

RESEARCH PRACTICE IN POPULAR TERRITORIES OF BELO HORIZONTE, BRAZIL

a lecture by *Dr. Denise Morado (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais)*
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Brazilian cities are not poor, but they are extremely unequal socially and spatially. Violent poverty is at the core of the urban crisis, which is exacerbated daily by the intensification of the peripheral structure of cities, by the linkage between real estate capital and financial capital, by political inertia in the implementation of urban reform, by the imposition of private property in cities, by the inefficiency of the judiciary, by the “state-market association”, and by the strategically constructed political speeches that are in no way propositional.

Each dwelling is part of the city and cannot be inserted into bubbles or fragments of a city. The houses are in the city, and they are the city. In this sense, housing should not be seen sometimes as a solution, sometimes as a problem. To consider the city means to consider housing as a place where everyday life takes place; it means to consider housing as a structuring element of the city, inseparable from the city.

Dr. Morado’s lecture discusses the dimensions of self-construction, technical advisory, and violence and how they structure her practice as a researcher and professor.

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