



# e-Planning, Urban Science & Digital Transition

## Knowledge Representation & Artificial Intelligence in Planning

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- **Introduction to Gödel and Tarski Theorems**
- **Towards an e-Planning Theory of Complexity**
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# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

## What is Artificial Intelligence

- What is Intelligence
- Turing Test, Eliza , Asimov Laws paradox
- Mycin expert system and accountability paradigm  
*1972 - Stanford*
- Minsky's robot & common sense knowledge paradigm
- Mental processes and Body exponentiation  
3 "schools" of AI: Stanford , Carnegie Mellon, MIT



# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

## What is Artificial Intelligence

3 "schools" of AI: Stanford , Carnegie Mellon, MIT

- Stanford: Predicate calculus, Logic, Deduction / Induction
- Carnegie Mellon: Expert Systems, Taxonomy, Lenat's common sense
- MIT: Psychology, Brain cognitive science, micro-worlds and Piaget



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## Gödel Theorem - Incompleteness

**Theorem 1.** Any recursively enumerable axiomatic theory, capable of expressing basic truths of arithmetic cannot be, at the same time, **complete** and **consistent**. In other words, in a consistent theory, there are always propositions that cannot be demonstrated to be either true or false.

**Theorem 2.** A recursively enumerable theory, capable of expressing basic truths of arithmetic and statements of ***proof theory***, can prove its own **consistency** if, and only if, it is **inconsistent**.

## Tarski Theorem - Undefinability

**Tarski's undefinability theorem**, stated and proved by **Alfred Tarski** in 1936, is an important limitative result in **mathematical logic**, the **foundations of mathematics**, and in formal **semantics**. Informally, the theorem states that *arithmetical truth cannot be defined in arithmetic*.

The theorem applies more generally to any sufficiently strong **formal system**, showing that truth in the standard model of the system cannot be defined within the system.



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Gödel Theorem - Incompleteness

Can human-made AI overtake human Intelligence?

If Gödel Theorem applies - No.

Tarski Theorem - Undefinability

Can Humans design & create a Super-Human Species?

If Tarski Theorem applies - No.





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Gödel Theorem - Incompleteness

Tarski Theorem - Undefinability

**Then, How do we know if these theorems apply?**

In other words, are we within the boundaries of validity?

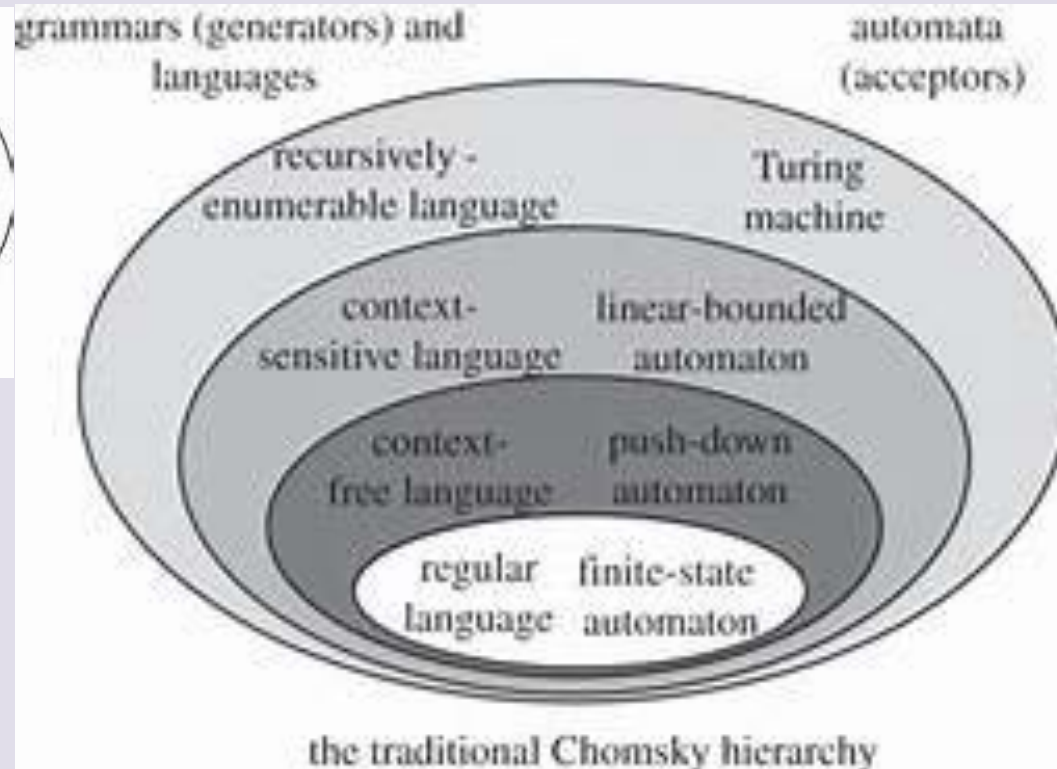
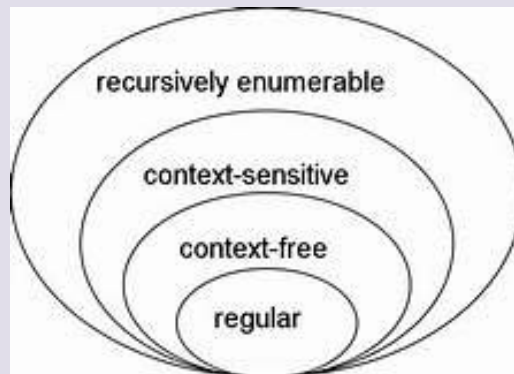
AI requires code; Code is a computer language;

