

The City of Mexico in dispute. The Right to the “City under Construction”

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Abstract:

This article has as main objective to analyze the current context in which we debate and discuss two projects of the Mexico City: one characterized by a capitalist’s vision –based in rampant urbanization-development with the implementation of mega-projects- (supported by the government and the power groups); and other more social and popular which is characterized by the opposition to neoliberalism and the struggle for democratic, inclusive, fair and sustainable cities driven by broad sectors of civil society. The text discusses the multiple meanings of the concept “right to the city” and it opens a debate on citizenship and human rights, finally it analyses how the right to the city has become an interpretive framework of collective action (battle flag) of social movements, particularly in Mexico City. Putting as framework two different ideas, in which the right to the city is discussed, this article becomes relevant. Namely, it exposes a first local vision with the drafting of the Constitution of the CDMX, and the second, one more global, with the Habitat III Conference of the UN.

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