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**The Journal of Urbanism**  
Newsletter

Dear Reader,

are you interested in applying for a PhD Programme? Or, are you simply interested in a general overview of some of the most relevant European PhD Programmes? **Planum. The Journal of Urbanism is pleased to present you a selection of European PhD courses that have been selected for their clearly international character** (multilingual working environment), **worldwide research contacts and exchange possibilities, interdisciplinary approach** (integrating urban design, spatial planning, project development, and urban sociology) as well as scientific and practice-related orientation.

Feel free to share the Planum newsletter with whomever may be interested, such as students, scholars or colleagues at your university. For further information, please follow the links to the websites of universities and PhD Programmes or use the e-mail contacts. Enjoy your reading and good luck with your applications!

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**BELGIUM****University of Leuven**  
**Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning**  
**PhD in 'Engineering'****Deadline:** No specific deadline**Duration:** 4 years**Language:** English

The Department of Architecture, Urbanism and Planning offers a PhD degree in Engineering. The research at this department is conducted by four divisions: Architectural History and Conservation; Theory of Urbanism and Architecture (OSA); Design and Building Methodology; Planning and Development. The research is fundamental as well as applied, and covers the wide range of the built environment. This fosters a diversity of mutually enriching and complementary approaches. We mention in particular the focus on development contexts, mainly in the Planning & Development and Theory of Urbanism & Architecture divisions.

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**DENMARK****Aalborg University**



**Dept. of Development and Planning**  
**Doctoral Programme in 'Planning and Development'**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline  
**Duration:** 3 years  
**Language:** English

The Doctoral Programme in Planning and Development combines research activities within the the Department of Development and Planning. PhD research activities are further strengthened by links with the Danish Building Research Institute and Center for Communication, Media and Information Technologies. Emphasis is put on the planning and management dimensions, focusing on the policies and other regulatory instruments that are used in relation to technological, infrastructural and urban development projects, and environmental policy and planning.

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## GERMANY

**DLGS** Dresden Leibniz Graduate School

**TU Dresden**  
**DLGS - Dresden Leibniz Graduate School**  
**PhD in "Urban and Regional Resilience – Managing Change for Sustainable Urban and Regional Development"**

**Deadline:** 15 September 2014  
**Duration:** 3 years  
**Language:** English

The Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS) is an international graduate school of spatial science, economics and social sciences in Germany. It pursues a European comparative perspective with focus on regional and local development strategies. The DLGS provides an interdisciplinary Doctoral (PHD) Study Programme for recent university graduates as well as professionally experienced junior researchers. Doctoral candidates investigate new concepts for managing change in sustainable urban and regional development.

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**See also  
in Germany**

**TU Berlin - Technische Universität Berlin**  
[Research programmes](#)  
**TU Dortmund - Faculty of Spatial Planning**  
[Research programmes](#)  
**HafenCity University Hamburg**  
[International Doctoral programme Urban Metamorphoses](#)

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## ITALY



**POLITECNICO DI MILANO** **Politecnico di Milano | DASTU - Department of Architecture and Urban Studies**  
**PhD in 'Urban Planning, Design and Policy'**

**Deadline:** Deadline scheduled in May, please verify on the website  
**Duration:** 3 years  
**Language:** English

The PhD Programme aims at providing analytical and interpretative tools, as well as research/planning/design methodologies, able to produce further advancements both in terms of theories and practices, in the field of spatial and land use planning, urban design, urban policies and governance. The PhD Program aims at exploring the significance and the impact of contemporary urban changes and at understanding the way they can be governed through planning, design and policy making activities.

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Università Iuav  
di Venezia

**Università Iuav di Venezia**  
**School of Doctorate Studies**  
**PhD in 'Urbanism' and 'Regional Planning and Public Policy'**

**Deadline:** Public announcement on July

**Duration:** 3 years

**Language:** Italian/English

Urbanism | The focus of the PhD programme, in general, is on the “urban planning project”, a term which preferably refers to a broader field than that of “urban planning” and one which includes what is commonly known as “urban and territorial policy” and the “urban project”.

