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# New Urban Agendas: international connections and nets of power

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The current urban agendas are marked by the intensification of the relationships between agents situated in different contexts and territories, who establish international, national, and local connections. Pervaded by open conflicts, tense cooperation, circumstantial alliances or fragile consensuses, multiscale nets of power are produced by transnational agents, international agencies and banks, and by national States imbued with a corporate logic. In the cities, such relationships enable and stimulate all kinds of direct investments and the transfer of intervention and management models, boosting public-private partnerships and promoting financialization processes whose most severe consequence is the segregation of the lower classes in peripheral territories.

Central to this debate are the forms of planning and building cities that emerged in the 1990s, when different governments adopted an agenda of interventions that aimed to include the localities in the competition of the "international cities" to host large events and attract private and public investments. In a context of global consolidation of the neoliberal rationality, interdependence between local, national and international agents has been stimulated, as well as the circulation of volatile capital flows without control barriers, making economic factors become a priority variable in the modeling of political power according to the demands of transnational corporations and financial markets. The internationalized city then presented two almost asymmetric faces with regard to its powers of action: a territory crossed by transnational forces versus the formation of solidarity networks capable of strengthening the political struggles for democratic innovation, inclusion and access to the right to the city, through international forums and agencies.

Therefore, the contradictory and convergent forces between the international and the local that are present in everyday life, both in Brazil and in the world, stimulate reflections on the limits and challenges of national governments concerning regulation of economic agents. Seeking for new models to manage populations and territories, international agencies have been producing reports, recommendations and proposals that can guide global strategies towards themes they desire to be universal, such as sustainability, cultural diversity, distribution of resources, and democratization. Between the effects of those guidelines and their associated practices, cities have become territories of disputes between agents that act in different scales, grounded on varied models of urbanism.

In this dossier, we present papers that discuss the new urban agendas based on the international connections and nets of power established in the adverse world context of growing social inequalities and difficulties in the making of local, national and international policies. We seek to debate how those connections and nets are related, in the cities, to housing, health, environmental and mobility issues, and also to demands for recognition, for participation in governmental decisions, and for assistance in view of the dismantling of the welfare state model. Such issues, together with the economic crisis we have been experiencing due to the continuation of the Covid-19 epidemic cycles, have placed large urban centers once again on the debate agendas of the human and social sciences. The aim is that, based on this approach, we can think of new research in the pandemic scenario, where complex and multiscale relationships challenge us to reflect on the construction of healthy, egalitarian, and democratic urban contexts.

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