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ECTP-CEU, the European Council of Spatial Planners, is celebrating the Centenary of Spatial Planning in Europe. This celebration is not only about the past. It is more about the lessons from the past to overcome current problems. For this celebration ECTP-CEU has designed a programme consisting of several initiatives. One of these initiatives is this publication.

ECTP-CEU has invited distinguished European Spatial Planners to write about the past, the present and the future of spatial planning. As planning assumes different forms all over Europe, it is important to present different views.

This book is compiled from papers written by European spatial planners with different perspectives on the contribution of spatial planning to the development of Europe during the last 100 years. These perspectives range from: the challenges of history to challenges of the present; from the global to the more focused in terms of place or subject; and from one period of history to another.

One of the challenges of this book is the different views presented by each planner.

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ECTP-CEU sets standards of education and conduct for the planning profession; engages in dialogue with local, national and European government, identifies, and rewards examples of good planning all over Europe.

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New Topics and Players for Research in Planning

Paolo La Greca¹

ABSTRACT

The paper begins by considering what I call 'Parallel Divergences' between 1909 and 2009 – the centenary of the Housing and Town Planning Act¹ 1909, the first British town planning legislation – as a reflection on topical research in planning today.

The main current issue is awareness of the role that town and regional planning can play in improving social conditions and confronting the great new challenges of the present day.

We are still dealing with unsolved problems of metropolitan areas and city-regions; we are trying to understand 'world cities' and 'global cities'; we must cope with 'the endless city' at world-wide level as a result of a fundamental shift in the world's population towards cities. One basic question is whether planners are really equipped to face this challenge. They must be equal to it: the survival of mankind is at stake.

We need to co-operate to manage increasing demand for infrastructure and sustainable development for contemporary global society. The ever-present question of how to foster a better social and economic life for all must be answered by planners and architects along with other relevant players such as policy-makers, politicians and various economic stakeholders. The discipline of planning is facing radical change. Planning is turning from its almost exclusive pre-occupation with producing plans towards urban and regional science and techniques aimed at promoting the growth of fundamental territorial values. Sound territorial policies require deep knowledge of places and their differences.

Taking on this challenge, the paper tackles a series of relevant topical issues for new research in planning such as:

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Redefining the approach of the discipline to cope with the unexpected.

Social and environmental threats in the face of the emerging humanitarian challenge presented by climate change.

Integration of urban and mobility planning in European practice: the Transport-Oriented Development approach
Strategic Environmental Assessment for sustainable planning.

1909-2009: The 'Parallel Divergences'

We have recently celebrated the centenary of the Housing and Town Planning Act¹ 1909, the first British town planning legislation. It was the direct result of a series of radical reformist ideas about changing and improving the city at the turn of the century. Welcoming the Act, John Burns, president of the British Local Government Board, pointed out that it would provide a domestic condition for the people in which their physical health, their morals, their character, and their whole social condition can be improved. However, the relevance of the Act was not just the fact that it moved town planning from the charitable sector into local government operation and marked the official endorsement of town extension planning; it also moved town planning more decisively into the purview of the professional expert. In the same year, planning education as an independent discipline began with the establishment of the Department of Civic Design at Liverpool University. Both the school and its journal the *Town Planning Review* fostered a new sense of planning as a professional activity in its own right. The profession was born with the critical and comprehensive know-how and methods of different disciplines. The *Town Planning Institute*, established in 1914, was a compromise between architects, engineers, surveyors and lawyers, being a body of professionals from different backgrounds. Reformers and propagandists could be associated with it, but only professionals could be full members.