# The Use of Knowledge in the Policy Process for the Renewal of Via Anelli

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**The paper aims at providing the basis for the discussion on the scenario created by a planning exercise which felt like foster social and spatial justice in a context of social diversity, dealing with the analysis of the case study of Via Anelli,  within the urban area of Padova, Italy. The research work wants to evoke planning paradigms used to construct the policy process for the renewal of Via Anelli quarter and wants to debate the necessity of revising frameworks and paradigms producing planning exercise in contest of social diversity. To this extent, the research work aims to analyze the process of construction and reproduction of marginalized communities within the metropolitan area of Padua, giving relevance to the organizational processes of local communities, individual and collective actions affecting movements within the urban area and the role of social and cultural elements in social changes. In this way, the work gives significance to the spatial dimension of social, economic and environmental process, enquiring planning exercise as a scientific discipline (functionalist framework), then giving relevance to social and historical process within the policy process. Thereby, the paper will debate about the use of knowledge (C. E. Lindblom, 1979), debating the use of ex ante knowledge (knowledge of experts) compared to the use of "in action" knowledge (ibidem, 1979) within policy process in context of social diversity; the analysis, in this way, deals with political participation and social inclusion. In this sense, the paper could go into the role of role of planning research working for sustainable and socially sensitive future, exploring new possibility of use of knowledge.**

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