In the context of sudden crises (such as natural disasters) and challenges with longer horizons (including but not limited to digitalisation or regeneration), a wide range of infrastructure and spaces are made available to serve the needs of local public administrations and citizens. Increasingly, the value for agility is becoming vital for the flexible and adaptive qualities of how communities respond to these challenges. But what does the integration of agility mean for infrastructure and space? What are the drivers, enablers, or capabilities that it implies? How does it look on the ground or in practice? How could it look as a part of development or response processes?

This research field module will introduce students to the concept of agility and encourage students to explore how it is changing space or represented in space. Students will develop their own research questions and conceptual frameworks by drawing on literature. As well, students will become familiar with basic research work and methods that allow them to better understand its relevance for the built and lived environment.