

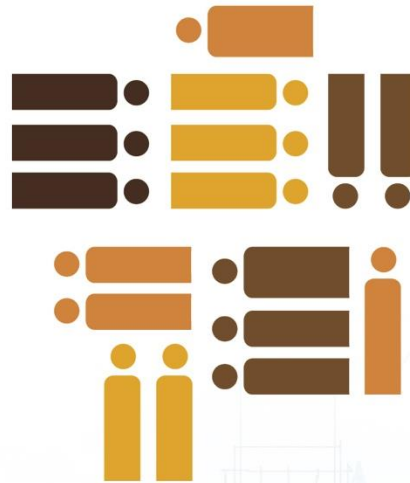


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a Profession:  
Going beyond  
Statistics**

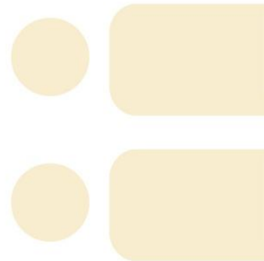


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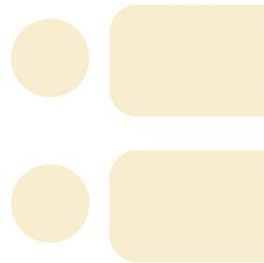




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# Introduction

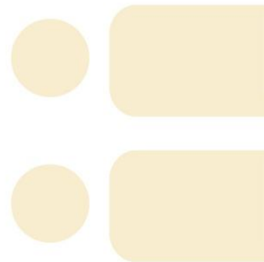




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**SACPLAN** is a Statutory Council of  
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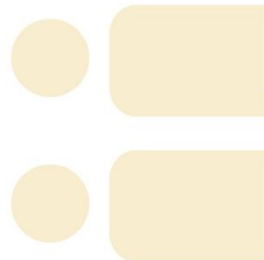


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## Section 2(c)(i) of the **Planning Profession Act, 2002** states:

*“The Council and the planning profession must - strive to achieve the transformation of the profession to ensure its legitimacy and effectiveness;”*

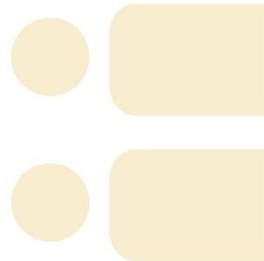




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# Contextualise Planning in South Africa



# Contextualising the Planning Profession in South Africa

## Looking Back

- Initiated during colonial years
- Planning worked hand in hand with state to achieve overarching goal of spatially (economically and socially) segregated development and communities
- Profession severely discredited



# Contextualising the Planning Profession in South Africa

*“the Government of National Unity inherited a society marked by deep social and economic inequalities, as well as by serious racial, political and social divisions”*

White Paper on the Transformation of Public Service  
1995:2



# Contextualising the Planning Profession in South Africa

Looking Forward – Contextual factors regarding future role, function, importance

- Level of economic inequality
- Level of consumption of fossil fuels is high
- Becoming a predominantly urban orientated society
- Legacy of influx control and racial segregation have negative impact
- Large parts of population live in place with low economic potential

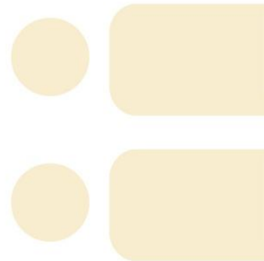




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# Some “definitions”





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**CBE** – *“Transformational changes can occur in various aspects including structure, culture, product or services, diversity (race, age, gender, and backgrounds) or simply doing thing differently.”*

[cbe.org.za/transformation/](http://cbe.org.za/transformation/)

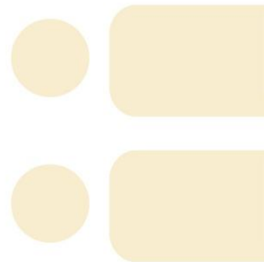


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**SACPLAN** – *“The concept of transformation derives from the Greek work “metanoia” which literally means “beyond the mind.””*

SACPLAN Transformation Strategy





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**SACPLAN** – *“It’s an idea of stretching or pushing beyond the boundaries with which we normally think and feel. It means a profound change in mind, a radical revision, a transformation of our whole mental process, a paradigm shift.”*

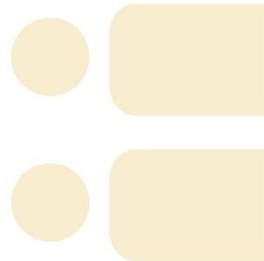
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# SACPLAN's approach



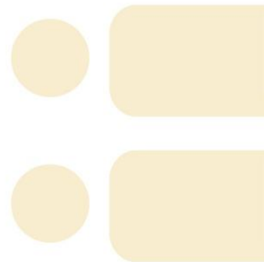


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**SACPLAN** adopted the motto  
“Reinventing planning, changing lives”

**SACPLAN** wanted to ensure that the  
urban and regional planning curriculum  
responds to the requirement to transform  
the profession.





