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Expert in urban planning, information technology, economic geography, public policy and nonprofit organizations

Biography

Mark Wilson is a professor and program director of Urban & Regional Planning in SPDC, with undergraduate and Master's degrees from the University of Melbourne (Australia), and an AM and PhD in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania. His research and teaching interests address urban planning, information technology, economic geography, public policy and nonprofit organizations. Specific research interests focus on three themes: 1) The planning, land use and economic issues associated with mega events, such as the Olympics and World's Fairs; 2) The social, economic and political implications of technological change, including the Internet and autonomous vehicles, with emphasis on planning strategies and urban implications. This research interest is characterized by the recent publication of the book, *Global Information Society* (Rowman & Littlefield 2013), with Aharon Kellerman and Kenneth E Corey; and 3) The use of social media and big data as a research tool for understanding public attitudes towards cities, events and technological change.

Industry Expertise

Public Policy, Education/Learning, Events Services, Research, Writing and Editing, Information Technology and Services

Areas of Expertise

Nonprofit Organizations, Cyber Geography, Mega Event Planning, Information Society

Education

University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. Regional Science

University of Pennsylvania

M.A. Regional Science

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

M.A. Economics

University of Melbourne

M.Commerce Regional/Urban Economics

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