susan Parham

Track 4: Town centre and public space
Where do newsstands stand? A glance at practice and policy towards a new role for urban regeneration
Remi Wacogne
City squares as behaviour settings – the meaning for its users. Case study of Poznan, Poland
Adam Wronekiewicz
The Lexicon, Bracknell: lessons in managing crisis and delivering major town centre regeneration
Victor Nicholls & Emma Street
Planning for town centre “rightsizing”: a new lens for strategy development and research?
Neil Powe & Danny Oswell
Keynote Speech
13.30 - 14.30
Professor Edward G. Goetz
Chaired by Simin Davoudi

Planning and the City of Whiteness
Edward G. Goetz is professor of urban planning and director of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota. He specializes in housing and community development policy especially as they relate to matters of race and class. His most recent book is The One-Way Street of Integration: Fair Housing and the Pursuit of Racial Justice in American Cities (Cornell University Press).
Parallel Tracks Session 3  cont.
14.45 - 16.15

Transport and Urban Development
Track 7: Mobility and Infrastructure
Demolish the city’s longest motorway overpass? Appraisal with a novel stakeholder-based technique
Geert Te Boveldt
From the ger districts to the cbd: contrasts and inequities of access and mobility in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Iqbal Hamiduddin
Back to the future? Economic corridor development on the island of Ireland
Neale Blair

Roundtable Digital Planning Agenda
Track 8: Digital technologies and civic engagement
Richard Kingston
Ruth Potts
Mark Tewdwr-Jones
Alexander Wilson

Parallel Tracks Session 4  cont.
16.30 - 18.00

Track 4: Town centre and public space
Remembering Resistance: An analysis of urban design features at sites of protest
Christopher Boyko
Looking Beyond Loss: Affordances in Adaptively Reused Sites
Gulnur Cengiz
Reinventing urban waterways: new values for old ditches
Nicki Schiessel Harvey
Investing visiting preference for urban parks from a gender perspective with machine learning approach
Weijie Qiao

New ways of living and working in the city as a reaction to COVID-19
Track 5: Urban design and public health
Post-pandemic planning for healthy, inclusive and liveable places
Gavan Rafferty
The walkable access as a metric to adapting urban hazards
Aynaz Iotfata
Realizing ‘the green transformation’ – exploring cultural heritage as spatial and social processes
Ragnhild Sjurseike

Transport and New Technology
Track 7: Mobility and Infrastructure
Can mobility as a service enable sustainable mobility in future cities? Investigating user preferences through big data and stated preference models
Christopher Marsland
Artificial intelligence, automation and ict-mediated mobility solutions: implications for planning sustainable urban futures.
Ransford Acheampong
The use and value of social media in debating active travel interventions
James Halls, Andrew Milliken, Isaac Smith, Scott Wiles & Geoff Vigar

Roundtable Planning and responding to disasters via digital technologies?
Track 8: Digital technologies and civic engagement
Andres Iuque Ayala
Ana Diaz Aldnet
Hector Becerril Miranda
Simin Davoudi

Reform
Track 1: Planning, politics and reforms
Analysing power dynamics in ‘place-communities’
Patsy Healey
Re-imagining planning for the smart cities – an inclusive and resilient growth approach
Madhurima Waghamare & Shaleen Singhal
A planning system for the billionaires: power mapping planning reform
David Webb
From post-political to authoritarian planning in England, a crisis of legitimacy
Gareth Fearn & Simin Davoudi

Joint Roundtable Spatial Justice in Planning Education
Track 2: Spatial justice and regional inequalities and Track 9: Planning Pedagogy
Cat Button
Sonali Dhanpal
Gabriel Silvestre
Helen Underhill
Loes Veldpaus
FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
Parallel Tracks Session 5
09.00 - 10.30

Planning
Track 1: Planning, politics and reforms
Nailing jelly: what happens in meetings about planning and why it matters
Geoff Vigar & Abigail Schoneboom
The work that place does: the London landed estates and a curatorial approach to estate management
Patricia Canélas & Mike Raco
Discursive imperatives of public interest and the role of planners
Mohammad Reza Tavangar & Mitra Habibi
Integration of surface water resources in land use planning: a case of nct Delhi.
Sheilja Singh & Rabidyuti Biswas

Roundtable Forgotten’, ‘left behind’ and peripheral territories
Track 2: Spatial justice and regional inequalities
Olivier Sykes
Alexander Nurse
Agim Kërçuku
Chia-lin chen

Building quality
Track 3: Housing, real estate and gentrification
Ensuring the delivery of high-quality developments post planning consent
Sina Shahab
Planning policy for apartment living: sustainability versus viability
Hualuoye Yang & Declan Redmond
Escape to the country: exploring the design of exceptional quality justification for new isolated homes in the open countryside
Neil Harris
Airbnb in Bristol: perceptions, impacts, and the impotence of the construct
Adam Sheppard

Roundtable Climate Imaginaries: contested futures
Track 6: Nature, sustainability and climate emergency
Ruth Machen
Johannes Stripple
Manjana Milkoreit
Martin Doering

Digital Placemaking
Track 8: Digital technologies and civic engagement
Creating connected neighbourhoods: lessons from the Italian ‘social streets’ for UK city centres
Silvia Gullino
Toward digital placemaking practices and the power of location data in urban environment
Maciej Głóczynski
3D city modelling, urban planning and UAV operations: managing complexity and risk
Mark Barrattine & Neale Blair

Plenary Panel 2
10.45 - 12.00
Planning, spatial inequalities and the ‘levelling up’ agenda

Dr Paul Cowie, Newcastle University (Chair)
Chi Onwurah, Labour MP for Newcastle Central and Shadow Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy & for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
Professor Ariel Armony, Pittsburgh University
Professor John Tomaney, University College London
Dr Louise Kempton, Newcastle University

Closing
12.00 - 12.15

Dr Zan Gunn, Newcastle University
Professor Mark Baker, Manchester University
Dr Neil Powe, Newcastle University Introduction to the Virtual Tour
Virtual Tour

13.00 - 14.30

Life in a city centre: a virtual tour of Newcastle-Gateshead

Dr Neil Powe, Newcastle University

Alex Slack, Business Improvement District NE1

Simon Parkin, Newcastle City Council Heritage Team