

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & ROUNDTABLES

The Dortmund Conference on Spatial and Planning Research (DOKORP 2027)

The 8th DOKORP conference will take place at TU Dortmund University from **22 to 25 February 2027**, held in both German and English.

Generative AI, machine learning, virtual worlds – opportunities, risks, and implications of the ongoing digitalisation for planning for the future

Generative AI and machine learning have become an integral part of decision-making processes, including in the context of spatial planning and development. However, AI is merely the latest (though very profound) component in the long-standing process of societies' digitalisation. Spatial planning cannot be exempted from this trend and is increasingly influenced by new technologies. In this context, fundamental questions arise for planning research: What are the implications of AI use for planning theory? Which new actors are becoming directly or indirectly involved in the planning process? How are ongoing digitisation and virtualisation changing participatory processes? What legal implications arise from the use of data science methods in spatial planning? These and other aspects will be a key focus of the 2027 Dortmund Conference on Spatial and Planning Research (DOKORP).

Keynotes Prof. Cordula Kropp

University of Stuttgart, Germany

Prof. Rob Kitchin

Maynooth University, Ireland

Tracks

DOKORP 2027 features 14 thematic tracks, addressing a wide range of key challenges in planning. **Abstracts** for the tracks can be submitted **by September 15, 2026** via the DOKORP website, in German or English (depending on the track). The limit is 500 words (ca. 1 page). You can find a complete list of tracks, including brief descriptions, online via the link below. You can also submit proposals for a spatial and/or planning science **Roundtable** (including contributors/participants, if already possible).

Registration Fees

Ticket Type	Regular	Early-Bird (until 30 November)
Full payers	€220	€180
PhD candidates	€180	€140
Students (Bachelor & Master)*	€130	€100
PhD Day (additional, on top of the conference fee)**	€60	
Conference dinner	€60	

* Please note that the number of spots for students is initially limited to 40.

** Please note that the number of places for the PhD Day is limited to 30.

Accepted abstracts require the timely registration and payment of fees by at least one presenter.

You can find more information about registration and how to submit contributions online:

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Organizers

The Dortmund Conference on Spatial and Planning Research is hosted by the Department of Spatial Planning at the TU Dortmund University. In 2027, it will be organized primarily by the research groups of Spatial Modelling and Resource and Energy Systems. The conference is held in cooperation with the ARL – Academy for Spatial Development in the Leibniz Association, the ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, the RVR – Ruhr Regional Planning Association, and the Central Institute for Spatial Planning at the University of Münster.

We look forward to your contribution!

Prof. René Westerholt
Prof. Lars-Peter Lauen

Spatial Modelling Lab
Resource and Energy Systems

We are seeking recognition as a continuing education programme in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning