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[in]Disciplinary Transgressions: denaturalizing knowledge’s compartmentalization to rethink urban low-income housing

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• Abstract (300 words):
This paper aims at debating the need to transform the way we teach and learn architecture, urbanism and landscape architecture, particularly in the context of low-income areas. The compartmentalization of teaching into disciplines is based on a model of knowledge exchange adapted to a specific historical and spatial context: the modernization of the economically dominant countries. In the Global South, where the inadequacy of this model has existed since its genesis, the academic practices have been badly reflected not only in the production of low-income housing but also in favelas upgrading programs. The challenges of changing this model have its origins in the academic formation in which epistemological and methodological logics that guide urban design and planning have not been properly questioned. For this debate, we will focus on the experience of a workshop held in the self-organized occupation Solano Trindade, located in the Metropolitan Region of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The workshop is due to the partnership between the Postgraduate Program in Urbanism/UFRJ and the Landscape Architecture Department of TU-Berlin. The students
designed proposals from the residents’ needs and demands. In addition they had to think of ways to accomplish at least one of the students’ design proposal. This experience has confronted us with methods and practices that affect projects developed along with residents towards an effective dialogical process. The paper discusses the limitations, challenges and potentialities that permeate the relationship between university and society, and also between students and academics from different contexts and nationalities. We seek to demonstrate that the challenges of teaching architecture, landscaping and urbanism go beyond the issues of poverty in the Global South, reaffirming the social and spatial inequalities of contemporary capitalist cities.

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