

# Participatory Governance and Social Equity in Urban Planning

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**Abstract.** This study investigates the role of participatory governance in promoting social equity within urban planning. By analyzing various participatory models, the research assesses the extent to which citizen involvement influences equitable outcomes in urban development. The study highlights key factors that contribute to successful participatory governance, including stakeholder engagement, transparency, and inclusivity. Case studies from diverse urban environments demonstrate the potential of participatory approaches to bridge social divides and empower marginalized communities. The findings emphasize the need for deliberate and inclusive strategies to ensure that urban planning processes promote equitable and sustainable urban growth.

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**Introduction:** Urban planning is at the forefront of shaping inclusive and sustainable cities. In this context, participatory governance emerges as a critical mechanism for bridging gaps between citizens and decision-makers. Engaging communities in the planning process not only promotes transparency and accountability but also fosters social equity by ensuring that diverse voices are heard. This article explores the intersection of participatory governance and social equity in urban planning. Through comparative analyses of different urban areas, it seeks to identify best practices that enhance engagement and inclusivity. By understanding these dynamics, urban planners and policymakers can more effectively address the challenges of modern urbanization.

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