



Authoritarianism, Urban Planning and Public Sphere: Salvador, Bahia (Brazil), 1935-1945

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This is to examine, for the experience of Salvador (Bahia, Brazil), between 1935 and 1945, how the idea of public interest was formulated and implemented by the field of urban planning in a context marked by a federal and local dictatorial governments in Brazil.

Three will be the main issues:

- the nature of the urban planning process, in terms of its public or private character, identifying the main actors of the process;
- the main legal formulations about the city (particularly the social function of private property and the requirements and practices of city's expropriation);

and

- the relationship between State and civil society in the urban planning process.

In the focused period, there are two moments of greatest interest to be analyzed in Salvador: the Week of Urbanism in 1935 and the implementation of EPUCS -Office of Urban Planning of the City of Salvador, between 1943 and 1947.

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