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Emerging challenges such as climate change impacts, mitigation, adaptation and resilience building efforts in the urban areas, continuing urban poverty and transfer of rural poverty to the urban areas, and backlog of SDGs require planning interventions to provide safe and liveable urban environments. At the same time, past experiences suggest that urban planning in the Indian context, and much of in global south have been excluding and displacing. What then is urban planning and what should it do in the Indian context? This talk would unpack some of these issues taking somewhat from the history of urban planning as an activity and profession post second world war and its practice in the global south and moving to frame ideas

about the profession in the Indian context. This talk refers to only urban planning and not national level planning or non-planning efforts.

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