

SUMMARIES

Rethinking “Urban Sociology”. Part four: methodology of research in historical, cultural, and interactional approach, by Paolo Guidicini

Doing territorial research is not only considering what we called *base factors* (morphology, economy, urban planning) but also many other ones, just like *historical documentation* and all factors connected with the *culture* of a place. Lat but not least, we also have to consider the role of *social interaction system*. This research step is probably the one where the distinction between *qualitative* and *quantitative* assumes the highest importance. In particular, it is interesting to study *social interactions* which favour what we called *connective properties*; they can be seen as an opportunity of exchange among *relational, symbolic* and *fruition* contexts .

Key words: challenge opening, connective properties, instrumentation-compensation of signs, constitutional function.

Sociology and territorial strategic planning: some consideration about Italian experience, by Annick Magnier

This work compares two important recent Italian spatial planning movements: the physical planning reform and the territorial strategic planning diffusion. While the former has generated some legal institutional moments and a new juridical reference system, the second has bred a community of different knowledge and informal collective actions that seem disparate in their output. Moreover, these two cultural movements appear as originated by different knowledge: town planning and jurisprudence for the former and social and administration sciences such as economics and, in particular, sociology for the second. There are many advantages deriving from strategic planning, anyway they are darkened by some adaptation problems due to the organization nature. The author aims, in this work, to consolidate the useful tie between intellectual system on one side and administrative and political system on the other side, to give strategic planning the possibility to make its most.

Keywords: Urban sociology and spatial planning, models of strategic planning, professional skill, public deliberation, advocacy planning, urban coalitions.

Critical analysis about Italian experiences and experimentations so called “Strategic Planning”, by Francesco Gastaldi

This work focuses on benefits deriving from strategic planning especially due to the interaction between different subjects and different institutional levels. A particular attention is reserved to the important role of strategic planning in city marketing communication. The author suggests some critics about Italian strategic planning regarding actors involved, aims e results gained. Finally the attention is on the relationship between strategic planning and urban planning in the Italian experience.

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Keywords: Urban planning and strategic planning, city's image, local society, democratic representativeness, inclusive design.

Strategic Planning and participation, by *Alfredo Mela*

This work proposes some critical considerations about the effective participation level in Italian Strategic Planning. It focuses on participation and governance models in the actual Italian experiences, stressing their problems and their possible alternative and outlining some possible future results for Italian Strategic Planning, with a particular widespread outlook to other processes now developing in some Italian Regions territorial planning experience.

Keywords: Urban governance. Public deliberation and participation, empowerment, inclusive design, neo-corporativism.

Italian Metropolitan Cities and Areas: Turin case, by *Giorgia Bella*

This work concerns the Italian discussion about metropolitan cities and areas, with a particular attention to Turin. The author focuses on the state of art of the formal constitution of Turin Metropolitan Area (AMT) borders, with particular respect to the strategic lines given by the First and the Second Strategic Plan and considering the internal political debate about possible overlaps between different institutional levels (for example metropolitan government and Provincial government) generated by the creation of the AMT, that could perhaps engender a reorganization of the regional territorial system in the end.

Keywords: Metropolitan areas, legislative reform, metropolitan governance, intergovernative relationship, Turin, Piedmont.

The City in strategic planning manuals, by *Guido Borelli*

This work begins its considerations stressing the importance that strategic planning has assumed among scientific community and politicians as an innovative tool in urban government construction. Moreover, most frequently scientists, public administrators and politicians put together their experiences building a 'community of practice'. Available studies have speeded up a systematic knowledge flow in manual book production, written not only to give some guide lines to build strategic plans but to reform the fragmented action logic; in this work the author makes a reconnaissance of these principal Italian manuals, trying to underline how they can reduce urban construction processes complexity, making them a technical activity and a skill.

Keywords: Manuals of strategic planning, Urban governance, Public deliberation, Collective actor, Social capital.