

Self-management as the autonomy horizon in the work of *Arquitetas Sem Fronteiras* - ASF Brasil

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This paper approaches the relationship between the institutions of the State and the extitutional processes that occur in the production of the city, such as popular initiatives that arise outside and despite the State. We understand the city as a plural and complex construction by multiple agents having the State and its institutions as its main organizers. As such, we highlight the importance of discussing the State's responses to actions that develop outside its institutions. In order to address such debate, we present the experience of the group *Pocim Vivo* in constructing a self-managed park in one of the biggest favelas of the city of *Belo Horizonte*. Thus, this paper seeks to reflect on the challenges and possibilities of self-management as a means to collectively access financial and technical resources concentrated and controlled by the State. It also attempts to enhance the political-pedagogical potential of concrete actions as an alternative path to popular actions that may contribute to the advancement of democratic possibilities in Latin America.