

Urban Design Research and Education

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Summary

Urban design is an evolving yet contested field, continually striving to define its multiple meanings, roles, territories, and pedagogies. In this presentation, we argue that this is a decisive moment for urban design to reflect on its rigour, relevance, research, and education, and to foster a more productive integration of studies from both the global North and the global South. After providing an overview of our recent and forthcoming book projects, we will focus primarily on our recent books: *The Routledge Handbook of Urban Design Research Methods* (Routledge, 2023) and *Urban Design Education: Designing a Pedagogy for an Evolving Field* (Edward Elgar, 2025). Both books address significant gaps in the existing literature on urban design and contribute to advancing knowledge within the field.

Key References

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