Extitutional Urbanisms in Latin America?*

Adriana Goñi Mazzitelli & Mauro Gil Fournier

Ecological transition # Urban planning # Extitutional urbanism

We wonder if URBANISM and PLANNING can themselves become far less institutionalized, or if self-organizing and autonomous movements can find ways to bridge together what so far have remained disconnected and isolated experiences. We look for an urbanism won by the various agendas of the many social movements and activists that might also provoke theoretical reflection on what might be termed 'an extitutional urbanism'. In this paper we identify different approaches to urbanism in Latin America from an historical point of view, as well as from who is taking ahead the tasks of planning and managing our cities nowadays. This is a spatial world where the dynamics and non-linear movements of actors, spaces, technologies, and ecologies cease to be impediments and become resources for urbanism, economics, and contemporary politics (Manuel de Landa, 1997). The only thing that is not allowed is the non-relation of all of the multiplicities in space and time (Tirado and Domènech 2001). We need to go beyond political and capital control to generate these types of environments in order to promote socio-cultural. economic and environmental justice in making cities.

Introduction 7

^{*}_The editorial was not included in the peer-review process.