



Invitation

Urban Research Program Lunchtime Seminar:

**‘Multiple Objectives in Planning School Performance Measurement:
Can the diversity of Planners’ Scholarship be usefully assessed at the
national level?’**

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Urban Planning School Performance Measurement can be useful to realistic self assessment by faculties, to assist schools in internal university competitions for resources, and to improvements in visibility of the profession. Yet, historically, U.S. planning schools have resisted efforts to compile and release school performance data. This analysis relays the history of unit performance measurement internationally and in the U.S. and describes efforts currently underway to develop a U.S. national system for collection and dissemination of comparative data on planning school performance.

Various national systems collect and openly report data on university programme performance in the U.S., but none of these include programmes in urban planning. These relatively decentralized efforts stand in contrast to the government-run university performance measurement systems in place or proposed in other English-speaking nations. Notable also is the distinction between performance measurement systems that conduct de novo assessments of quality and those that rely on measurements resulting from independent decision contexts. A current ACSP initiative proposes a Planning School Performance Measurement system that could capture the breadth of what planning schools do. The paper discusses principles for conduct of such a study and evaluates candidate measures in each of the broad areas of school activity: social science modelled research, design, outreach, teaching and reputation.

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