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- A. Throughout my academic career I have attempted to build bridges between psychology and the environmental and spatial sciences. I combined my Degree in Social Psychology with a Master's in environmental sciences at the University of Groningen, after being inspired by my mentor's module on 'environment and behaviour'. I received a PhD in environmental studies from the University of East Anglia (UEA), where I applied social science methods to better understand environmental risk perception. I currently have a joint appointment at the Welsh School of Architecture and the School of Psychology, where I teach human-environment interactions to both psychology and architecture students. In my undergraduate Environmental Psychology module I include both conservation psychology (e.g. climate psychology) and ecological psychology (e.g. architectural psychology) to cover all aspects of human-environment interaction research.
- B. I believe that IAPS plays a central role in creating a community that is welcoming to all disciplines and scholars doing research on human-environment interactions. This includes environmental psychology, as well as architecture, urban planning, and environmental design. Furthermore, I believe that IAPS should act like a platform for Open Science to make good-quality research accessible to all, and to internationalise research for and from both the Global South and the Global North. And last but not least, I believe that IAPS needs to use the community's experience to advocate for a better world and living environment, ranging from the local (liveable healthy communities) to the global (climate change). I am motivated to contribute to innovation and new directions for the organisation. I particularly want to help ensure that IAPS remains inclusive and relevant to all its existing and (potential) new members; as well as communities and policy makers that may benefit from human-environment research.
- C. Trailblazing: innovation/new directions
Managing IAPS's knowledge and communities and events
Visibility of IAPS, its expertise and products