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In recent years, urban planning theory and practice have been confronted with important contemporary issues characterizing the future of cities and landscapes. The disciplinary framework of urban planners is evolving towards the integration of relevant questions comprising adaptations to climate change, digitalization and smartness, environmental evaluation, greening, natural resources, the urban–rural interface, accessibility, and performance. In this transition, planning theory is continuously complemented with concepts and methods belonging to a variety of scientific domains. Consequently, planning practitioners are stimulated towards innovative operative pathways. The connected magmatic flow of ideas and concepts invokes more work for the consolidation of theoretical cornerstones through the proposition or revisitation of basic definitions of what urban planning is (and for) in contemporary societies. Interested colleagues are invited to submit papers—both conceptual essays and case studies—with a specific focus on the impact on the discipline and the day-to-day professional work of urban planners.

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