



## **The Elaboration of Urban Development Policy of the State of Bahia: Planning and Governance**

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The present paper aims to insert the current process of elaboration of Urban Development Policy of the State of Bahia in a historical perspective, analyzing it in the context of recent Brazilian urban planning and, at the same time, pointing out the innovative aspects of this process with regard to the employment of methodological devices of management and governance. This case study becomes relevant as the elaboration of the current Urban Development Policy of the State of Bahia is based on assumptions of decentralization, social participation, and control referring to a distinct planning practice in our country. In this sense, we highlight the role assigned to the Council of Cities of the State of Bahia, an instrument of democratic planning established by the Federal Act of 2001: Estatuto da Cidade (the City Statute). Doing so, we show up the pioneering role played by recent regional and urban planning of the state of Bahia

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