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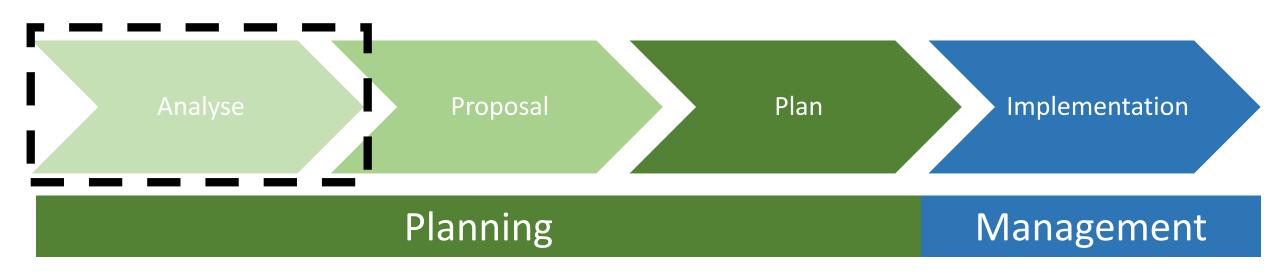
• Walking around and feel the space! A visit to Mouraria, Lisbon





To plan we follow technics and procedures

### The planning process







#### **ANALYSE**

Understanding the territory



**Collect** 

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### **ANALYSE** Understanding the territory

#### The "traditional" way is supported on:

- Data collections (census, geographic data, studies,...)
- Observation methods (surveys [land, space, people...], interviews...)

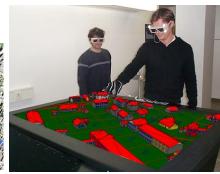
But... the technology is a(n important) part of it... We use a lot of technology...















### **ANALYSE** Understanding the territory

"With the enormous improvement in the techniques of mathematical manipulations of electronic computers applied to the problem of projecting past trends, we are in danger of surrendering to a mathematically extrapolated future which at best can be nothing more than an extension of what existed before." (Bacon, Design of cities – 1967; p.13)

So, as we need the new technologies (and techniques) to improve the space we need to be cautious!





1st we need to understand why we do urban planning/design?

Is to Give population (communities) conditions to achieve a qualified life... ?!?! complex

Fitting space to human needs and desires, giving conditions to the development of their needed activities; Take advantage of natural resources (responsible way) respecting past, living present and ensuring future;

To do this we need work for and with communities, taking advantage of knowledge and desires.

#### Never forget:

urban planning/design is not make the city, is just give the tools to communities to achieve their objectives using territory.









To achieve satisfactory results urban planner/designer (urbanist) must:

Understand for who, for what we plan... and the existent resources (material & immaterial)

"feel" the space, understanding the complex relations on it.

Its life; (people, natural issues, relations)

Desires/whishes and needs;

Knows (everything important about) territory (social/natural | material/immaterial)



Receiving and transmitting the information to communities







# Walk to plan

"Analysis of the site begins with a personal reconnaissance, which permits a grasp of the essential character of the place and allows the planner to become familial with its features."

(Lynch & Hack – 1984 – p.5)









Walk to plan State of art		Perspectives	Main issues
XIX Century		Archicteture as "spatial art"	Movement
Auguste Schmarsow, (art historian)		The direction of movement (by observers point)	Physical & imagined
XX Centur 1950's	Y Le Corbusier	Promenade architecturelle  The scale and axis measure  contributes to spatial activity  Spatial experience and results on  map (mapping)	Axis and its breaks defines the path  Visibility and Accessibility by axis  graduation (scale)
1960's	Gordon Cullen	Serial vision existent vision vs emergent vision	The observer and his movement
1970's	Kevin Lynch	Legibility of urban space by structural elements that people uses as marks	The pathway vision by 5 elements Path, node, landmark, node, district
	Herman Hertzberger	Mapping Axial gradation (cf. Corbusier) Accessibility	From axial gradation marks the accessibility of a space. Relation between the users perception and the use of space





Walk to plan State of art		Perspectives	Main issues
XX Century 1980's Michel De Certau		Walking on the city allows tactile perception Walking as "thinking art" Understanding & Making urban space	Observing as a toll to understand and do urban space  Walk as appropriation tool
	Hillier B. e Hanson J	Axial gradation (development) (cf. Corbusier & Hertzberger)	Transpose the "feeling" of user (walker) on map in a gradation way  The map shows the feeling and marks of the space based on users opinion
XXI Centu 2000's	Iry Francesco Careri	Walking as a cognitive act that could transform physical and simbolic understanding of space	Understanding the aesthetic part of the urban fabric and the problems by experiencing the space





# Walking before planning. Why?

"Chinese garden designers sat quietly for days in the location of a proposed garden, meditating on its character, before they began to consider its possibilities."

(Lynch & Hack - 1984 - p.62)

"Experience allows us to set realistic purposes before a particular site has been fully analysed and to judge a site before detailed purposes are known."

(Lynch & Hack – 1984 – p.29)











### ICT's and walk to plan?



Technology is **developing quickly** and in **many directions** it is becoming an inevitable **part of contemporary life**.



