



Transformation of Public and Private Space in Porto Alegre, During the First Half of the XX Century

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The proposal of this paper is to discuss the transformations of urban space in Brazilian cities during the first half of the XX century. These transformations are approached according to a spatial and social historical dimension. The prevailing current ways of thought about cities and urbanism in the developed world during the period of study, reached Brazil by both contracted foreign specialists or Brazilians specialized in foreign countries. The subject is developed through an analysis of the urban transformations in the central area of the city of Porto Alegre, significant mark of social and economic activities since the first decades of the XX century in the south of the country. According to the hypothesis outlined by this work, the study of the instruments, plans and projects which conducted actions carried out by both private and public on urban space, followed in each period the dominant ideas about cities and urbanism in the country and in the world. At last, the transformation of the central area of the city in an historical center and its meaning in the present time is examined as well as the alliances between the private and public sector to its qualification in the search of a rescue place to all citizens.

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