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A new scientific platform which aims to promote a vibrant and open-minded debate about the spatial perspective in the Western Balkan Region

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For a long time the Western Balkan Region has been left at the margins of the European debate on spatial planning transformations. The Balkan Spatial Perspective platform aims to overcome this historical impasse through the improvement of common scientific and political arenas in which young academics and experts will be expected to be part of. The publication intends to be a reference point for those interested in developing a different scientific discourse, promoting a more proactive approach in the dissemination of knowledge.

CALL'S ISSUES

The journal invites all interested authors to reflect on the Balkans' territorial development and spatial transformation through three main topics:

1. SPATIAL PLANNING THEORY AND PRACTICE

Spatial planning accompanied human activity since the establishment of the first embryonal urban structure. Through time, the meaning of spatial planning changed in response to the contextual socio-economic conditions, becoming the object of a reiterative process of re-adjustment. Only recently, spatial planning is moving from the traditional attention on land-use planning towards a more integrated approach that highlighting its multi-dimensional, multi-scale and transectorial nature. In the Western Balkan Countries the post-socialist and transitional character of planning practices moved from rational (technocratic, scientific and top down) towards the path of communicative approach. However, it is questionable if and how it is implemented in the daily planning practice, and if it has any tangible effect on the outcomes of planning

2. ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN

Some would say that architecture is a physical experience, others would affirm that architecture is a political act. For us, architecture is a universal language and an act of optimism based on which each society creates and signifies itself. In the Western Balkan Region the question of architecture and urban design swings between the term of production and the marginalisation within the academic, societal and political debates

3. SOCIAL AND SPATIAL TRANSFORMATIONS

The relation between space and society has always been observed as a fundamental element in defining a purpose of planning. Thus, if planning is about anything, it should be about satisfying the need of a changing societal context. Nevertheless, contemporary relation between the two is enabling new definitions of spatiality and societies; BSP Platform intends to provide understanding on how the changing societal circumstances affect the space, but also how the changes of spatial environment affect societies, by exploring and collecting fresh in-depth analysis

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