**Mistrust or Partnership?: A New Trust-Based Public Planning Model**

**Abstract**

This article presents empirical research on public confidence in Israel’s planning system. Based on these findings, it proposes new regulatory tools and approaches for an original public participation mechanism: a **Trust-Based Planning Model**. On a practical level, this proposal can contribute to improving planning discourse in Israel. Today, a lack of public trust in the planning system impedes many planning and construction initiatives. This leads to delays and slowdowns in essential development processes, as well as social and economic losses in Israel. The proposed planning model, based on authentic public trust, seeks to create sustainable partnerships between officials and the public. It has the potential to ameliorate the tensions in Israel’s planning system by creating a culture of healthier dialogue that benefits all.

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