

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP LIMAPOLIS 2020

CHALLENGING URBAN INEQUALITY ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND THE CITY

Metropolitan Lima is a city characterised by precariousness and inequality. The undeniable economic growth and urban transformation of the last decades occurred within the framework of a generalized deregulation policy and an overwhelming promotion of private investment. As in other Latin American cities, this type of urban growth has had as one of its consequences very significant urban transformations in the city and particularly in its former popular areas.

On one hand, the old popular neighbourhoods, many of which began their stories as invasions or irregular occupations, have consolidated and achieved, thanks to neighbourhood organisations, the empowerment of their neighbourhoods. On the other, the massive arrival of private investments in these areas of the city has generated new urban spaces, particularly dedicated to consumption, that contribute to the appearance of urban development and has opened up new possibilities for forms of socialisation and enjoyment in traditional popular areas from the city. At the same time, new irregular occupations, occupying risky lands and with poor conditions for development, continue to expand the urban border with precarious dormitory neighbourhoods where precariousness prevails. Additionally, precarious housing and work situations are also visible in historic areas of the city where there are high levels of poverty, overcrowding, and constructions in a state of degradation and without access to basic services.

URBAN INEQUALITY

Although urban inequality is the systemic result of the multiple forms of exclusion and discrimination that citizens face on a daily basis, three main dimensions of inequality can be identified, relevant to its understanding: economic inequality - mainly income inequality -, social inequality - for example, due to gender, ethnicity, or class considerations - and spatial inequality - related to the physical-spatial conditions in which people develop their lives. These conditions include: basic services, accessibility and quality of urban services such as public transport, and proximity to urban centres and to significant spaces.

PRECARIOUS AND UNEVEN LIMA

In the scenario described, the traditional pattern of inequality in Metropolitan Lima has been transformed. The emergence of new (economic) middle classes and new spatial forms, some market-oriented and others obtained by decades of neighbourhood efforts, transformed the traditional pattern of inequality, in which the three dimensions mentioned coincided in the same, relatively homogeneous, social group into a much more complex pattern in which the intersections between the dimensions are varied and complex.

(ALMOST) 200 YEARS OF REPUBLICAN HISTORY AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF URBAN AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERUVIANS

One year before the Peruvian Bicentennial, it is difficult not to take stock of the progress made since independence until today in the task of overcoming the social imbalance that the colonial period left and which manifested itself directly in Peruvian cities. Our cities are still testimony to the difficulties that Peru has had to build a fair regime tailored to the promises that the

republic proclaimed. A process of national emancipation can hardly be built on injustice, inequality and abuse, and in Peru these conditions are the norm. As a product of modernity, the nation state relied on new and renewed disciplines for its professionals to push democratic ideals toward their goals. How much have architecture and urbanism contributed in that task?

From efforts that operated as intellectual and project guerrillas, this century has managed to re-impose the agenda of social inequality in architecture and urbanism. This ethical turn is managing to articulate the old concerns with a disciplinary rethinking in theoretical terms, practical and pedagogical, avoiding - if possible - the social rhetoric of inconsequential and immediate results. PUCP, one of the pioneering academic institutions in that turn, is increasingly becoming the space for reflection, production, and activism that is required to legitimize a disciplinary re-foundation.

In that direction and since 2018, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism of the PUCP is participating in *KNOW: Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality* and action-research project directed by The Bartlett - Development Planning Unit of University College London (United Kingdom) with schools and faculties of architecture and planning, as well as development institutes of different continents. This Workshop is developed within the framework of this collaboration and will be nurtured by the work that KNOW-Lima has been developing in partnership with the NGOs CENCA, CIDAP and FCPV.

In this context, the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism (FAU) of PUCP, presents the **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP LIMAPOLIS 2020: CHALLENGING URBAN INEQUALITY – ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND THE CITY**. Limapolis 2020 will be a space of theoretical-practical interdisciplinary reflection that seeks to contribute in the construction of a theory of change in the field of construction, sustained in immediate actions that summon citizens for the co-production of a project envisioned as a promise towards the consolidation of a social pact. Likewise, the experience is seen as reflexive praxis that serves as an epistemological support that allows its dissemination and academic and professional reproduction.

