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Collaborative Planning in the Digital Era: The 2025 International Conference on Collaborative Planning in China and Beyond

1-2 May 2025, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands

Location:

- 1st May: Room D in the Marinus Ruppert building, Leuvenlaan 21, 3584 CE Utrecht
- 2nd May: Room 1.30 in the David de Wied Building, Universiteitsweg 99, 3584 CG Utrecht

Organizers: Yanliu Lin, Hongmei Lu, Pilvi Nummi, Kang Cao

Co-organizers: Junyao He, Xiaomeng Zhou, Zhen Li, and Zheng Liu

Each presentation consists of 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for discussion. Conference papers (up to 7,000 words, excluding references) should be submitted to CPCB2025.geo@uu.nl by 20 April 2025.

1 May (Day 1) at Room D in the Marinus Ruppert building

8:00 – 9:00 Registration at same building

9:00 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE:** Collaborative Planning in China in the Digital Era - *Yanliu Lin, Hongmei Lu, Junyao He, Xiaomeng Zhou, Zhen Li, Shifu Wang*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:20 **Track 1: Planners in Collaborative Planning (moderator: Pilvi Nummi)**

- The Influence of Digital Knowledge Technologies on the Planner-Politician Relationship: A Case Study from Norway - *Gro Anita Bårdseth, Bjarte Folkestad, Ingvild Sande Lillebø, Kjersti Straume, Ellen Strøm Synnevåg*
- Re-conceptualizing the Planner's Function: Managing Collaboration in a Digital Environment - *Ebru Kamaci-Karahan*
- Producing People-centred Smart Neighbourhoods: The Role of Community E-planners in the UN-Habitat's Shuangjing International Sustainable Community Pilot in Beijing - *Shuwen Zhou*

11:20 – 11:35 Break

11:35 – 12:40 **Track 2: Digitalization and Collaboration (moderator: Yanliu Lin)**

- From Digitalisation to Stakeholder Collaboration in the Planning and Delivery of Housing: What is Currently Missing in London? - *Vendela Gambill, Jamil Nur, Ying Jin*
- Digital as the Means of Critique rather than the Object of Criticism - *Aubrey Toldi*

- Collaborative Technology Development for Cities: A Governance Perspective - *Mahsa Nikoufar, Heike Lüken, Luca Mora, Paolo Gerli*

12:40 – 13:40 Lunch provided by the conference

13:40 – 15:05 **Track 3: Collaborative Planning and Urban Regeneration (moderator: Shifu Wang)**

- Collaborative Governance in Urban Regeneration: Comparative Insights from Seoul, Shenzhen, Vancouver, and Vienna - *Yanjun Cai, Belinda Yuen*
- A Theoretical Reframing of Participatory Planning Via Urban Conservation Planning Practices in China: A Case of Planning for Gulangyu World Heritage Site - *Mengci Xiao*
- Collaborative planning of Community Learning Centres: barriers to include marginalised urban communities in Chennai, Nairobi, and Malang - *Nimas Maninggar, Vera Safronova, Jan Fransen, Maartje van Eerd, Alonso Ayala*
- Drawing Participation: Digital Tools for Participatory Urban Ecological Redevelopment in Vinnytsia, Ukraine - *Carlos Sandoval Olascoaga, Leonard Schrage, Dezeng Kong, Liva Dudareva*

15:05 – 15:20 Break

15:20 – 16:45 **Track 4: Digital Tools and Participation (moderator: Hongmei Lu)**

- Assessment of Digital Tools Used in Urban Planning and Architecture for Enhancing Participation and Citizen Engagement: A Bibliometric Literature Review - *Alper Al, Ceren Sezer*
- Integrating Low-cost Every-day Digital Tools in Participatory Planning: Challenges and Opportunities in Pionta Park - *Gozde Yildiz*
- The Role of Participatory Information in Digital Planning, Case Ryhti in Finland - *Pilvi Nummi, Eveliina Harsia, Hanna Mattila*
- Vernacular Typologies and Adaptive Reuse for Energy Transition: Collaborative Digital Planning in MENA's Industrial Heritage - *Asma Mehan*

18:30 -20:30 Joint Dinner (self-paid)

Restaurant: Café Carèl

Location: Janskerkhof 6, 3512 BK Utrecht

2 May (Day 2) at Room 1.30 in the David de Wied Building

9:00 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE:** Participatory Co-design of Landscapes, Foodscapes, and Urban Environments - An Immersive Technologies Perspective - *Alexander Klippel, Jan Oliver Wallgruen, Gamze Dane, Simona Pedde, Maartje Poelman, Christof Lutteroth, Timon Verduijn*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:20 **Track 5: Actors and Power Relations in Collaborative Governance (moderator: Hongmei Lu)**

- Beyond Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) in Malaysia's Bakun Dam: Façade, Rent-Seeking and Power - *Bin Md Saman Nor Hisham, Seng Boon Lim, Indera Syahrul Mat Radzuan, Peter Ho, Heng Zhao*

- Memorising Actors' Interaction and their Interdependencies in Urban Pluvial Flood Risk Management: Insights from China's Sponge City Program - *Zeqiang Pan, Gert de Roo, Yuhong Wang, Britta Restemeyer*
- Rethinking China's Post-Reform Urban Governance: An Assemblage Approach to State Entrepreneurialism - *Xiaoxia Zhang, Reinout Kleinhans, Lei Qu*

11:20 – 11:35 Break

11:35 – 12:40 Track 6: Collaborative Planning Mechanisms (moderator: Xiaomeng Zhou)

