

Fragmentation Processes in National Planning

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ABSTRACT

The 1965 Planning and Building Law established a hierarchical system of committees and plans. However, this system has been fragmented in the past twenty-five years. During this period a number of bypass committees have been established with powers similar that of the National Planning and Building Board, each of which can approve detailed plans that contradict national and district plans. Additionally, there are committees that can veto plans approved by district and national committees. More special committees have been established at the expense of district committees, and national plans have been approved that advance development at the intra-city level, a level that previously was the exclusive purview of local plans. This paper argues that the fragmentation processes reflect and are the outcome of shifts in the power relations between advocacy coalitions and in the dominant policy discourse. The paper follows thus the fragmentation processes as a reflection of these shifts.

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