

Other spatialities for other everyday dynamics:

a critique of North-European-centered epistemologies in social housing projects

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Seeking to dialogue with the daily needs of families from the Brazilian urban peripheries, the lecture/conversation focuses on the urge to criticize the North-eurocentric epistemologies adopted in social housing projects in cities from the Global South. Technical approaches conditioned by conceptual logics distant from the reality of the people who will live in the designed spaces have resulted in violence to their ways of life. We start from the unequivocal recognition of the disparities in the processes of production of the city, which contributes to the great precariousness observed both in the built space of the urban peripheries, as well as at work and in other fields of socio-spatial life, safeguarding the power structures identified in these contexts. In dialogue with „epistemologies of the South“ and understanding architecture and urbanism as two among several disciplines necessary to the analysis and proposition of solutions for the housing issue, we will approach particularities of design processes that represent fissures in the hegemonic logic of reflection and production of housing space.

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