Any Language is defined by an initial set of symbols and a set of "production rules" of its elements: a **Grammar**.



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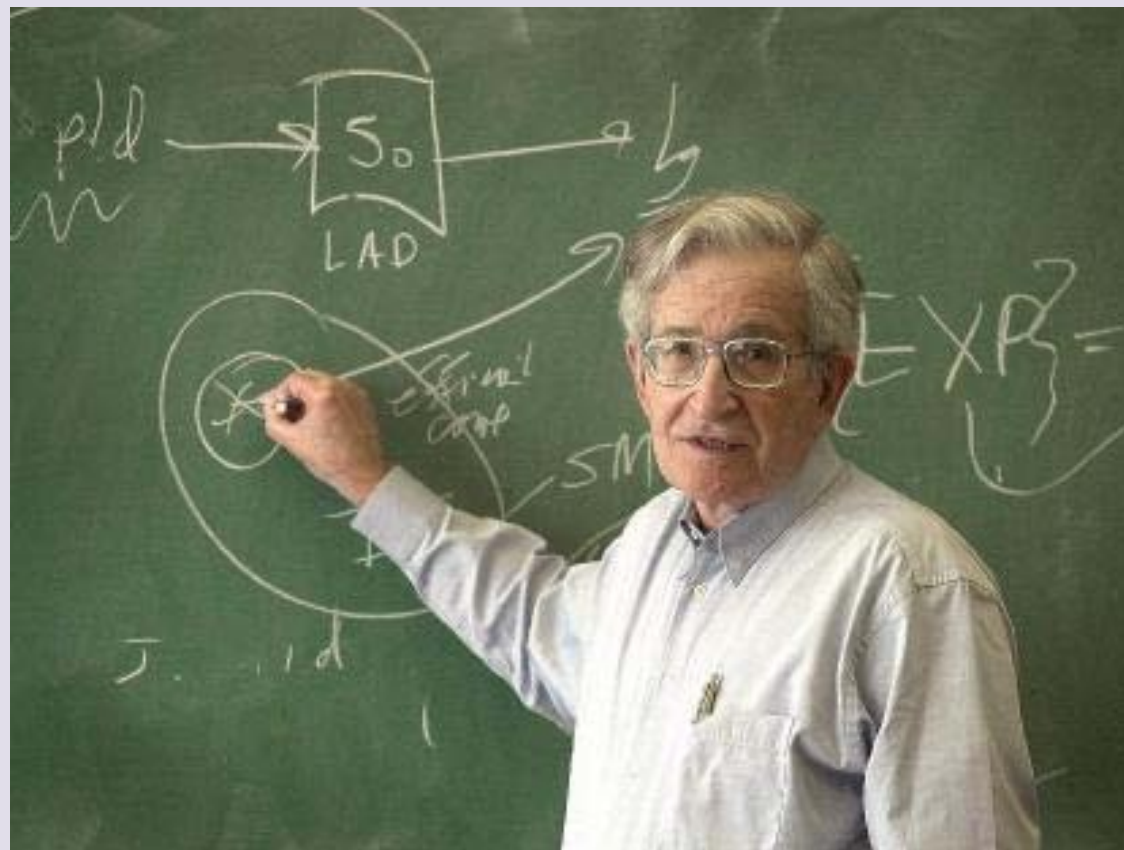
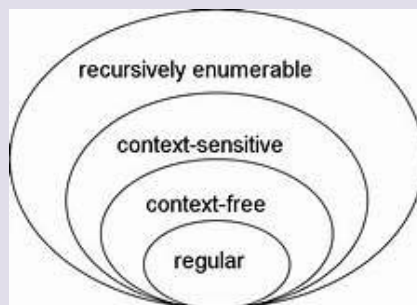
## Regular Grammars





