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Planning in Israel in the Era of Climate Change

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Climate change is one of the most significant challenges to planning in the world and in Israel, often defined as the greatest planning challenge humanity has ever faced. However, the planning system's operation so far has not only not helped to cope with the climate crisis, but has made it significantly worse, contributing to increased warming and to the difficulties of coping with the rapid pace of change. In attempting to promote urban resilience, planning must be prepared for multiple possible extreme scenarios - a situation defined as the ability to prepare, respond and recover from threats and disasters, with minimal damage to public safety, economy and security. To realize this, planning practice must adapt itself to a changing reality and to constant and increasing situations of uncertainty, with which planning is having a hard time dealing. First and foremost, a profound conceptual change is needed, centered on the understanding that the world in which we live and in which we plan to continue to exist in the future - is changing at an increasing rate.

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