

Insurgences, Conflicts and Planning

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This proposal is based on the understanding that it is in everyday urban conflicts and not only in disturbances and crises, that can be found and seen the social dynamics through which our cities speak. The study of urban conflict, therefore, offers a rich key to reality and urban dynamics readings. And more than that, they can inspire new ways of conceiving and implementing policies and plans. In the face of conflict, main stream points to participatory and businesslike processes, whose core and primary purpose is to avoid, bypass, mediate or resolve conflicts that are seen as dysfunctional, costly, threatening. Civic peace and harmony would constitute, in this perspective, the condition through which the city-enterprise realizes its competitive potential: the polis submits itself to the city, politics gives way to business. Contested Planning, on the contrary, points to and bets on the creative potential of conflict, from which emerge collective subjects that rescue the city as political arena, as a place in which citizens face and confront each other to discuss and arbitrate the urbe's fates. Now it is the polis that imposes itself to the city. In Brazil and throughout the World, experiences of social resistance and struggles for territory, has favored new planning practices based on conflict. The meeting will bring together researchers and experiences that have been addressing them. Acknowledging the creative and



innovative potential of such experiences, the debate shall foster perspectives that contribute to the critical theory of urban planning and to the struggle for just cities.