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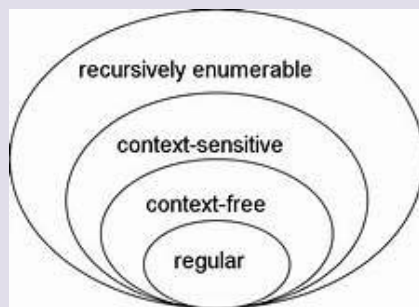
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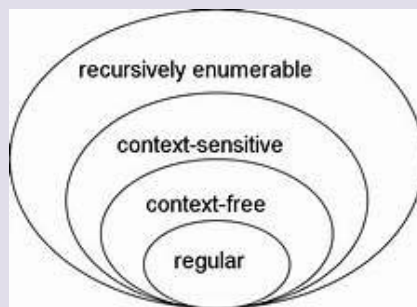
## Chomsky Hierarchy

Grammars	Languages	Automaton	Restrictions ( $w_1 \rightarrow w_2$ )
Type-0	Phrase-structure	Turing machine	$w_1$ = any string with at least 1 non-terminal $w_2$ = any string
Type-1	Context-sensitive	Bounded Turing machine	$w_1$ = any string with at least 1 non-terminal $w_2$ = any string at least as long as $w_1$
Type-2	Context-free	Non-deterministic pushdown automaton	$w_1$ = one non-terminal $w_2$ = any string
Type-3	Regular	Finite state automaton	$w_1$ = one non-terminal $w_2 = tA$ or $t$ ( $t$ = terminal $A$ = non-terminal)