Regional Planning and Public Policy | The PhD programme established in 1992 deals with problems of cross-sector and mutual influence between spatial public policies with regard to the traditional disciplinary/academic/professional domains and expertises that have been developed in many sector policies according to the different nation reformist perspectives.

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**GSSI - Gran Sasso Science Institute**  
**School of Doctorate Studies**  
**PhD in 'Urban Studies'**

**Deadline:** 22.06.2014

**Duration:** 3 years

**Language:** English

The Ph.D. in Urban Studies will focus on the study of the trajectories of long-term development of local systems and, in particular, the urban systems - cities, metropolitan areas and regions. The methodological perspective in research and teaching is trans-disciplinary: offering resources and an appropriate relational context. The PhD degree will be issued by the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa, with the mention of the course of study completed at GSSI. The programme will be held at the GSSI in Aquila, Italy.

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in Italy

Università degli Studi di Firenze - Dipartimento di Architettura  
[Research Programme](#)  
Università degli Studi Roma Tre - Dipartimento di Architettura

[Research Programme](#)

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LIECHTENSTEIN

**Deadline:** 31 May 2014 (winter semester) 31 October 2014 (summer semester)

**Duration:** 3 to 5 years

**Language:** English and German

The doctoral degree programme is geared to international standards and criteria. The aim is to develop and promote emerging researchers as an extension of the Master's degree, and at other stages of their careers; to provide research degree programmes in Architectural Design Theory, Sustainable Design and Sustainable Urban Design and Planning – uniquely integrated in the wider fields of studies the university engages in: International Financial Services, Entrepreneurship and Management and Information and Process Management.

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## NETHERLANDS



Technische Universiteit Delft

**TU Delft - University of Technology**  
**Graduate School for Architecture and the Built Environment**  
**PhD in 'Architecture and the Built Environment' (A+BE)**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline

**Duration:** 4 years

**Language:** English

A+BE's mission is to reinforce a research culture in a key design and engineering discipline; to educate leading international PhD students in architecture, building technology, urbanism, landscape architecture, geomatics, management of the built environment and housing; to perform excellent and innovative design-oriented research. The Faculty of Architecture has an international high reputation. With its international focus and students it is a stimulating environment for ambitious PhD candidates who wish to obtain a doctoral degree in a leading design academy/research institute. PhD candidates benefit from close interaction with world-class researchers and educators and are well supervised throughout their education.

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UNIVERSITEIT VAN AMSTERDAM

**UvA - University of Amsterdam**  
**AISSR - Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research**  
**Department of Human Geography, Planning and International Development Studies**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline

**Duration:** 3-4 years

**Language:** English

The UvA offers to doctoral candidates an appealing international research environment that allows them to optimally develop their research talent and provides excellent educational opportunities.

The AISSR ensures high-quality, stimulating post-graduate supervision and the timely completion of PhD projects. It fosters the careers of its graduates by providing a strong PhD Community and encouraging PhD students to publish early in their career. The AISSR Institute provides four different research groups: Urban Geography, Urban planning, Governance and Inclusive Development, Geographies of Globalizations.

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**University of Utrecht - Graduate School of Geoscience**  
[PhD Programme Presentation](#)

**Eramus Universiteit of Rotterdam - Institute for Housing and Urban Development**

See also  
in Netherlands

Studies  
PhD Programme Presentation

## SLOVENIA

University of Ljubljana



**University of Ljubljana - Faculty of Social Sciences,  
PhD in Environmental and Spatial Studies**

**Deadline:** 22 August 2014

**Duration:** 3 years

**Language:** English

The study programme provides an overview of social construction of the environment and space, that (in)directly influences i.e. shapes environmental and spatial practice from individual to global level. The programme includes following sub-themes: Sociological approach related to the environment, nature and space; social functioning, spatial development and environmental changes; Natural resources and space as public goods/commodity; Sociological dimensions of the concept of sustainable development; From anthropocentric to nature-centred environmental ethics and value systems; social impact assessment methodology and its practical application in the planning and implementation of environmental and spatial interventions.

