



The Republican Apparatus in the Configuration and Reconfiguration of the Public Space: Comparative Analysis of the Four Rail Roads of the West São Paulo Brazil

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This study analyzes the formation and transformation of public spaces of 36 cities in the West São Paulo inserted in the four rail roads that strived the occupation of this part of the territory, such as: Alta Paulista, Alta Sorocabana, Alta Araraquarense and Noroeste RailRoad. Analysis is mainly focused on public spaces inserted in the area of the original property of the cities and the temporal arch from the first Republic (1889-1930) until the fifties, when the option for roads was clear. The aim of this study was to evaluate the designs set on squares and gardens before and after the insertion of the railroad as well as the role of the state and private companies on the propagation of a vegetal repertory that is introduced in these spaces and urban afforest. New models of gardens, seedlings, buildings, equipments, techniques and professionals from abroad and from the capital of the state that operated in the countryside emerged from the railroads. Therefore, research explores the technical and scientific republican apparatus that supported configuration and reconfiguration of the public space in cities of the West São Paulo state. Research institutions like the Curso de Engenheiros Agrônomos da Escola Politécnica de São Paulo; da Escola Agrícola Prática Luiz de Queiroz de Piracicaba; o Horto Botânico de São Paulo and the Instituto Agrônômico de Campinas which with private companies and entrepreneurs may provide through railroad the representative republican apparatus needed to the transformation of the public space.

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