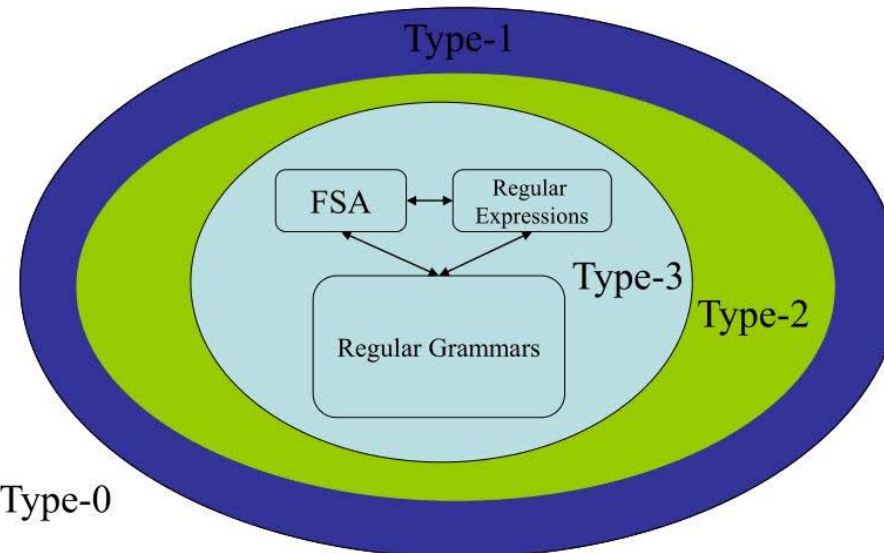


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## Regular Grammars



## Context-Free Grammars



DCG = Type-0



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## "Planning Complexity" & Chaos

Planning => Decision => from solution (space) to 1  
=> introduce Human & Nature Constraints  
=> More ordered environment => guiding the future  
=> Reduce uncertainty => restrict alternative spaces

<=> Decrease entropy

Ergo... Requires Increase of Information  
*In **society**, not just Planners, decision-makers*



# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

**"Computational Complexity" =**

The cost of a program's execution

(running time, memory, ...)

rather than

The cost of the program

(# of statements, development time)

[In this sense, less-complex programs require *more* development time.]





# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

## "Planning Complexity" =

- Cost of a Plan Execution

Implementation, management, monitoring, enforcement, evaluation, readjustments

***But also +***

- Cost of ***Decision*** on a Plan

User needs assessment, problem and solution space, prioritizing, impacts evaluation, risk assessment cost benefit analysis, opportunity costs, optimization, sustainable capacity assessment...

Rather than the cost of making a Plan...



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# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

- **How can AI help**

- Qualified & Quantified Search (problem & solution space)
- Knowledge Libraries (for Intelligent Multimedia Geo-referenced Systems)
- State Machines (graph theory)
- Intelligent Models and Simulations (with inference engines)
- Expert Systems and Predicate Calculus, Truth Maintenance Systems
- Managing Distributed Systems and Participatory Science-based Data
- Data Mining - "Big Data Problem"
- ...



# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

- **How can AI hurt**

- Displacing jobs - if development is directed that way vs complementing
- Losing transparency (knowledge & assumptions are encapsulated)
- Increasing the literacy gap (complexity is more demanding)
- Harder to debug (genetic "self-altering" algorithms and programming)
- Lost of Human heuristics (common-sense paradigm problem)
- False security & reliability ("shit in shit out" is time sensitive and amplified by inference jumps)
- Amplification, Replication and Exponentiation of mistakes and bad decisions
- ...



# Artificial Intelligence in Planning

- **How can we regulate A.I.**

- PROBLEM 1.

The main challenge of AI to Regulation and Compliance Enforcement, is its design to *learn* and *change its own code* - in other words, its OPACITY to non-experts, without AI Knowledge and AI Tools

- PROBLEM 2.

The power and potential of last generation AI Tools, is not based solely on its own sophistication levels; it is compounded, in a major and critical way, by the MASSIVE SCALE of DATA it has at its disposal.

- SOLUTION SPACE:

Any AI Regulation requires Societal real control of both Technology Development AND Data.  
In other words: PROPERTY RIGHTS - on Technology and on Data - is the KEY issue.



