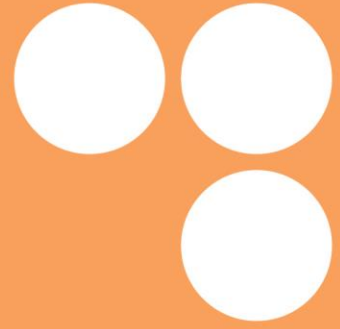


TWIN2EXPAND



WORKING GROUP STUDIO C

17-19 APRIL 2024, 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 the annual Working Group Studios (WGS) in Gothenburg (Chalmers) and London (UCL). The London Working Group Studio (April 2024) will engage academics, practitioners, and the government to share and reflect on their experiences and viewpoints on EBDP. Building on last year's WGS C in London, which brought together a cohort of UK-based thinkers, practitioners, and academics, this year's working group studio furthers the EBDP discussion around questions such as:

- How can the gap between academic research and practice be bridged to enhance EBDP?
- What constitutes evidence and what are the processes that can facilitate the incorporation of evidence?
- Apart from common analytical tools, what methods and approaches can inform the EBDP process?

Session A – Wednesday, April 17th – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

Theme: Crossing academia and practice – challenges of applicable technology

This panel considers ways in which academic development can be translated into planning technology through an evidence-based and scientific approach. Based on insights from individuals with experience across both academia and practice, this panel discusses how academia can adapt to real-world challenges posed by planning practice.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:20	WGS C welcome note	Kayvan Karimi
9:30	Morning theme introductions	
9:40	Speaker 1	Stuart Lynn (Alan Turing institute)
10:40	Break	
11:00	Speaker 2	Stephen Law (UCL Geography)
12:00	Q&A	
13:00	Lunch	

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Session B – Wednesday, April 17th – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

Theme: EBDP – What constitutes evidence?

This discussion draws on the insights of speakers with expertise in urban analytics and planning from a perspective other than traditional planning and design-based domains. This panel reflects on the notion of evidence and considers potential sources of evidence and analytical methods that may be used to augment design and planning.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
14:00	Coffee and mingling	
14:10	Afternoon session introduction	Kayvan Karimi
14:20	Speaker 1	Ed Manley (University of Leeds)
15:20	break	
15:40	Speaker 2	Elsa Arcaute (UCL CASA)
16:40	Q&A	
17:30	Informal networking session	

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Session C – Thursday, April 18th – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

Theme: EBDP through education

This panel brings together insights from prominent thinkers based in institutions involved in planning pedagogy to stimulate a discussion on how evidence-based planning can be promoted through educational strategies.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	Morning theme introductions	Kayvan Karimi
9:20	Speaker 1	Andreas Markides (Academy of Urbanism)
10:20	break	
10:40	Speaker 2	Alexandra Gomes (LSE Cities, UCL BSP)
11:40	Q&A	
13:00	Lunch	

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Session D – Thursday, April 18th – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

Theme: EBDP in practice

Drawing on the expertise of leading practices, this panel considers the latest developments in technology and realized projects. The discussion looks at in-house technology development in practising firms and the affordability of these solutions.

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
14:00	Coffee and mingling	
14:10	Afternoon session introduction	Kayvan Karimi
14:20	Speaker 1	Laura Narvaez (F+P)
14:50	break	
15:00	Speaker 2	SSL rep (Space Syntax Limited)
15:30	Q&A	
16:00	Informal networking session	

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Social event – T2X social event – Thursday, April 18th, 18:00 onwards

Session E – Friday, April 19th – [22 Gordon Street, Room 6.02](#)

Theme: To be confirmed

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	PRESENTER
9:00	Coffee and mingling	
9:10	Rounding up and final words	Kayvan Karimi
9:20	Planning for the coming year	T2X associates
10:00	Break	
10:20	Planning for the coming year	T2X associates
12:00	Q&A	

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