

# THE IV INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON URBAN PLANNING EXPERIENCES IN CONTEXT OF SOCIAL CONFLICT

March 22 to 25, 2021

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The **IV International Meeting on Urban Planning Experiences in Context of Social Conflict** is a follow up of the meetings held in 2014, 2016 and, 2017.

Our understanding is that the dynamics and processes that open possibilities for the construction of a just city have their roots in the daily life of urban conflicts, and not only during major disturbances and crises. In addition to offering a rich key to reading urban realities, urban conflicts inspire new ways of conceiving and implementing new policies and plans.

In the last years, in face of rising urban struggles, the mainstream thinking and practices, present in multilateral and governmental agencies, proposes mechanisms of the so-called participative and negotiated resolution of social conflicts, which the central purpose is to prevent, avoid or constrain conflicts, seen as dysfunctional, costly, threatening to an entrepreneurial and productive city. Under this perspective, urban pax and civic harmony constitute the essential condition for the corporate city, under the aegis of productivist harmony, in order to realize its competitive potential: polis submits itself to the globalized city, politics gives way to business.

Conflictual planning, instead, points out and bets on the creative potential of social conflicts, from which collective subjects emerge and rescue the city as a political arena, as a place where citizens meet and confront each other to discuss and arbitrate the destinies of the city. Under this framework is the polis that imposes itself on the city.

In Brazil, Latin America and all around the world, experiences of social resistance and struggles over territories are favoring new territorial planning practices oriented and based on social conflict.

## THE IV MEETING OF URBAN PLANNING EXPERIENCES IN CONTEXT OF SOCIAL CONFLICT AIMS TO:

- Recognize, register, gather, compare and promote exchanges on planning experiences in situations of social conflict and territorial self-management;
- Bring together activists, researchers, professional and students who are engaged in promoting, supporting or studying these experiences;
- Encourage reflection and analysis on Conflict Planning / Insurgent Planning, considering its conceptual and methodological aspects, as well as the specificity of each experience and its context.

Recognizing the creative potential of conflicts and the innovative character of such experiences, the debate aims to provide international, political, and academic networking and exchanges, which contributes to the critical theory of urban planning and the struggle for just cities.

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## ORGANIZATION

- The IV International Meeting on Planning Experiences in the Context of Social Conflict will last for 4 days, from Monday to Thursday, March 22 to 25, 2021.
- The sessions will take place in the mornings, from 9:00 am to 12:15 pm (Rio de Janeiro timezone), with two periods of 1:30 am and a 15-minute coffee break.
- Participants are invited to prepare texts of up to 2.000 words (position papers) discussing the issues and questions presented below. Those who send the texts by March 1, 2021, will have prior registration assured for quick oral presentations, of 5 minutes, in one of the sessions, according to the issues and questions addressed. Instead of texts, participants can send audios or videos (4 minutes maximum length).
- The sessions will have simultaneous translation at Portuguese, Spanish and English.
- Afternoons (Rio de Janeiro timezone) will be reserved for screening videos about planning experiences in the context of urban conflicts and struggles. Participants must submit the exhibition proposals, with a technical file, by March 1, 2021.
- The final program schedule will indicate the films with their access links.

**When? March 22 - 25, 2021**

**Where? Wherever you are, through a virtual platform**

## PROMOTING GROUPS

- Núcleo Experimental de Planejamento Conflitual / Laboratório Estado, Trabalho, Território e Natureza / Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano e Regional/Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. - Laboratório de Habitação e Assentamentos Humanos / Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo/Universidade de São Paulo.
- Centro de Estudos em Planejamento e Políticas Urbanas / Universidade Federal do Paraná. - Grupo de Pesquisa Grandes Projetos Urbanos / Escola de Arquitetura e Urbanismo/ Universidade Federal Fluminense.
- Grupo de Pesquisa Lugar Comum da Faculdade de Arquitetura da Universidade Federal da Bahia.
- Laboratório Espaço Público e Direito à Cidade / Faculdade de Arquitetura e Urbanismo / Universidade de São Paulo.
- Coletivo Latino Americano Revista Amazonas.
- Universidade da Cidadania Resiste.
- Movimento dos Trabalhadores Rurais Sem Terra - Paraná.

## SUBSCRIPTION

Interested parties must complete the registration form available at <https://neplacettern.wixsite.com/conflitual2021>

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## **VOLUNTARY COLLABORATION**

After confirming the registration, those who can support the financing of the Meeting may contribute with the amounts suggested below: up to \$ 20,00 for professionals; up to \$ 10,00 for graduate students; up to \$5,00 for other participants. Information on how to contribute is available on the registration page <https://neplacatern.wixsite.com/confitlual2021>. The resource is intended to support simultaneous translation.

## **SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

You can address one or more questions in text (2.000 words maximum) or audio/video (4 minutes maximum). The text/audio/video will be previously distributed among the participants.

## **CONJUNCTURES**

1 How the advances of the extreme right, in different countries, would impact the reality of urban struggles? Is there an intensification of repression and criminalization of conflicts? Is there an advance in the processes of evictions and gentrification / bourgeoisie?

