Reshaping Planning with Culture

GREG YOUNG

Planning is described as being increasingly sidelined by the impacts of neo-liberal restructuring. At the same time, ‘culture’ is nowadays seen as the world’s key intellectual resource possessing new creative weight and potential. How may planning take advantage of this profound cultural turn? And is it possible to re-position planning based on culture with new facilitating systems? An exciting theoretical and practical approach is put forward by the author to promote this. Relevant globally, the approach shows how deeper and richer ideas about culture can be utilised in planning. The book is illustrated with key international examples and an extended discussion of planning for Sydney and of strategic planning and marketing for the Port Arthur Historic Site, Tasmania.

Contents: *Preface; *Introduction; *A cultural era; *Culture and planning – a new positionality; *Engaging planning theory; *Framing a culturised planning system and its principles; *Designing planning literacies; *The culturised system’s research method; *Illustrating the culturised system; *Urban and regional planning, Sydney, NSW; *Strategic planning for protected areas, the Port Arthur Historic Site, Tasmania; *A culturised future; *References; *Index.

Review

‘Greg Young’s achievements are to be welcomed for showing how culture can be used to reformulate a more responsive planning system. The book reaches out to both theoreticians and practitioners, representing the author’s experience drawing on Sydney and other cities, and his capacity to make perceptive connections with contemporary urban theorists’.

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