

CROSS-NATIONAL COMPARATIVE RESEARCH IN URBAN PLANNING

Key questions

What is cross-national comparative research? What is its purpose?

What research purposes and questions do researchers investigate?

What justifications are there for such questions?

What is an appropriate logic for answering the question?

What methods of data generation are available?

How is data analysed?

What ethical issues are involved?

Key concepts

Cross-national comparative research, policy transfer, the rule of maximum similarity, the rule of maximum discreteness of focus

Overview

In recent years there have been many opportunities for students from the UK to begin to identify some differences in the way planning is practiced elsewhere in Europe. Mechanisms include courses on international comparative