

## **CP 706: THE STRATEGIC SPATIAL PLANNING: PRINCIPLES, TECHNIQUES AND PRACTICES**

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Strategic Spatial Planning, born in the Western World, has received widespread acceptance both in developed and developing countries for some 20 years. Although it has universal/general principles, it is actually contingent: This approach is interpreted differently within different planning systems. Turkish Planning System, too, has been getting familiarized with the strategic spatial planning. The new laws on Local Government (municipalities, provincial special administrations) enacted in the 2000s necessitate the preparation of strategic plans; nevertheless, there are confusions or lack of information regarding this planning approach. I.e. it has not been matured enough in Turkey yet. Therefore, the course aims at teaching the theory and practices of this increasingly popularized approach to the planning students.

### **1: The changing world conditions that brought about the Strategic Spatial Planning approach**

- Changing circumstances created by the global capitalism:
- New mode of capital accumulation and advanced technologies
- Network society

### **2: The Emerging Communicative Rationality Paradigm**

- Modernism's crisis on rationality and penetration of post-modern thinking into the sphere of spatial planning
- Paradigm and paradigm shift
- Communicative rationality paradigm vs. Instrumental rationality paradigm

### **3: The new phenomena and problems that urban areas encounter**

- Interurban competition
- Entrepreneurial urban management

### **4: The new phenomena and problems that urban areas encounter**

- Environmental agenda
- Sustainable urban development
- Urban quality of life
- Increasing logic of horizontal interaction of local actors in urban decision making processes

### **5: The theory of Strategic Spatial Planning**

- Revival of the strategic spatial planning
- Definitions of the strategic spatial planning
- New policy agendas
- New inter-institutional relations
- How strategic spatial plans serve as general frameworks for land-use plans

### **6: The organization of the strategic spatial planning process**

- Communicative rationality in decision making
- Strategic spatial planning through the communicative rationality

- Actors involved in the planning process
- Interaction of actors

#### **7: The new techniques introduced with the strategic spatial planning**

- Action orientation of the strategic spatial planning
- SWOT Analysis
- Vision formulation
- Strategy Making
- Project prioritization

#### **8: Turkish Planning System vis-a-vis the Strategic Spatial Planning**

- Previous strategic planning practices
- New legislation on local government
- Current strategic planning practices

#### **9: Practical Examples**

- Illustration of the above context within some practical examples
- Assignment of a practical case to each student to be presented in the coming weeks

#### **10-13: Presentation of the practical examples**

- How the strategic spatial planning process is organized (together with actors involved)
- What is the content of the plan produced
- To what extent it has been implemented
- Nation-specific and local-specific factors that shape the strategic spatial planning case

#### **14: General evaluation**