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# **Mobilities of Planning Theory and Research**

**A discussion of how we research globally but theorise more narrowly**

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**Speaker:**



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**Abstract:**

We collectively do research in a wide variety of geographical settings but we typically draw on theoretical frameworks from a much narrower set of locations, often Euro-American. Does this matter? How do we respond to this issue? In this seminar, Prof. Yvonne Rydin will discuss this issue based on her research and experience. This discussion will be extended to research in China and more broadly Global South. How do we use and develop theories coined in the Global North? How do we generalise theories from discoveries in China and contribute to the wide literature? The seminar will be helpful for PhD and master students to write up a literature review and design their research.

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