Seeking to bring answers to the following question: *Can architectural and urban design contribute to the reduction of urban inequalities?* The Workshop will reflect upon the following themes:

- Urban inequality: how to define it in Peru and what role architecture and urbanism play in its reduction.
- The co-production of knowledge and the fight against urban inequality.
- *Buen vivir* as an urban and architectural paradigm (new ways of life and subsistence).
- Towards new programmatic paradigms: the spatialisation of economic-productive activities as a factor towards urban change.
- The role of public space in reducing urban inequalities

OBJECTIVES

- a) Inclusion and participation in the workshop (and, therefore, in the public debate) of actors directly involved in decision-making processes of transformation of the built space, seeking the development of agreed strategies for the reduction of urban inequalities.
- a) Based on a broad interdisciplinary academic debate, approaching an understanding of urban inequality in Lima and pathways to dealing with it.
- b) Co-developing urban and architectural proposals that seek to reduce urban inequalities in Lima.

- c) Rendering visible current actions and projects of Lima and other realities that seek to reduce urban inequalities, seeking to generate spaces for dialogue and knowledge transfer at the metropolitan, national, and international levels and strengthen existing networks and platforms for urban transformations.
- d) Contributing to the public agenda of the issue of urban inequality as a theoretical and practical subject in the domain of architecture and urbanism.

THE WORKSHOP

Event Date: From Sunday, March 1st to Sunday, March 8th, 2020.

Previous work:

- Analysis of the areas to work in LIMAPOLIS - FAU (cross section SJL-SI) (January 2019- February 2020)
- Analysis of the situation of urban inequality in Lima from the work of the Laboratory of Urban Inequality KNOW / CIAC / PUCP.

	Sat 29	Sun 1	Mon 2	Tue 3	Web 4	Thu 5	Fri 6	Sat 7	Sun 8			
8.00	Reception and Lima tour	Field visit (students and teachers)	Seminar Part 1. 3 sessions: 2 presentations each (30 min) + discussion	Lab Day 1	Lab Day 2	Lab Day 3	Lab Day 4	Immediate Action Project Day 1	Immediate Action Project Day 2			
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14.00			Seminar Part 2. 2 sessions: 2 presentations each (30 min) + discussion									
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17.00												
18.00												
19.00												
20.00												
21.00						Party						

The event will have 4 differentiated but integrated parts:

LECTURE SERIES

The presentation and discussion of similar projects and experiences will be given as a series of conferences to be held on the first two days of the Workshop from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., having 2 tables with 2 presentations of 1.5 hrs. each as well as a coffee break. Each table will present at least one regional speaker and will have a moderator for the debate.

SEMINAR: URBAN INEQUALITY, BALANCE AND PROJECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH.

The seminar has a theoretical character and will aim to discuss the notion of "urban inequality" and its importance in the context of Latin America and Peru. It will be organized from presentations by international guests, national experts, and representatives of different institutions. Greater emphasis will be placed on the exchange of ideas and experiences around social, economic, political, and management aspects. The seminar will be open to members of government institutions, the private sector, representatives of municipalities, press and civil society (such as the Organisation for the fight against poverty, CONCYTEC, UNDP, FCPV, etc.).

For its development 5 tables will be organized with 2 presentations of 25 minutes and a discussion of 30 minutes.

The Seminar will take place on the first day of the Workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

THE LABORATORY (FIELDWORK)

It will be organised with 10 groups, each supervised by two professors, one national and one foreign and, preferably, one specialised in architecture and / or urban planning and another of another complementary discipline (economics, sociology, anthropology, law, etc.) accompanied by two young-researchers and/or professionals with a certain level of specialisation. This team of 4 people will direct between 15 to 20 students, 5 of them at the master level with a work differentiated from the others. The laboratory will run from Tuesday, March 2nd until Friday, March 6th. An intermediate presentation will be held on Thursday 5th and a final presentation on Monday, March 9th.

IMMEDIATE ACTION PROJECT (RESULTS FROM LABORATORY)

The Workshop should be understood as the first step in a work in process with the communities of José Carlos Mariátegui, Barrios Alto, Lince, Miraflores and the Costa Verde. In order to initiate and consolidate the work commitment, the groups will carry out, in coordination with the population's leaders, an intervention that testifies to that commitment in the manner of a founding act of trust and collaboration.

It is intended that the work and exchange between citizens, academia, and public institutions during LIMAPOLIS be continued during the 2020 academic year for the proposal of urban strategies sustained over time.

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- CENCA (Lab)
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- FCPV (Seminar)

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