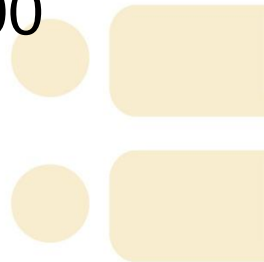
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**Urban Transformation** is  
multi-dimensional.

Epistemological, Conceptual, Moral,  
Empirical, Institutional, Managerial,  
Programmatic.

Williams, 2000





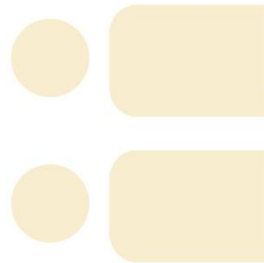


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## Epistemological Dimension

Origin and nature of sets of knowledge about social change, which in turn, reflects our thinking and cognition about the world – new theories, methods, and practice have emerge as valid ways of knowing and questioning



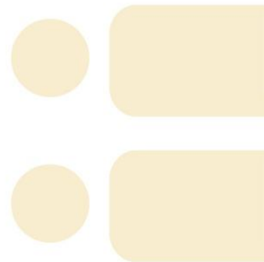


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## Conceptual Dimension

New visions of society and of the urban setting – new vision incorporates an inclusive, unprejudiced, ‘democratic’ society



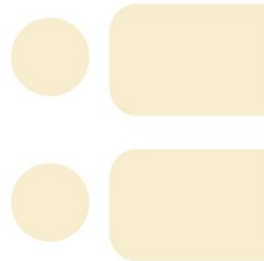


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## Historical, Moral Dimension

The adoption of new visions of urban change, such as integration, compaction and densification, are geared towards eradication of spatial ills



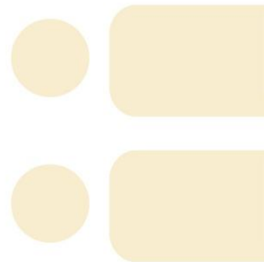


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## Institutional Dimension

Change in institutional practices –  
Municipalities have adopted policies that  
targets rural areas, youth, disabled, etc.



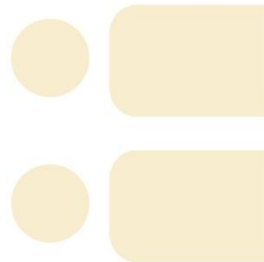


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## Managerial Dimension

Statutory documents that have put specific managerial requirements for guiding implementation and planning, e.g. Municipal Systems Act, Municipal Structures Act, PFMA.

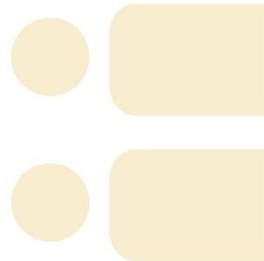




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# Conceptual Framework of Transformation



# Conceptual Framework of Transformation

- Seeks to make an appeal to the person the individual planner.
- Argues for an intrinsic process that redefines transformation from perspective of changing attitudes.
- Seeks to promote expression of new values, principles and premises of thought.
- Emphasises the transformation of the mind, space, practice and society at large.



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## Conceptual Framework of Transformation (Cont.)

### **Mind** include:

Attitude, beliefs, perceptions, ideas, imagination and consciousness

### **Space** can be:

An open thing, container, abstraction, metaphor, or social construct

### **Practice** are:

Approaches, behaviours, habits, gestures / signs, absence / presence, action or no action

### **Society:**

Can be defined by traditions, beliefs, or values, sectors, scale, interest, etc.





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## Conceptual Framework of Transformation (Cont.)

**Mind:** what we think,  
imagine, believe,  
choose, create

Thoughts determine  
orientation of  
everything we do,  
evoke the feelings,  
motivate our actions

**Space** can be:  
An open thing, container,  
abstraction, metaphor, or  
social construct



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## Conceptual Framework of Transformation (Cont.)

**Practice:** bring into human environment different approaches, behaviours, habits, gestures / signs, action or no action

See anew potential of parks, downtowns, waterfronts, streets

**Society:**

Can be defined by traditions, beliefs, or values, sectors, scale, interest, etc.