Locative media and the penetration of digital technology into the real urban space is increasingly.

The increasing use of ICT in social life, influences significantly the practices and changing the relationship between people and spaces, and their needs and interests.

But, also **influencing** the **ways of doing research** and "**making**" city.





An essential **research methodology**, because it enables production of **detailed information** from **small-scale** studies.

#### Gain more **detailed knowledge** of:

- Behavioural scenarios, and
- ► The relationship between users, space/spatialities, time/temporalities and artefacts.







A view from near and from inside



About what?





A view from near and from inside



About what?











Considering (just as guidance) there are four main issues to be addressed

**USERS** 

**TIMES AND** 

**TEMPORALITIES** 

**WHO** 

WHEN

SPACES AND SPATIALITY'S

WHAT & WHERE

**ARTEFACTS** 

WITH WHAT









Socio-demographic profile Socio-cultural attributes

Moments, Frequencies, Backgrounds, Memories, Historical time

Use & appropriation, physical environment, composition of space, functions, accessibility, perceptions...

What artefacts and objects are being used, How and by whom in different times and temporalities.

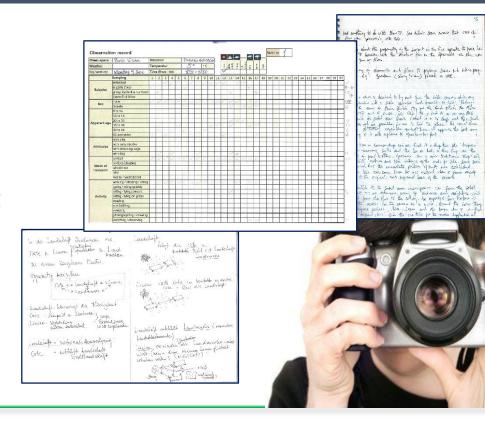




Generally, in ethnographic research the methods and procedures used are secondary data analysis, fieldwork, descriptive observations, informal and semi-structured interviews

#### Beyond these could be also interesting:

- Keeping field diary with notes about impressions, identifying the areas and/or spaces of observation; the periods of observation and users and practices observed.
- Photos and/or videos taken in different periods of observation; featuring types of users, practices and places.
- Drawings, diagrams and sketches of the local and practices observed, location of observed users; behaviour maps.







# ICT's and walk to plan? The tools ...



#### For planners

Path recording with possibility to save images, sounds, videos, interviews



EthnoAlly (only for iOS)

#### For users

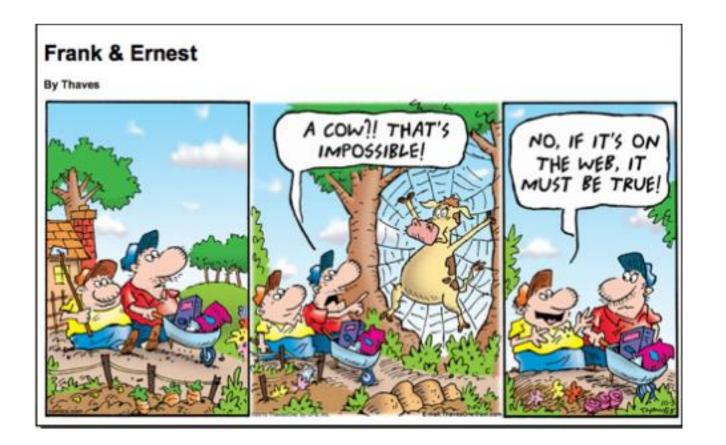
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WAY CyberParks (iOS and Android)

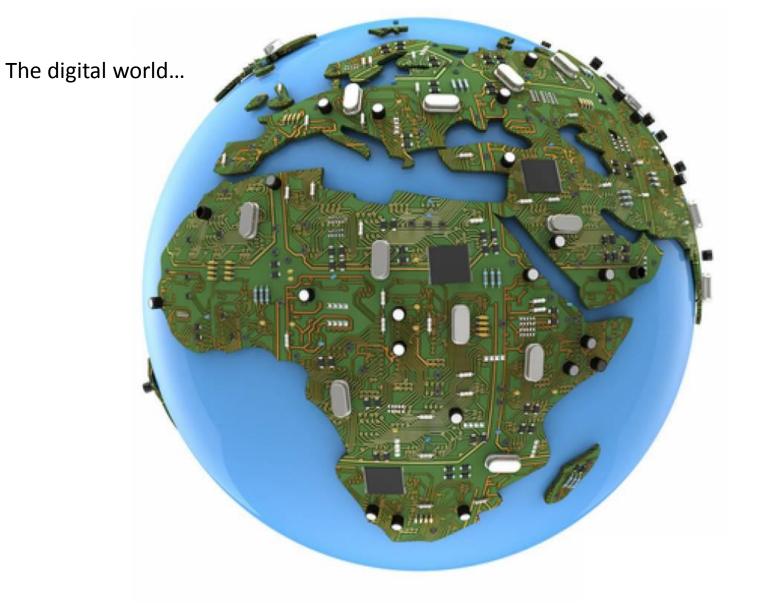












Digital is a tool. Never dispense reality







and remember... always share information and intentions...







#### Let's walk ☺

