

DESAFIOS DA REGENERAÇÃO URBANA E TERRITORIAL

URBAN AND TERRITORIAL REGENERATION CHALLENGES

Os territórios estão em permanente reestruturação decorrente das dinâmicas que neles se operam e da relação de forças entre si estabelecidas. Processo lento que encerra tensões entre centros e periferias cuja detecção, não sendo diretamente perceptível, se regista nas dimensões espaço-temporais pelos sistemas estatísticos nacionais e internacionais.

O equilíbrio permanente que os sustenta, saldo do que fornecem e do que recebem, gera posicionamentos hierárquicos de uns para com os outros medíveis a diferentes escalas de observação, entre fronteiras, países ou blocos geopolíticos.

No possível desenho de uma estratégia centrada na competitividade dos territórios, os desafios de regeneração são múltiplos e impõem uma visão concertada sobre os papéis complementares que se estabelecem entre a parte e o todo, entre o urbano e não urbano, entre o centro e as periferias, entre o nacional e o internacional, num quadro em que, como tem acontecido, o território global não deve mais ser pensado e executado por cada um dos pequenos atores que nele intervêm sob pena de se dar continuidade à sua desvalorização.

É no âmbito deste importante debate que os coordenadores se propõem agrupar nesta obra um conjunto de contribuições científicas subordinadas aos "Desafios da Regeneração Urbana e Territorial", por subdivisão em seis desafios considerados fundamentais: o «Desafio Político», o «Desafio Económico», o «Desafio Social», o «Desafio Cultural», o «Territorial», e o «Desafio Ambiental».

Territories are constantly restructuring, a result from both the dynamics that operate in them and the power balance established among them. This is a slow process that encloses tensions between centers and peripheries and whose detection, although not directly perceptible, is recorded in the space-time dimensions by national and international statistical systems.

The permanent equilibrium that supports them (a balance between supply and demand) generates hierarchical placements among them measurable at different scales of observation, across borders, countries or geopolitical blocks.

In the possible design of a strategy focused on the territories' competitiveness we face a multiplicity of regeneration challenges that require a concerted view of the complementary roles that are established between the part and the whole, between urban and non-urban, between center and peripheries, between national and international, in a context where, as it has been happening, global territory should no longer be thought out and executed by each of the small actors involved in it so as not to keep on bringing territories devaluation.

It is on the scope of this important debate that this book aims to group a set of scientific contributions subordinated to "Urban and Territorial Regeneration Challenges" strategically subdivided into five «Challenges»: the "Political Challenge"; the "Economic Challenge"; the "Social Challenge"; the "Cultural Challenge"; the "Territorial Challenge", and the "Environmental Challenge".

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