## ICT Qualitative Leap:

### *The Frog Qualitative Jump Paradigm*

*Without e-Planning*

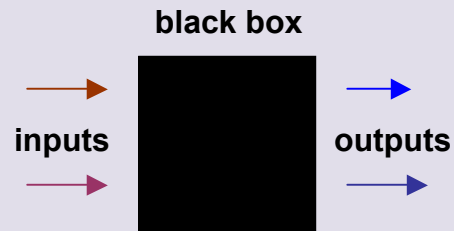


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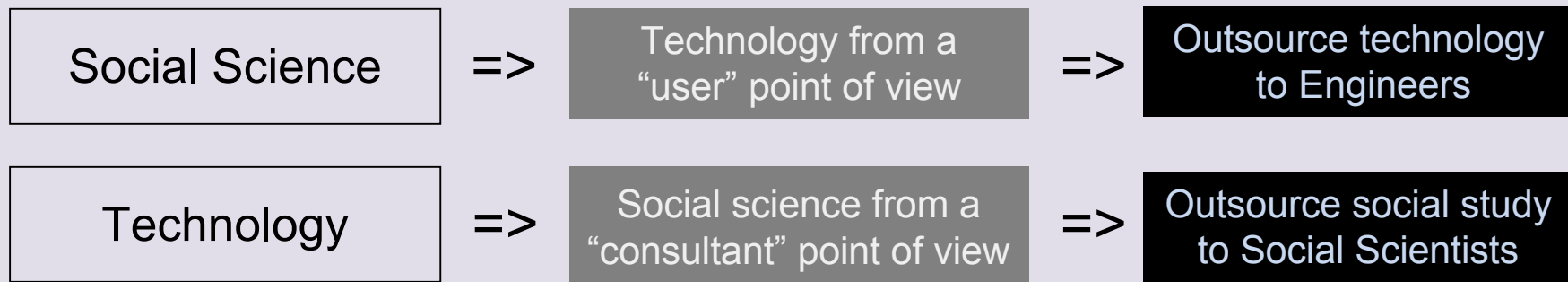


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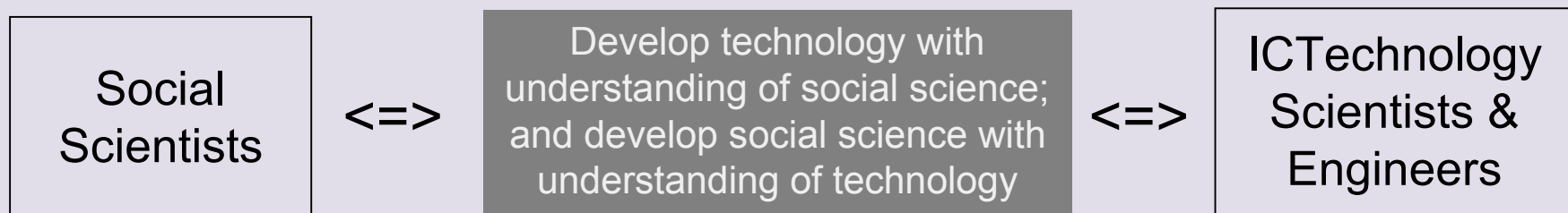


**e-Planning** embodies a new paradigm of Technology with Social Sciences

*Going past the traditional “blackbox” disciplinary approach...*



*... the new e-Planning synoptical transdisciplinary approach:*





# e-Planning agenda

## Joint PhD Program UA+UNL+[UL+UTL] (since 2008)

e-Planning scientific domains	Summary of key objectives
e-Planning knowledge infrastructure (e- infrastructure)	<i>Mapping of the knowledge society. Mapping of the planning knowledge. Develop the new ICT infrastructures and strategic frameworks</i>
e-Planning for the government of the future (e-government)	<i>More efficient and responsive government, closer to citizens; better enabling role; better services; better adjustment to the challenge and new potential of digital implementation of administrative procedures, beyond raw automation; two-way G2G, G2C, G2B.</i>
e-Planning for a new governance (e-governance)	<i>Foster institutional culture towards the common good, more equity and less exclusion; build strategic institutional capacity within globalized world; better institutions; better regulation framework and handling of market failures, aware of the new ICT context; better balance of security &amp; efficiency vs. freedoms, liberty and accountability.</i>
e-Planning for the city of the future (e-city) and territory	<i>Build the cities of the future, as sustainable environments with new functionality that breed innovation; foster cities with better quality of life, more attractive and competitive; better spatial planning, promoting social and territorial cohesion, incorporating new structural impacts of ICTs.</i>
e-Planning for a new citizenship (e-citizenship)	<i>Enable a better informed and educated citizen, more participative, more critical, more responsible; better balance of technology challenges with ethics &amp; individual freedoms &amp; privacy.</i>

