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Rising to the Challenge: Planners and the Planning Profession

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This paper explores the development of a planning profession through the British experience. It seeks to show in the first half that a planning profession cannot rely on a process of institutionalization to give it value and validity; in the second half that enshrining planning in the law is neither consummation nor transcendence; and in the final brief synthesis that we must always come back to the author's conception of a foundational professional ethic, in which are to be found all the interesting questions of planning theory.

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