Technical Session 1: <u>Spatial Planning</u> Experiences for Strengthening <u>National Land/Urban Systems</u> in Different Governance Structures

Why is the topic critical? What am I hoping to learn?

To achieve successful development, different parts should be organized into integrated systems till an integrated system. This common sense proposition connotates extraordinary theoretical challenges:

- 1. Contradictions among parts...
- 2. To change contradictory situation = to change properties of parts. Can we change properties of thing (parts, totalities)? If yes, then what is OBJECTIVE nature of thing & objective foundation of our knowledge...
- 3. Even some parts properties changed and harmony achieved, new contradictions emerge. Is contradiction eternal? Then what are we seeking for...
- 4. After all... against "harmony totality", to seek/adjust parts→Totality>(prior to)Parts. But why in reality, Totality>Parts consciousness hardly built and priority always goes to parts?
 - Current epistemology: Totality=ΣParts...
 - Following parts→totality, how can recognize often **INFINITE parts of totality** (inc. different governance structures)? Impossible to have true knowledge of totality, how to have true knowledge of "harmony totality"? Let alone, to assure unique answer of "harmony totality" (e.g. our current understanding of ideal urban system) ...

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contradictions vs. Integrated

static/mechanical/objective vs. changing/dynamic

totality=Σparts vs. totality>parts

finite vs. Infinite totality

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Strengthening national land/urban systems is not simply difficult in practice. It is primarily an extraordinarily difficult proposition in theory. The frustration of this proposition met in reality is reflection of its theoretical immaturity.