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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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Perdicoulis A, Glasson J (2011) The use of indicators in planning - effectiveness and risks, *Planning Practice & Research*, 26(3), 349-367.

Rebelo E (2011) A methodology to assess immigrants land use patterns in concentrated/sprawled environments (the case of Porto Metropolitan Area), *Journal of Architectural and Planning Research*, 28(2), 152-178.

Serra M, Pinho P (2011) Dynamics of periurban spatial structures: investigating differentiated patterns of change on Oporto's urban fringe, *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design*, 38(2), 359-382.

PROPOSALS/RECENT CONTRACTS

One FCT Doctoral grant, starting in January 2012:

Accessibility measures in the Portuguese urban planning system - Ana Amante, Paulo Pinho, Cecília Silva

EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

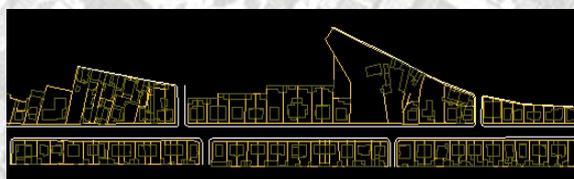
Now that it is clear the current financial, economic and social crises is systemic, and not confined to Ireland and to the Southern European countries, indeed it is already at the doorstep of the larger central economies, a renewed hope emerges that through wise, stronger, more ambitious and closely articulated measures, the euro and the old European project will hopefully survive overcoming short term and narrow scoped national views, strategies and interests.

This is the only scenario that really matters, acknowledging, however, that different ways ahead are still open and should always be kept open. We need political will, vision and leadership. But we also need to recognise that this world radically changed in the past decades, and together with a stricter control of the world financial markets - and it is not yet clear how we can do it - Europe has to face the fact, with modesty, that its role in the world scene is also changing. But it is still a reference (and will certainly be for many years to come), an inspiring reference for the rest of the world, of human values, social cohesion, lifestyles, cultures, diversity, sophistication, innovation and tolerance. And we cannot lose such richness that was so difficult to steadily build along many decades, if not centuries, of perseverance and hard work.

We can't give up. Even with the absurdity of the current severe cuts, specially geared towards the public sector. By the end of 2012, and on top of the 10% cut we already had this year, our university salaries (already among the lowest salaries in Western Europe) will be further reduced by 20% on average, in line with the rest of the public sector. In these circumstances there is no room for resignation or commiseration. We have to fight back demonstrating that even with no support from our National Research Council, we are still able to keep working, producing relevant research to improve the overall quality of planning activity in Portugal without detaching from the international planning debate in which we still want to share our thoughts, ideas and methodological approaches.

CITTA is an open research centre. Open to all deeply dedicated to planning research. And it is still growing in times of shrinkage. I am very pleased to report that the integration of the Coimbra group, a highly productive and creative research group led by Prof. António Pais Antunes, and the subsequent reshaping of our Centre is progressing smoothly. In particular, the area of transport planning and engineering will be significantly reinforced contributing to a more balanced internal structure of the Centre that will remain organised around the existing three research units. Before the end of the year our new website is expected to reflect this enriched CITTA, you are welcome to visit!

Paulo Pinho



Evidence research project: the application of Morpho methodology

COMMUNICATIONS IN CONGRESSES

Barbosa M (2011) Metodologia de análise das praças da cidade do Porto, *As praças nas cidade de origem Portuguesa*, 14-15 November, Lisbon.

Medeiros V, Barros A, Oliveira V (2011) Cartografia histórica e mapas axiais: uma estratégia para a leitura da expansão urbana, *IV Simpósio Luso-Brasileiro de Cartografia Histórica*, 9-12 November, Oporto.

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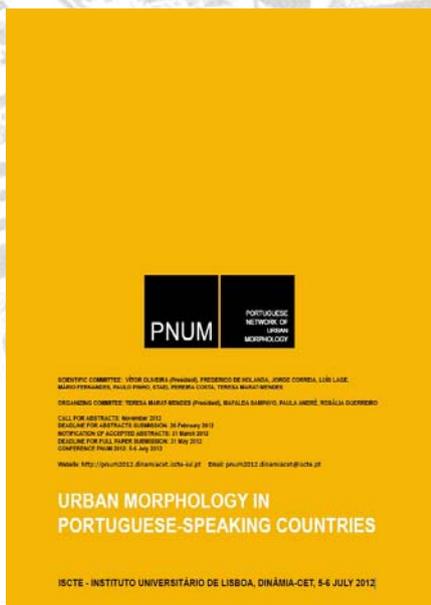
Pinho P (2011) Where are the planning theories that really matter to planning practice?, *7th Virtual Cities and Territories*, 11-13 October, Lisbon.

