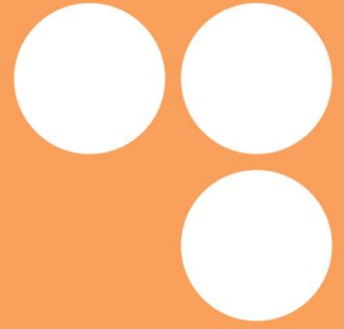


TWIN2EXPAND



# WORKING GROUP STUDIO C

27-30 JUNE 2023, LONDON

twinning towards  
research excellence  
in evidence-based planning  
and urban design



[TWIN2EXPAND](#) asks how evidence-based approaches to urban design and planning (EBDP) can impact real-world decision-making in support of socially and environmentally sustainable forms of urban development.

This three-year project consists of a consortium which twins the University of Cyprus with UCL Bartlett, Chalmers University of Technology, and Turin Polytechnic for purposes of furthering the dissemination of EBDP methods while encouraging their adoption beyond academia. It is funded by EU Horizon and UKRI.

TWIN2EXPAND hosts annual Working Group Studios (WGS) in Gothenburg (Chalmers) and London (UCL). The London Working Group Studio (late June 2023) will engage academics, practitioners, and government to share and reflect on their experiences and viewpoints on EBDP. How can evidence-based approaches be used to support progress towards sustainability goals? What forms of challenges may be hindering the use of EBDP? How can a broader understanding and adoption of EBDP be facilitated? The outcomes of the Working Group Studio will feed into an overarching research framework, which will guide the work subsequently undertaken by the project.

Session A – Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

**Theme:** EBDP: Past, Present and Future: Seeing the bigger picture

The theme for this discussion is the trajectory of evidence-based methods over time and reflection on the effective use of these methods, past missteps, and untapped potential. Sub-themes include the evolution of data sources and analytic methods; how evidence is developed into models to inform action; and reflection on the future of evidence-based approaches.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	WGS C welcome note	Kayvan Karimi
9:20	Morning theme introductions	Gareth Simons
9:25	Speaker 1	Stephen Marshall
10:00	Speaker 2	Mike Batty
10:40	Break	
11:00	Speaker 3	Phil Steadman (Hybrid)
11:40	Q&A	
13:00	Lunch	

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Session B – Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> – [22 Gordon Street, Room 5.02](#)

**Theme:** Space Syntax Lab: Evolution of evidence-based thinking for the built environment.

This session looks at the influence of space syntax concepts on policy and practice since the Lab’s formation in the 1970s.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
14:00	Coffee and mingling	
14:10	Afternoon session introduction	Kayvan Karimi
14:20	The impact of Space Syntax since the 1970s	Alan Penn
14:40	Space Syntax and health research – some recent developments	Kayvan Karimi and Kimon Krenz
15:10	Break	
15:00	Q&A	
15:30	Informal networking session	

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Session C – Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

**Theme:** Evidence-based research adaptation in public policy: Lessons from the UK

In the context of recent developments in UK policymaking, this session discusses the strategies and challenges encountered when adapting evidence-based methods to planning and policy.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	Morning theme introductions	Kayvan Karimi
9:20	Levelling up EBDP	Alan Penn
10:00	Supporting profession	Esther Kurland
10:40	Break	
11:00	Public policy – adaptations of EBDP	Eleri Jones
11:30	Economic policy and EBDP	Francesca Froy
12:00	Q&A	
13:00	Lunch	

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Session D – Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

**Theme:** EBDP in practice – Challenges of scaling up

This panel provides an opportunity to hear from practices in the UK who have developed evidence-based research capabilities to aid designers and planners with reasoning and evidence. Potential themes include the implementation of evidence-based methods, challenges encountered, and ways in which EBDP can achieve wider impact in the design and planning community.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
14:00	Coffee and mingling	
14:10	Afternoon session introduction	Kayvan Karimi
14:20	Evidence-based advance in planning practice	Atakan Guven – Era-Co
14:50	break	
15:00	Evidence-based advances in urban design	Laura Narvaez Zertuche – F+P
15:30	Q&A	
16:00	Informal networking session	

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Session E – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – [Space Syntax Ltd., 81 Rivington St, EC2A 3AY.](#)

**Theme:** Space Syntax limited. Scaling up from academia

This session brings together the members of Space Syntax limited for a quick review of recent advancements through projects and a discussion on the challenges of shaping a science-based practice, and how to develop the culture of evidence-based approaches in planning and design practice.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	Introductions to Projects review with SSL	Kayvan Karimi
9:20	Panel on sharing experience of EBDP practice – Part 1	SSL associates
10:00	Break	
10:20	Panel on sharing experience of EBDP practice – Part 2	SSL associates
12:00	Q&A	

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Session F – Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – [Space Syntax Ltd., 81 Rivington St, EC2A 3AY](#)

**Theme:** Space Syntax Ltd, London projects walk

This social event brings together participants and directors of Space Syntax Ltd. in a tailored city walk to introduce projects previously delivered by SSL.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
14:00	Coffee and mingling	
14:10	Afternoon session introduction	Sepehr Zhand
14:20	London projects city walk	Tim Stonor
17:00	Social event	

Session G – Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup> – [22 Gordon Street, Room 5.02](#)

**Theme:** EBDP WSG C – debrief

An opportunity for the participants and beneficiaries of the T2X project to review the perspectives discussed throughout the preceding days, and how this can inform the research framework. These discussions are intended to document and learn from experiences in the UK and to review how these can be adapted for the further development of the TWIN2EXPAND research agenda.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	Morning theme introductions	Kayvan Karimi
9:40	First research project plan	Ioanna Stavroulaki – Meta Berghauser
10:10	Report on the State of the Art of EBDP	Sepehr Zhand – Gareth Simons
10:40	Break	
11:00	Final words and conclusions	T2X participants

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