Title: *Urbanism, Quality of Life and Social Wellbeing. Schools and Services in CERDÁ’S Expansion Plan for Barcelona, Spain*

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Summary:

Studying theories of city formation that result in dramatic urban transformation with the goal of enlarging the well-being of society is a way of finding guidance for future goals of improving urban planning. This talk will introduce the analysis of services in the “Cerdà’s Plan of Urban Expansion of Barcelona (1860).” The Cerdà’s Plan has captured the interest of architects, urban planners and historians; but little research has been done on the study of the process, optimality and rationality underlining the location decisions regarding urban services within the Ildefonso Cerdà Plan. In his Map, he planned the location of services, such as schools and hospitals, which indicates a revolutionary urbanistic goal to increase the social welfare of a population under precarious living conditions in the walled Barcelona of the nineteenth century. This talk will present the manner in which the urban environment via city plans and through urban policies can adjust to fulfill population needs. A central issue about population is ‘who gets wellbeing and where do they get it?’ Certain locations offer advantages for being accessible to services and other places not. This can be related to social inequality by exploring the unequal provision of services and its relation to population income differences. Spatial justice emphasizes the use of better mechanisms to achieve a more even distribution of resources and opportunities.

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