2 Would the economic, political, environmental and health crisis somehow favour the emergence of the new forms of struggles and popular organization? Which are they?

## **PLANNING AND SOCIAL CONFLICTS: REPORTS OF EXPERIENCE**

1 Based on planning experiences in contexts of conflict or territorial self-management, to what extent do you consider that there are aspects in common? To what extent is each experience unique?

2 To what extent, in what formats, planning processes in the context of conflict have been capable, or would be capable, of being articulated with struggles related to work, gender, race?

## **CARTOGRAPHIES IN CONFLICTS**

1 What is the relationship between conflict contexts and cartographic repertoires (products and processes) and spatial imaginations? Who maps whom? Can maps be tools / instruments of struggle?

2 How do the uses of insurgent and social cartography alter communication in the struggle processes and in relations with the State? What possibilities, challenges and tensions emerge from the techniques and resources adopted?

## **COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE: REFLECTIONS AND CHALLENGES**

1 What are the main challenges to be faced in the relationship between community assistance and residents, communities and movements in popular planning processes?

2 Are community assistance services necessary? Why? What role do they play in struggles and mobilizations? What are their possibilities and limits?

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## Day 1 - March 22 - Opening and general discussion on circumstances and planning in the context of social conflict

**09:00 am** - Opening - Organizing Committee

**09:15 am** - Conflict Planning

Carlos Vainer (ETTERN / IPPUR / UFRJ, Brazil), Manoel Delgado (Observatory of Anthropology of Urban Conflicts, Barcelona, Spain), Raquel Rolnik (LabCidade / USP) and Faranak Miraftab (University of Illinois, USA), and Ananya Roy (Institute on Inequality and Democracy / University of California - Los Angeles).

Mediation: Sophie Oldfield (African Center for Cities at the University of Cape Town, South Africa)

### Debate

**10:30 am** - Break

**10:45 am** - Presentation and discussion of previously submitted texts

Mediation: Himanshu Burte (Center for Urban Science and Engineering / Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai, India)

**12:15 am** - End of session

## Day 2 - March 23 - Cartographies in social conflicts

**09:00 am** - Cartography in Conflicts

Fernanda Sánchez (GPDU / UFF, Brazil), Renato Emerson dos Santos (IPPUR / UFRJ, Brazil), Pablo Mansilla (Institute of Geography, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile), Juan Grabois (Movimiento de Trabajadores Excluidos, Argentina), Oren Yiftachel (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel) and Alfredo Wagner (New Social Cartography of the Amazon Project)

Mediation: Luis Régis Coli Jr. (ETTERN / IPPUR / UFRJ, Brazil)

### Debate

**10:30 am** - Break

**10:45 am** - Presentation and discussion of previously submitted texts.

Mediation: Renato Emerson dos Santos (IPPUR / UFRJ, Brazil)

**12:15** - End of session

## Day 3 - March 24 - Planning and social conflicts: experiences of struggles

**09:00 am** - Experiences of planning in social conflict context

Luis Sanmartín (Platform of Affected by the Hipoteca-PAH, Spain), Landless Workers Movement (MST, Brazil), Stavros Stavrides (National Technical University of Athens, Greece), Helena Silvestre (Latin American Collective Revista Amazonas), and Sarah Marques (Caranguejo Tabaiães, Recife).

Mediation: Tom Angotti (City University of New York, USA)

### Debate

**10:30 am** - Break

**10:45 am** - Presentation and discussion of previously submitted texts

Mediation: Emanuela Bove (Observatorio de Antropología de los Conflictos Urbanos, Spain)

**12:15 am** - End of session

## Day 4 - March 25 - Community Assistance groups on the design of urban plans and projects

**09:00 am** - Community Assistance

Caio Santo Amore (PEABIRU and FAU / USP, São Paulo), José Ricardo Vargas de Faria (CEPPUR / UFPR, Curitiba), Fabricio Leal de Oliveira (NEPLAC / ETTERN / IPPUR / UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro), Ana Fernandes (Common Place / FAUFBA, Salvador), Cristiane Nadaletti (Movement of People Affected by Dams - MAB), and Forum de Assessoria Popular do Nordeste (Brazil)

Mediation: Amita Bide (Tata Institute of Social Sciences -TISS, India)

### Debate

**10:30 am** - Break

**10:45 am** - Presentation and discussion of previously submitted texts.

Mediation: Carlos Vainer (ETTERN / IPPUR / UFRJ)

**12:00 - 12:15 am** - Final balance and closing.

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## Scientific Commission:

Ana Fernandes (FAUFBA), Carlos Vainer (IPPUR/UFRJ), Fabricio Leal de Oliveira (IPPUR/UFRJ), Fernanda Sánchez (EAU/UFF), Giselle Tanaka (IPPUR/UFRJ), Glauco Bienenstein (EAU/UFF), Helena Silvestre (Coletivo Latino Americano Revista Amazonas), José Ricardo Vargas de Faria (CEPPUR/UFPR), Karina Leitão (FAU/USP), Luis Régis Coli Silva Jr. (IPPUR/UFRJ), Raquel Rolnik (FAU/USP) e Renato Emerson dos Santos (IPPUR/UFRJ).

## Organizing Committee:

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