

Adopting The Property Transactions Register to Improve Transparency and Accountability in Uganda's Land and Property Market:Lessons from Sweden

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SUMMARY

Rethinking and Humanizing surveying: An Interdisciplinary approach from technical expertise to social-technical Responsibility for Sustainable Development and Social Justice. □ □ The surveying profession is primarily perceived as a technical field yet with the modern world, it must adapt to complex challenges that require interdisciplinary approaches. This paper advocates for a paradigm shift from predominantly technical focus to a more holistic profession that includes social interaction, communication skills, economics and the political economy, legal knowledge, environmental management and being able to resolve disputes using a socially embedded approach. The growing global demand for land management in emerging and expanding markets necessitates that surveyors not only demonstrate technical expertise but also engage with communities in a manner that fosters trust and collaborative solutions. The paper argues that an interdisciplinary approach to surveying profession that incorporates theories and principles of sociology, environmental science and economics must be included within the education curricula to equip future professionals with the tools necessary to address social, economic, and environmental concerns. Climate resilience requires such professionals to engage the people while executing their jobs and for every parcel surveyed, there could be a tree planted or an environment friendly technique applied. Drawing from Karl Polanyi's theory of social embeddedness, the paper explores how the surveying profession can be framed as a socially interactive and sensitive to humanity and her environment. Further, the paper integrates Dipesh Chakrabarty's theory of the Anthropocene that proposes that surveyors as professionals must navigate the intersection of human and environmental systems in their work thus encouraging surveyors to consider the environmental impact during practice, incorporating sustainable measures such as tree planting for every parcel surveyed or other eco-friendly techniques in their daily work. The paper concludes by proposing that future curricula in surveying must be re-calibrated to foster a more socially engaged environmentally conscious and economically viable profession that can address the pressing global

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challenges of climate change, urbanization, land conflicts and social justice. This approach is applicable to surveying, valuation, engineering, quantity surveyors in their execution of their professional duty especially in creating affordable housing and real estate, better land management both in rural and with the ongoing urban renewal, creation of smart cities, providing solutions to the daily conflicts that occur in land management. Rethinking and humanizing surveying beyond the technical is vital to a prosperous and holistic profession□□□

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