Since its foundation in 1968, the School of Spatial Planning has pursued an interdisciplinary approach including all spatial levels. Our research addresses some of the key challenges that our society poses to spatial planning as an academic discipline. Our research projects offer a high degree of practical relevance in the design of spaces, and often include working on concrete interventions in cities and regions on a case-by-case basis. Existing planning procedures are reviewed, and new approaches are tested, for example, in urban renewal, with respect to new challenges in the light of energy and mobility change, and in regional development. Also, planning interventions, instruments and procedures are subject of our research activities. We are further also committed to methodological research like the advancement of spatially oriented analysis, evaluation and forecasting methods, including the transfer of these findings into technical solutions.

The research agenda of the school is oriented along four thematic fields:

- Transformation and design of polycentric city regions
- Land use planning and urban development in the global south
- Climate change, energy transition and spatial planning
- Mobility, migration and socio-demographic change

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Studies

The school offers an eight-semester undergraduate programme in Spatial Planning (B.Sc.) and a consecutive two-semester postgraduate programme (M.Sc.). In addition to these programmes taught in German, we offer two English-language specialisations of our Master’s programme aimed particularly at international students: “Urban Transformation” and “Planning in the Global South”. A further renowned and widely recognised English-language degree is our separate programme “Spatial Planning for Regions in Growing Economies” (SPRING). The latter programme is offered in cooperation with academic and exchange partners in Brazil, Chile, Ghana, the Philippines and Tanzania.

Our alumni have excellent prospects in all areas of public, charitable and private organisations. Their main professional fields are in the design, management and control of spatial development processes.

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