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## SPAIN



**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya Barcelona Tech  
Department of Urbanism and Regional Planning  
PhD in 'Urbanism'**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline

**Duration:** 3 years

**Language:** English and Spain

The Doctoral Program proposes rigorous analysis and academic reflection on themes, central to the history of urban planning and to current urbanism, to the forms of analysis and intervention in both regional and urban planning as well as in large scale architectural projects. The programme foremost aim is to form doctoral candidates, yet at the same time, its aim is to foster debate and the spread of knowledge of research activity within the Departments different areas of specialization. One of the main program objectives is to foment exhaustive study within four main thematic areas: Analysis and Urban Planning, Analysis and Regional Planning, Urban History, Landscape architecture and environmental impact.

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See also  
in Spain

**Universitat de Barcelona - Department of Human Geography  
PhD in 'Geography, Land Planning and Environmental Management'**

## SWITZERLAND

**EPFL - École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne | EPFL Doctoral School  
PhD in 'Architecture and Sciences of the City' (EDAR)**



**Deadline:** January 15, April 30 and September 15

**Duration:** 4 years

**Language:** French, English, German and Italian

The Doctoral Program Architecture and Sciences of the City (EDAR) is part of Doctoral School of EPFL (EDOC). It brings together in one doctoral program the world of architecture and that of social sciences concerned with the inhabited space and combines basic and applied research in an interdisciplinary perspective. Comprised of faculty members active within more than twenty laboratories of EPFL, the EDAR program receives three times a year new doctoral students interested in its scientific orientations which encompass four research areas across the researches conducted in the laboratories.

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See also  
in Switzerland

**ETH Zurich - Institute for the History and Theory of Architecture**  
**Doctoral Program in 'History and Theory of Architecture'**

## UNITED KINGDOM



**LSE - London School of Economics and Political Science**  
**Cities PhD Programme**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline

**Duration:** 3-4 years

**Language:** English

The Cities Programme is an innovative and interdisciplinary graduate programme that addresses the challenges of urban development and design in their social, economic, environmental and political contexts. Its central objective is to relate the physical and social organisation of cities and urban spaces. The Cities Programme takes a multi-disciplinary approach to these issues, drawing on expertise and insights from the social and economic sciences, architecture and urban design, planning and environmental studies, and other fields. The Programme is the graduate education branch of the LSE Cities research centre, hosted by the Department of Sociology, and offers degree courses at MSc and PhD level.

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**UCL - University College of London**  
**The Bartlett Development Planning Unit**  
**MPhil/PhD 'Development Planning'**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline | [Contact supervisor](#)

**Duration:** 3-4 years

**Language:** English

The DPU takes an inter-disciplinary and inter-sectoral approach to a range of fields such as urban planning, urban design, economic development, social development, housing, disasters, transport and urban agriculture. Cross-cutting issues such as gender, culture, environment and poverty are of central concern. Emphasis is given to research into topics that are at the forefront of development theory and practice, in the context of trends such as

globalisation, privatisation, climate change and increased socio-economic inequalities.

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**MANCHESTER**  
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The University of Manchester

**University of Manchester | School of Environment, Education and Development  
PhD in 'Human Geography'**

**Deadline:** No specific deadline

**Duration:** 3 years Full-time; 5 years Part-time

**Language:** English

The University of Manchester is one of the UK's leading centres for geographical research. Manchester has a strong reputation in the areas of economic geography and urban geography. The Geographical Political Economy research group centres on the analysis of the material, social and cultural processes that shape and transform geographies of production, reproduction and nature, trying to understand four related issues: corporate networks, governance, nature and resources and work and employment. The Transforming Cities research group investigate different agendas which include: identities, exclusion and inclusion, urban assemblages, politics of architectural technology and design and everyday life.

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**See also  
in UK**

**University of Cardiff | School of Planning and Geography**

**MPhil/PhD in 'Spatial Planning and city environments'**

**UCL - University College of London | The Bartlett School of Planning**

**MPhil/PhD in 'Planning Studies'**

**University of Westminster - Centre for urban and regional governance**

**Doctoral programme**

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