- A Topic Modeling Approach for Assessing Collaborative Planning Meetings - *Dan Milz, Jennifer Kagan, Mahdi Belcaid, Grayson Levy*
- Rural Collaborative Planning Mechanism based on Supply and Demand Matching Analysis-Taking 26 Villages in Xiecun Town, Shaanxi Province as an Example - *Ziao Liu, Jing Zhu*
- Urban Co-creation Lab for Habitat and Territorial Integration: Experiences and Reflections on Architecture and Academia in Informal Urban Settlements and Contexts - *Martha Isabel Castilla Riasco*

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13:40 – 15:05 Track 7: Digital Participation (moderator: Pilvi Nummi)

- The E-participation of Environmental NGOs in China – *Zheng Liu, Qianru Li, Yinjian Li*
- Social Media Influence on Collaborative Planning: Framing Strategies in Online Public Participation - *Junyao He, Zhen Li, Yanliu Lin, Pieter Hooimeijer, Jochen Monstadt*
- The Role of Digital Tools in Improving Participation in Urban Planning Processes in Indian Cities - *Arjama Mukherjee*
- From Boom to Bust: How Digitalized Actor-Network Theory Explains the Rise and Fall of Taobao Villages – *Zhonghua Gu*

15:05 – 15:20 Break

15:20 – 16:25 Track 8: The Role of AI in Collaborative Planning (moderator: Yanliu Lin)

- Serious Games or Fatigue Exercises? Exploring Generative AI's Role in Advancing Digital Serious Game Development for Collaborative Planning through an Interdisciplinary Lens - *Chenhao Zhu*
- Smart Cities, Smarter Collaboration: Pathways for Algorithmic Collaboration in Urban Planning - *Rico H Herzog, Gesa Ziemer, Trivik Verma*
- Artificial Intelligence in Smart Cities and Sustainable Development: A Synthesis of Literature - *Zheyang Chen, Hongbo Chai, Wei Deng*

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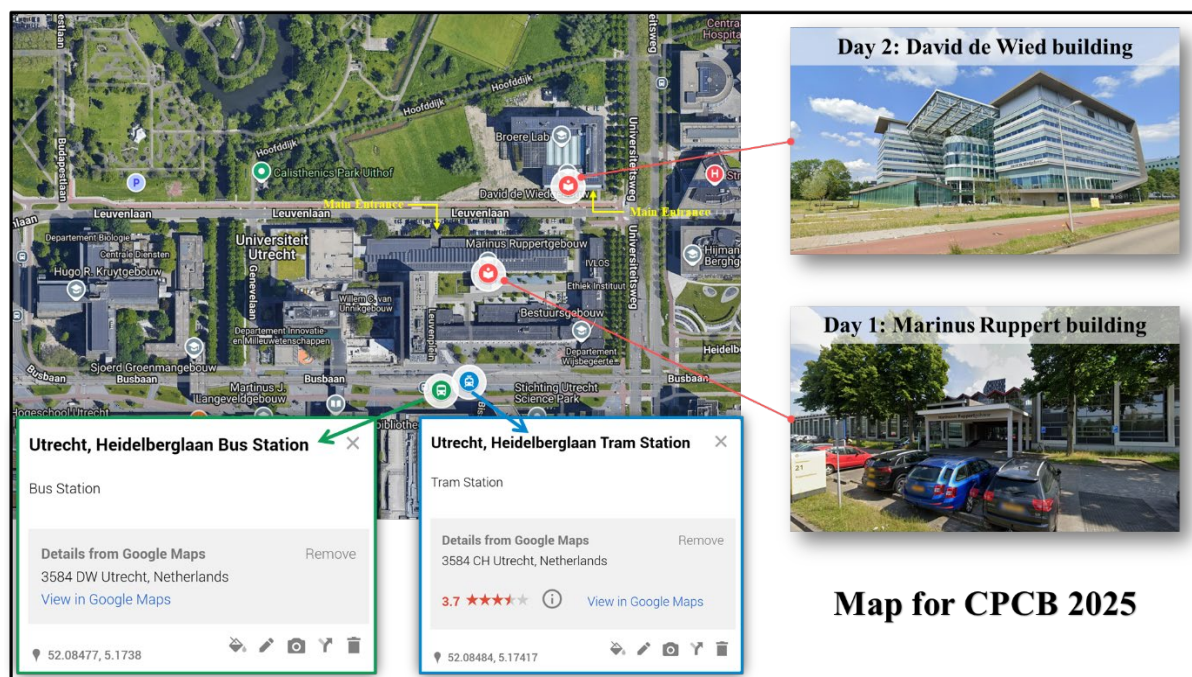
Practical Information for Visiting CPCB

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*** You can directly click the address to use google map.



- **Public transportation**

Guests can reach the two conference sites (see above map) by public transportation including trams and buses. For both [Marinus Ruppert building](#) (Day 1) and [David de Wied Building](#) (Day 2), the nearest tram and bus stops are [Heidelberglaan Station](#). After getting off the bus or tram, the conference venue can be reached on foot in approximately 4-8 minutes (500m).

- **Taxi**

If you need to take a taxi, you can use apps such as Uber and Bolt, or consider booking through the Utrecht Taxi Center (<https://utc.nl/>) in advance. You can set provided building name as destination.

- **Drive**

If driving and needing parking, there are several closer parking lots in the immediate vicinity, please use this [Google Maps link](#) to search for them yourself.

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