

Workshop no. 4

Teaching Planning in the Age of AI, Digital Twins, and Remote Sensing

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Critical challenge: Planning graduates must demonstrate competence in AI-supported analysis, digital twins, and remote sensing, while maintaining critical planning thinking and ethical awareness.

How should planning education evolve in response to advances in AI? digital twins? remote sensing? and other emerging technologies?

16:00 – 16:10 Welcome and Introduction by Fabio Hernández Palacio

Present several tensions and challenges have emerged within the program: Limited staff expertise in new technologies? Concerns about AI replacing core planning skills? Pressure from municipalities for more data-driven planners? Students demanding more digital skills? Funding and infrastructure constraints? Balancing technical skills with planning values? Rapid technological change? Unequal access to digital skills? Ethical and governance concerns

16:10 – 16:35 Group discussion 1: Key skills that planning students should develop in the age of AI, suggest a concrete teaching innovation or a course that should be introduced in the curriculum Highlight risks or ethical issues that planning schools must address when integrating new technologies.

16:35 – 16:55 Group discussion 2: Role-responsibility

Which actors should take responsibility for implementing these changes? Consider the role of different stakeholders? such as program leaders? planning faculty? technical specialists or data scientists? municipalities and planning practice? students

16:55 – 17:00 5-minute break

17:00 – 17:20 Takeaways, altogether (Ana Llopis Alvarez and Todor Kesarovski):

Each group presents their key competencies for future planners, teaching innovations, critical risks or challenges and key actors and their responsibilities

17:20 – 17:30 All together (Ana Llopis Alvarez and Todor Kesarovski)

Are planning schools currently adapting fast enough to the technological transformation of cities? What should planning schools stop doing – and what should they start doing – in the age of AI