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Rethinking Building Appraisal: Beyond the Performance Gap

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Abstract

Current debates about building performance are routinely dominated by the so-called 'performance gap'. The contention is that occupied buildings do not perform as anticipated at design stage. The underlying assumption is that design choice will dictate the behaviour of building occupants. Despite increasing awareness of thermal comfort and wellbeing, there remains little interest in the mutual shaping of buildings and organisations over time. Post-occupancy evaluation (POE) tends to assess building performance against predetermined technical performance criteria. It hence risks the ossification of standards in a context of perennially shifting and ambiguous ends. Research is described which to seek to re-imagine building appraisal for the modern era, with fundamental implications for the built environment research agenda.

About the Speaker

Stuart Green, BSc MSc PhD CEng MICE FCIQB FRICS, is professor of construction management in the School of the Built Environment at the University of Reading, UK. He has been an active researcher for over 30 years and has fulfilled a number of key leadership roles within academia and the construction-related policy domain. Examples within the University include: School Director of Research (2008-2010), Director of the Innovative Construction Research Centre (2001-2011) and most recently Head of School (2010-2017). Prof. Green further served as a Commissioner on the Commission for a Sustain London 2012 which provided strategic assurance to the delivery agencies involved in the London 2012 Olympic Games. Over the course of his career Prof Green has secured in excess of £7.5 million (GBP) in competitive research funding, primarily from the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC).



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