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# Metropolises under neoliberal/ultraliberal governance: forms, impacts and resistances

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Neoliberalism (or, more precisely, ultraliberalism, given the radicalism of this line's diagnoses and propositions in favor of the market) is, simultaneously, a system of ideas that spreads out ideologically by distinct means, and a prescription of policies with impacts on countless areas of social life and of the State.

As for the State's apparatuses, like public administration and public policies, its effects can be felt in various dimensions: in the fiscal budget, which allocates half of its amount for the payment of Brazil's internal debt; in the regressive tax system; in the financialization (rentism) of economy through a large number of instruments that create plutocratic bubbles; in the privatization of state companies; and, above all, in the public administration instruments and public policies, such as Social Organizations (SO) and Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), among many other legal forms, instruments and business players in the public sector that inoculate presuppositions, principles, logics and tools from business administration into the public arena, making governments become businesses (Dardot and Laval, 2016).

In social life, such neoliberal/ultraliberal ideas are responsible for the precarization of work ("uberization"), compulsive consumption, and for the financialization of daily practices that favor financial interests.

In metropolises and macro-metropolises, the scenario is even more complex, as different flows abound and need to be coordinated. With the predominance of the neoliberal logic, difficulties connected with the political and institutional system (multiparty system, low density of cooperation channels, interruption of policies, insufficient funding, among many others) increase as the importance of the public arenas decrease, being gradually replaced by private actors and logics.

Private interests disguised as public interests (privatization of urban spaces and facilities, urban operations, private developments that change land occupation, distinct forms of urban/financial speculation, among many others) plutocratize the urban space.

Although the public apparatuses resist to some extent, they have been capitulating to the neoliberal avalanche.

This call for papers of *Cadernos Metrópole* opens space to works that analyze the modalities, forms, characteristics, contours and dimensions of the transformations underwent by the State from the 1980s to the current days: neoliberal agenda in the context of the effects of the fourth industrial revolution.

In the Brazilian case, the destruction of the national development, of urban planning, of the forms of popular sovereignty and of public governance instruments, aggravated by the break in the constitutional order caused by the 2016 impeachment coup, taken to the ultimate consequences when Jair Bolsonaro's far-right followers seized power in 2018, vigorously affects the metropolises.

Thus, articles providing an in-depth analysis – in a perspective that is both theoretical and empirical – of the consequences related to the dismantling of public governance and of the State in contemporary times, notably in metropolises, are welcome, as well as works providing solutions, perspectives and resistances. Also welcome are ongoing studies on the political formula that currently nurtures the neoliberal project, in which, in an unprecedented way, the right and far right lead the dismantling of the State supported by segments of the elites backed by certain popular sectors located in the territories. In the case of Brazil, a theme of interest is the varied inscription of Bolsonaro's ideas and political practices in metropolitan environments, as well as the mapping of new actors in the sustention of this formula (militia, evangelicals, etc.). Finally, studies on the perspective of reiteration or alteration of this formula in the 2022 Brazilian elections are also of interest.

Therefore, the intention is to build a broad panel of the dismantling mechanisms and of possible forms to revert and/or create new models of democratic governance.

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