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## Conceptual Framework of Transformation (Cont.)

**Mind** include:  
Attitude, beliefs,  
perceptions, ideas,  
imagination and  
consciousness

**Space** can be  
physical space or  
social construct

Change symbolic and  
material aspect of  
space to embrace  
traditions, beliefs,  
customs, history,  
institutions



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## Conceptual Framework of Transformation (Cont.)

**Practice** are:  
Approaches, behaviours,  
habits, gestures / signs,  
absence / presence,  
action or no action

**Society:** change set  
of values and  
principles, behaviours,  
attitudes, policies and  
structures

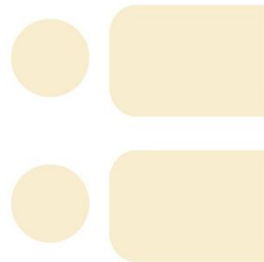
When society  
recognizes, respects,  
and values all cultures  
and integrate values



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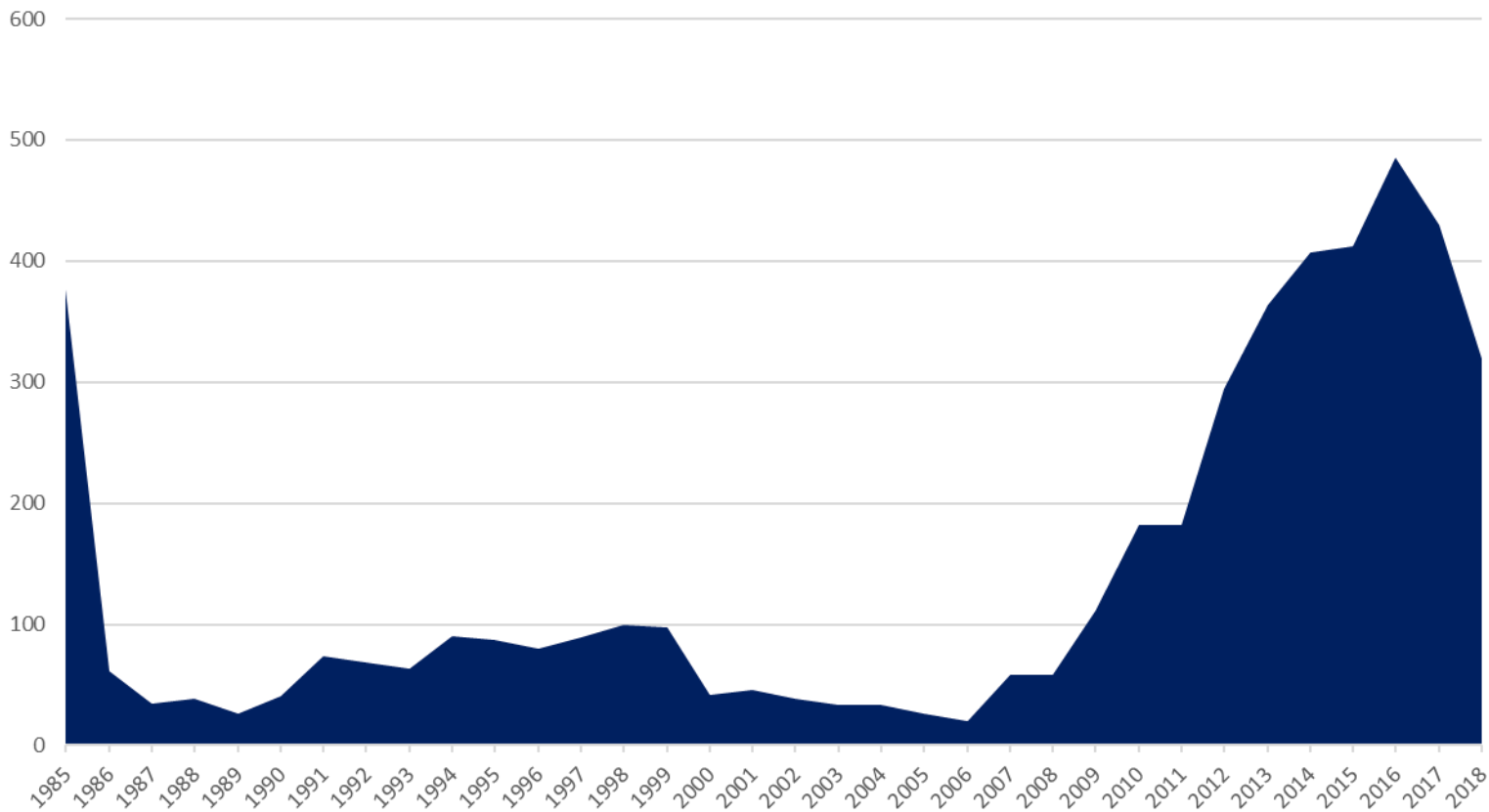