### e-Planning Consortium (informal – since 2006)







# Participatory Science

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Citizenship & ICT

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- ICT & participatory science
- ICT & participatory democracy
- ICT, inclusion & cooperation
- ICT, policy & strategy

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@ CAPP/TSG



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2007-2012

**ISCSP-UTL**

[www.labtec-cs.net](http://www.labtec-cs.net)



- ICT & Inclusion, Literacy, Cooperation

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2013-2014

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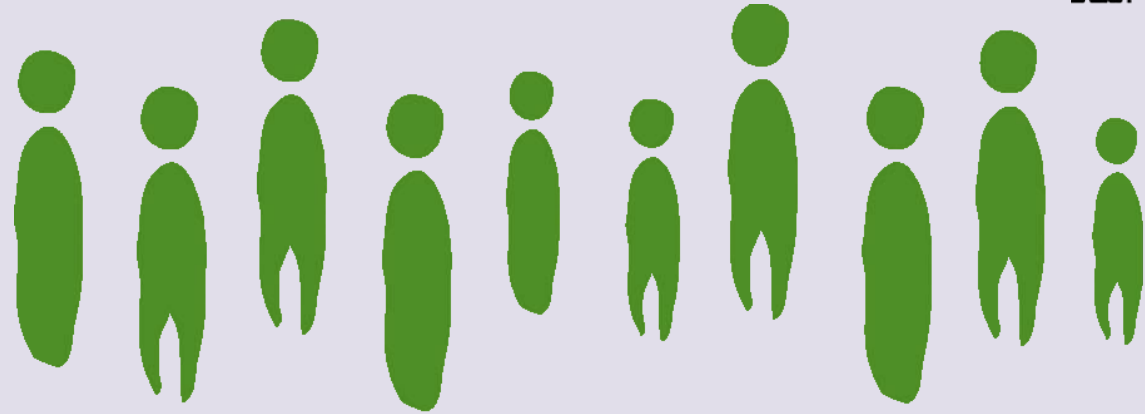
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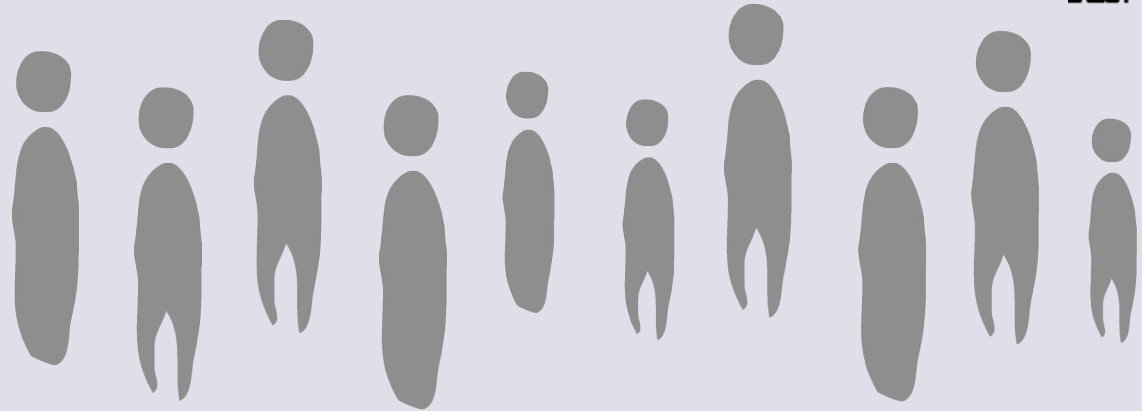
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2019-2023

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# Laboratories of Technology and Society

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CITIDEP +

Urban Science? <http://web.mit.edu/uis/e-planning2023/>

MIT Proposal ?



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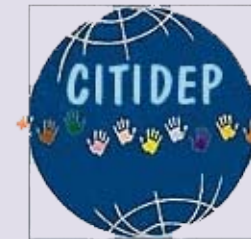


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