Spatial inequalities and sustainability practices: a socio-territorial analysis of architecture in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Western Sahara and Burkina Faso

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Abstract

The text reflects - according to a sociologically oriented approach - on three areas of Africa, highlighting the difficulty of reconciling the growing urbanization with sustainable development as in the case of Kinshasa in the DRC. Furthermore, it focuses on the enhancement of the cultures of places, local identities and practices of self-construction in the design of public spaces, such as refugee camps, schools and institutions, in Rabouni, in the Western Sahara and in Gando and Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso. Lastly, the essay problematizes the theory of Giddens structuring with reference to the connection between architecture, sustainability and rights.

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