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# Registrations

## Registrations 1985- Sept 2018



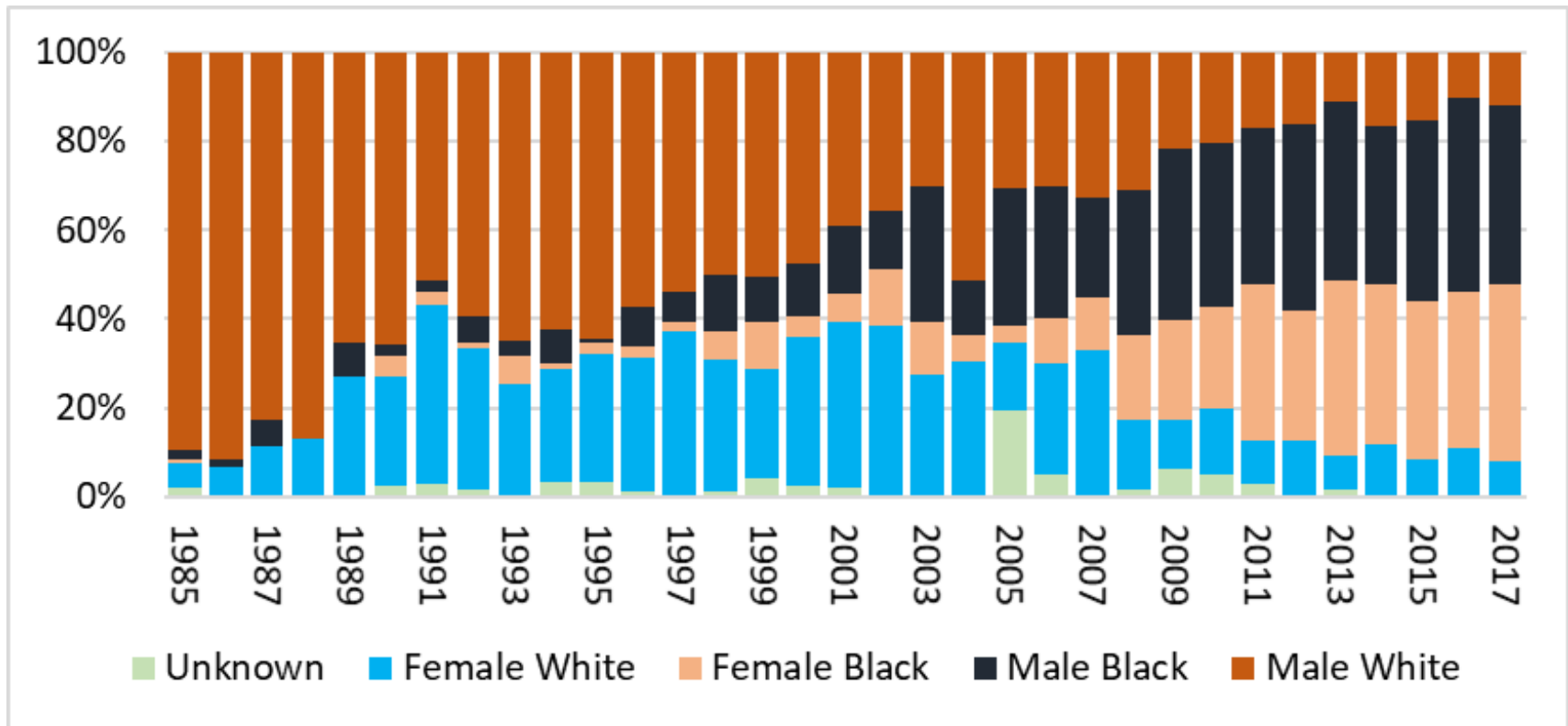
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# Registrations (Profile)





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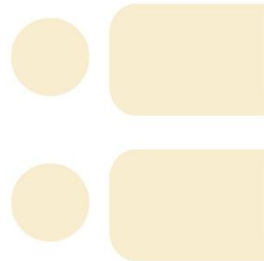
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in spatial planning through:

Transformation of the **MIND**

Transformation of **PRACTICE**

Transformation of **SPACE**

Transformation of **SOCIETY**





# Thank you

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