

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Book

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Book chapters

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EDITORIAL

Dear Reader,

I pen this newsletter with a dedicated focus on the imminent Centre evaluation.

The centre's leadership has unveiled the new motto of the strategic plan - "Fostering City Transitions", in order to express a comprehensive exercise of the centre's activity. The aim is to present the rich diversity of CITTA's research under a unifying umbrella. At the same time, it seeks to be a marker of the present time and near future, composed of global uncertainties with unforeseen dynamics that have a strong impact on individuals and that penetrate the basis of CITTA's various research domains - encompassing technology, socio-economic inclusion, urban morphology and the environment. While the emphasis on cities may be controversial, it should be noted that CITTA lacks substantial research from a regional perspective.

The recent survey, highlighted in the previous newsletter, has yielded insights into the preferred topics for inclusion in the new strategic plan. Climate change, sustainability, accessibility and mobility, socio-spatial justice, and inclusion are among the most favoured themes. A comprehensive analysis is imperative to incorporate all contributions and construct a new plan that harmoniously accommodates diverse activities.

In the context of the survey focused on personal satisfaction—evaluating motivation, integration, and fulfilment of expectations—further discussion meetings are warranted. Some responses remain ambiguous regarding whether they pertain to CITTA's organization and current practices or the broader institutional context in which CITTA operates.

To deliberate and prepare the strategic plan, the CITTA Scientific Council should ideally convene by the latter half of November.

In an endeavour to enrich our new plan with the insights of globally renowned figures in our field, invitations were extended to join our Advisory Council. I am delighted to share that all invitations have been accepted, and our Advisory Council now includes the collaborative expertise of:

- Prof. Dan Graham, from Imperial College of London
- Prof. Jennifer Robinson, from University College London
- Prof. Ali Madanipour, from Newcastle University

As we all know, an extension of the existing financial plan until 2024 is currently underway. At the time of writing, the comprehensibility and predictability of our budget for 2024 is still uncertain.

Additionally, the series of workshops on Transversal Themes is prepared for initiation. The dissemination of each theme and its corresponding schedule will be announced at the earliest convenience. In conclusion, I extend a special encouragement to all integrated members to channel their collective energy and motivation towards applying for the annual Calls of FCT R&D Projects in All Scientific Domains for 2023.

Best Regards,

António Couto

Papers in proceedings of scientific meetings

Ferreira, F, Soares, J, Sousa, F, Magalhães, F, Ribeiro, I, Pinto, D, Pacheco, P (2022) A Meta-analysis Approach for Estimating Salary Mean and Its Confidence Interval. Lecture Notes in Computer Science (including subseries Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence and Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics), 13377 LNCS, pp. 627 - 639. 2nd International Conference on Computational Science and Its Applications, ICCSA, 4-7 July 2022, Malaga. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-10536-4_41](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-10536-4_41)

PhD Thesis

Augis, F (2023) Social housing, urban shrinkage and infrastructure: analysis of a social housing approach in two medium sized shrinking cities in France (Le Creusot and Montluçon), PhD Thesis, FEUP, Porto, Portugal. <https://hdl.handle.net/10216/152691>

Brandimiller, T (2022) Corrigir a lente que observa e compreende o fenômeno da informalidade urbana. Avaliação orientada pela teoria do programa de regularização fundiária, FEUP, Porto, Portugal. <https://hdl.handle.net/10216/147746>

Flores, C (2023) Low-Intensity Insurgent Governance in the Global South: a decolonial alternative to post-democracy, PhD Thesis, FEUP, Porto, Portugal.

Ramos, P (2022) Instituições e Indicadores na "Monitorização e Avaliação" em Planeamento do Território, FEUP, Porto, Portugal. <https://hdl.handle.net/10216/148327>

Urban and housing policies and their transformative capacity are the main focus of the research carried out by RG2 (UPH). In the successive crisis contexts that have marked our recent experience - from the global financial crisis to the pandemic -, housing has emerged, in Portugal as in other countries, as a central and problematic issue that challenges urban policies from the perspective of social equity and justice. It is therefore an important ground for our applied research. Analysis tools are needed that capture the multi-scalar dimension of these processes, the institutional issues of articulation and tension between different agendas and policy instruments, and the role of social mobilisation dynamics.

The conclusion of the following 4 doctoral projects is perhaps the most impressive result of RG2 in the past year:

- Institutions and Indicators in "Monitoring and Evaluation" in Territorial Planning, by Paula Ribeiro Ramos;
- Correcting the lens that observes and understands the phenomenon of urban informality: a theory-based evaluation of the land regularization program, by Tatiana Urbanovik Brandimiller;
- Social housing, urban shrinkage and infrastructure: analysis of a right-sizing approach in two medium-sized shrinking cities in France (Le Creusot and Montluçon), by Fanny Augis;
- Low-Intensity Insurgent Governance in the Global South: a decolonial alternative to post-democracy, by Cintya Dantas Flores.

Beyond the specificity and the intrinsic value of each of those projects, two general points can be emphasised. Firstly, the importance given, in the research carried out by RG 2, to the methodologies of evaluation of plans and policies in contexts of complexity, and to their contributions to the production of knowledge and to learning and transformative processes. Secondly, the different geographical contexts in which research was carried out- Portugal, Brazil, France and Mexico -, that not only reflect the international appeal of our Doctoral Programme in Spatial Planning, but can also offer valuable insights for comparative urban studies, which is a field we aim to contribute to.

Two other research projects were successfully concluded. The first project, RE-CITY ITN, Reviving shrinking cities: innovative paths and perspectives towards livability for shrinking cities in Europe, was a four-year project financed under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No. 813803, already mentioned in previous issues of CITTA's Newsletter.

The second project, Participatory Local Plans for the Integration of Migrants: Learning from best practices and building bridges between U.S. and Portugal, led by Miguel Silva Graça, was financed by the Small Grants Program of the USA Embassy in Lisbon and developed by a partnership of CITTA with the Portuguese High Commission for Migration (ACM), the U.S. Department of State, and the American Immigration Council/Welcoming America. The organization of a professional exchange program, a co-creation workshop, and an academic and professional seminar were important results of the project, which also contributed to the development of new national guidelines for the development of participatory local plans for the integration of migrants.

These two projects reflect different ways of funding and internationalising RG2's research. It should be noted that both involve partnerships between academic and non-academic organisations. This circumstance is yet another opportunity to reflect on the issues of knowledge production, collective learning processes, and policy mobilities, which have been important topics of our research. A more complex understanding of the relationship between knowledge and action is needed, which, while recognising the existence of tensions between theory and practice, refuses to analyse them based on simplifying dualisms, such as the oppositions between theory and practice, technical and political dimensions, instrument design and implementation.

Local housing policies, land value capture and heritage and urban regeneration continued to be privileged objects of the group's scientific production.