Our ambition is to become a leading centre and preferred partner for the study of complex urban regions, and particularly the cross-national comparison of models of strategic spatial planning and urban regeneration. We believe that the expertise and enthusiasm of our staff, PhD candidates and students should inform theoretical debate, but also be directed to the needs of policy makers and practitioners who are seeking real transformations. We work with colleagues in the Department of Urbanism to provide a lively challenging learning environment."

Spatial Planning and Strategy
Ruimtelijke Planning en Strategie

Spatial planning and strategy is a core chair in the Faculty of Architecture of the Delft University of Technology (TU Delft). It is concerned with knowledge about the formulation, implementation and evaluation of strategic and urban planning tools – visions, strategies, plans and programmes. We are particularly interested in how intervention through spatial planning can meet the challenge of territorial management in the context of the growing complexity of networked urban regions. We undertake international case studies and cross-national research on globalizing cities and the planning tools they use. This has led to work on questions of the methodology for such studies. We are the largest chair in the faculty, with a strong international flavour among the more than 25 research and teaching staff. The head of the chair is Professor Vincent Nadin. Practice Professor Joost Schrijnen assists in our collaboration with policy and practice. Professor Wil Zonneveld holds a joint post with the OTB Research Institute with whom there is much collaboration. SP&S has a wide portfolio of research projects including EU Seventh Framework, government and NGO funded work. We contribute to teaching at all levels and have played a central role in the development and implementation of the prestigious European Masters in Urbanism, which is delivered in partnership with UPC Barcelona, the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven and the IUAV di Venezia (for more information on the EMU programme, visit the website). Staff also make a considerable contribution to the work of the International Federation on Urbanism.

Department of Urbanism

Urbanism (Stedebouwkunde) is the scientific and educational domain at Delft University of Technology concerned with the planning, design and construction of urban areas, including its landscape aspects, on all scales (from street level up to regional settings). The approach to Urbanism is both visual and functional with a strong (future oriented) focus on sustainability and design. The Department of Urbanism is part of the Faculty of Architecture and specializes in research with a strong element of design. The department is organized in seven chairs: Urban Composition, Urban Design, Metropolitan and Regional Design, Spatial Planning and Strategy, Landscape Architecture, Technical Ecology and Methodology and Environmental Design.

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Recent Publications

Urban Networks – Network Urbanism
by Gabriel Dupuy
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296 pages, € 47.50
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Edited by Jeroen van Schaick and I. Klaasen. Urban Networks – Network Urbanism is a collection of key articles by Gabriel Dupuy on urban infrastructure networks and urban development. His work on ‘network urbanism’ has been a primary source in the French and Spanish speaking world for two decades and this book provides the first overview of his work in English. Dupuy’s work stands out for its concreteness and clarity.

Visualizing the Invisible: Towards an Urban Space
Ed.: Stephen Read and Camilo Pinilla
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Visualizing the Invisible takes up the challenge of both producing original insights into the nature of the contemporary urban, and of using these insights as a basis for the design of the contemporary city. It explores a possible nature of the contemporary urban, drawing on structuralist, post-structuralist and ‘organic’ philosophy. With contributions from: Patrick Healy, Gerhard Bruyns, Deborah Hauptmann, Stephen Read, and John Law.

Urbanism on Track
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Tracking technologies such as GPS, mobile phone tracing, video and RFID monitoring are rapidly becoming part of daily life. Technological progress offers huge possibilities for studying human activity patterns in time and space in new ways. This book is the result of an expert meeting held in 2007 by TU Delft. Urbanism on Track introduces the reader to the basics of tracking research in urbanism.

Education

Bachelor
The Bachelor of Architecture lasts three years, with 180 and leads to the Bachelor of Science Bachelor diploma. The bachelor programme is a broad design education with academic and technical components and focus on social and cultural aspects. This course is offered in Dutch. Visit: http://www.urbanism.tudelft.nl/

Masters
The Master’s track is subdivided into four semesters and lasts two year in total. The first year focuses on urban history, urban and regional analysis and design, spatial planning, landscape architecture, design and planning techniques. The second year of the programme focuses on the final project. This is closely related to the research of academic staff of the department of Urbanism. Visit: http://www.urbanism.tudelft.nl

European Masters (EMU)
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