

How can Digital Collaborative Planning Integrate Knowledge Sources towards Holistic Planning? The Test Case of Beit Tzafafa Neighborhood in Jerusalem

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—ABSTRACT—

In this paper, we discuss the ways in which citizen science can be harnessed to assimilate knowledge sources and engage local minority populations in planning. To date, a digital collaborative planning process has only been partially examined in terms of its ability to integrate knowledge sources towards comprehensive planning of distinct minority neighborhoods. By combining local knowledge with big data in urban future planning for Beit Tzafafa, an enclave neighborhood in Jerusalem inhabited by Muslim communities, this study updates previous theoretical approaches.

A collaborative geodesign workshop examined the real-time performance, influence, and decision-making of interactive scenarios of neighborhood planning by using GDH. We found that combining knowledge sources into a digital and directed process allows us to create a comprehensive plan that considers multi-integrations within and between the relevant systems. In this process, local knowledge mediates the points of contact between the different systems, creating a uniform and seamless space. Thus, the democratization of the planning process is supported while achieving the optimal planning product possible for residents.

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