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EDITORIAL



***Connexions*: a special section of Planning Perspectives dedicated to advancing planning history at the intersection of multiple academic disciplines and practices**

Planning history as a field is connected to many academic disciplines as well as to multiple spatial practices. Historians, social scientists, planners, educators or designers engage with planning history from their respective perspectives. They study the role of planning in the development of cities and landscapes, they explore the role of policy making or laws on spatial development, they investigate the role of teaching for the discipline of planning and they use historical analysis for future development projects. All of these multiple ways of engaging with planning history exist side-by-side and each has its own reason of being.


The peer-reviewed *Connexions* section provides a place for these approaches to co-exist and reinforce each other. It also offers a place for engaging with changes in planning history over time and with the production of diverse historiographies. This section is a particularity of our journal and makes Planning Perspectives stand out among other planning history publications. It aims to raise awareness of current and emerging work in the field, it captures and showcases all of these different approaches. The section provides a platform for the exchange among multiple disciplines and facilitates interdisciplinary networking among planning historians worldwide. It also serves as a pedagogic forum, able to bring together debate about the materials, methods, innovations and challenges involved in teaching and learning about planning history.

Connexions publishes short contributions of no more than 4000 words. It is the place for manuscripts on research in progress and historiographical essays and features diverse approaches and methodologies. It offers the broad community of scholars engaging with planning history a home to present ‘work in progress’, and to publish thought pieces, to write and learn about conferences, special issues and other events related to the field from around the world. It provides a home for analytical reports on conferences, symposia and seminars from around the world, of papers by early scholars who have been recognized/awarded prizes at conferences, of conference keynotes, announcements of prizes and awards or other announcements of relevance to scholars and practitioners in the field.

Connexions also includes personal reminiscences, accounts of archival sources or datasets. It hosts contributions on exhibitions, films and shows, pedagogic and curriculum narratives, historiographical essays, research discoveries, introductions to archives, obituaries/appreciations of colleagues who passed. Analytical reflections and historiographical essays on Planning Perspectives can also find their place here. *Connexions* hosts two or three contributions per issue of Planning Perspectives, often an article and a piece of current interest. Regional editors help engage with diverse language groups, cultural backgrounds and location-specific discourses. You are warmly welcomed to join the debate.

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