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Expanding the 'dark side of planning': Governmentality and biopolitics in urban garden planning

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Abstract

This article analyses Bent Flyvbjerg's 'dark side of planning' theory and proposes to increase its critical strength by including, together with ideas of rationality and power, two further theoretical tools: the Foucauldian concepts of governmentality and biopolitics. The potentiality of this inclusion is exemplified by the analysis provided about the influence of 18th-century colonial governmentality on the real rationality of public garden planning in the modern liberal cities of most western European colonising countries. It aims to show that Flyvbjerg's concept of 'real rationality' can be usefully regarded as the product of a broad interpretation of biopolitical technologies, including the disciplining of non-human further than human life, which makes it possible to control the 'uncivilised' instincts of society through public garden planning. This article aims to suggest, that by digging deep into the hidden rationality of planning, even in those cases in which only the progressive face of power is apparently involved, a dark side of planning is unavoidably present in the form of a disciplinary power.

Keywords

Biopolitics, dark side of planning, governmentality, power, public garden planning, rationality

Introduction

In the elaboration of the influence of political power on urban planning rationality, Bent Flyvbjerg elaborated his 'dark side of planning' theory in order to provide a theoretical foundation to the practical evidence that spatial planning works as a materialisation of the dominant political agenda; regardless of planners' stated intentions, it displays at the same time both the progressive and the repressive face of power (Flyvbjerg, 1996, 1998,

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vision of a Missing was his earlier, eutopian vision of a new regional order; instead he .There has been increasing criticism of the communicative planning approach, which is rooted in a .. Moreover, there is emphasis on the role of regional . areas of knowledge in urban development led to the rational planning model, which.understanding the role of systematic knowledge within a world characterised by time and chance. . the critique of planning as applied rationality (see Dant) . on the Role of. Rationality in Urban and Regional Planning, London: Pion.The rational planning model is a model of the planning process involving a number of rational . Nonetheless, many criticisms of the model arise due to claim of the model being since in modern society rationality plays a central role and everything that is rational tends to be prized. . Urban Planning Theory since

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