The Bartlett Development Planning Unit

MSc Urban Economic Development
This programme equips students with the analytical skills and experiences to engage with key issues in urban economic development. We aim to prepare a generation of influential actors in public, private and civic spheres to creatively and effectively deal with the challenges of urbanisation and sustainable urban development.

MPhil/PhD Research programme
The MPhil/PhD research programme constitutes a course of self-selected academic study in urban development, focusing on the political, economic, social, and institutional dimensions of development. It embraces the range of areas of study that are central to DPU’s four research clusters: Environmental Justice, Urban Transformations, Diversity, and State & Market.

MSc Social Development Practice
This programme explores ‘people-centred’ approaches to international development, in which citizens are active partners in shaping development agendas. Students engage with the implications of development planning and citizenship in the context of social diversity, exploring the traditional realm of the social sector as an entry point to influence wider contestations of rights and citizenship.

MSc Building and Urban Design in Development
This programme reconceives Urban Design as a transformative practice that transcends physical form and function. It emphasizes research on a multiplicity of urban conditions through the principles of social justice. Students will learn to critically reflect on design research practices to encourage holistic, strategic, and just spatial outcomes.

MSc Environment and Sustainable Development
This programme interrogates the notion of sustainable development, what it means, why it matters and how to deliver it in practice. Participants will develop the skills and knowledge to advance environmental justice in urban development planning.

MSc Urban Development Planning
This programme explores the room for manoeuvre for socially and spatially just urban development planning, building on a critical understanding of the structural processes, institutional frameworks and collective action that generate change in diverse urban contexts.

MSc Development Administration and Planning
This programme is committed to the critical study of the theories and practices of development administration and planning. It seeks to provide participants with an understanding of the processes generating social change, and the skills to reflect upon and engage with such processes.
The Bartlett Development Planning Unit, University College London, has more than 60 years experience of urban development education, training, research, and consultancy. Our activities are:

**Embodied:**
Knowledge situated by communities, experiences and struggles.

**Collective:**
Knowledge production as a common, collective and reflective endeavour pursued by networks.

**Reflective:**
Questioning theoretical and methodological frames, producing new possibilities for thinking and action.

**Relational:**
Questioning the unequal relations of power of the political economy of knowledge production.

**Active:**
Outlining collective action and imaginaries sensitive to the potential of transformative change.

**Trans-disciplinary:**
Complexity is celebrated revealing multiple perspectives through diverse voices.

What can design and planning contribute to collective initiatives that seek to bring about social and spatial justice in cities of the global South?

How do issues of social diversity and citizenship play out in the urban setting, where issues of space and rapid change create heightened possibilities for social fragmentation and conflict, but also for transformation?

How can planning support transformative synergies between urban resilience and environmental justice?

How can planning promote progressive interactions between state, society and market actors and institutions?

Where we are

- **Engagement map**
  - From 2000 to present

Who we are

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What we do

- Thinking and practice across 4 Research Clusters
  - Environmental justice, urbanisation and resilience
  - Diversity, social complexity and planned intervention
  - Urban Transformations
  - State and market: governance and policy for development

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