Pinho P, Cruz S, Oliveira V, Silva M, Barbosa M (2011) Metabolic Impact Assessment (MIA) and other environmental assessments, *7th Virtual Cities and Territories*, 11-13 October, Lisbon.

Rebello E (2011) Socio-economic impact assessment of investments framed by the European Union - the case of Portuguese North and Algarve Regions, *5^{1st}* European Congress of the Regional Science Association International, 30 August - 3 September, Barcelona.

Serra M, Gil J, Pinho P (2011) Challenges of Portuguese urban planning instruments and practice, *7th Virtual Cities and Territories*, 11-13 October, Lisbon.

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS ORGANIZATION



Urban Morphology in Portuguese-Speaking Countries, 2nd Conference of the Portuguese Network of Urban Morphology, ISCTE - Lisbon, 5-6 July 2012.

Members of CITTA are involved in the preparation of the conference.

RESEARCH UNIT 1

Since we started the regular publication of this newsletter, back in 2007, it is the fourth time I have the opportunity to report and reflect on the work carried out by the Research Unit 1 on Planning and Environmental Assessment, the research unit I have the pleasure to coordinate. This unit includes now 24 researchers, 11 senior researchers (PhD) and 13 junior researchers (MSc). Four years ago we were only 11 researchers, 3 seniors and 8 juniors. The growth has been rather significant, in particular in the number of senior researchers. Obviously, the levels of productivity and research quality achieved are far more important than the total number of members of a given research group, strictly speaking. In this respect, the overall situation is fairly satisfactory but I believe there's still room for improvement, understanding, however, that all the members that have to share their working time with other duties, such as teaching and management, are in a far more difficult position, in principle.

The reason I emphasise the size of the group has to do with the perception that past Portuguese research policies and, in particular, financial assistance policies, namely the so-called pluriannual baseline funding programme (over)stressed the importance of large research centres and laboratories irrespective of the particular nature of the research carried out in these centres and the more or less laboratory means and technical resources involved. I had already the opportunity to criticise this policy in one of the past issues of this newsletter. With the likely changes in the administration of our National Research Council that are expected to be introduced in the coming months, reflecting the liberal orientation of this new government, let's hope that a range of new and fresh policies are adopted and the available financial resources, however scarce they may be, are not systematically geared towards the larger centres and the so-called Associated Laboratories working in most of the cases in the well established and more traditional scientific fields.

Coming back to the activities carried out in the Research Unit 1 over the last year I am pleased to report the successful conclusion of two important European research projects, the SUPERCITIES (an URBANET project) and the SUME project (an FP7 project) and the conclusion of the MOPUS project financed by the FCT and of the ADN project financed by the CCDRN (the regional planning agency). All together these projects provide a large and rich amount of research material to feed an interesting number of research papers and publications that are expected to come out in the coming months.

Over the last year four new PhD students joined the group (with FCT scholarships), the EVIDENCE project (see website) is progressing and a new EU COST Action started under the leadership of a senior member of our group (the TU 1002 Action on Accessibility Instruments for Planning Practice in Europe). The financial sustainability of the group requires, however, a constant effort to prepare and submit new project proposals. An FP7 proposal will soon be submitted on accessibility issues across Europe, as a first follow up of this same COST Action.

The active involvement of CITTA in the ISUF (International Seminar on Urban Form) culminated in the establishment of the corresponding Portuguese Chapter, the so-called PNUM - Portuguese Network of Urban Morphology, headed by a senior researcher of our group (see PNUM website).

Finally, in terms of publications, this past year was not only prolific in papers in international journals but also in several books (from national and international publishers) whose authors are distinguished members of our group (see the recent list of publications on CITTA's website).

My sincere thanks to all senior and junior members of our Research Unit for their tremendous efforts, creativity and constant motivation in these difficult times likely to remain with us for some years to come.

Paulo Pinho