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II Ibero-American Symposium on Urban Socio-Spatial Segregation

Call for Papers (1st Circular)

Transformations in the Spatial Expressions of Inequality and Exclusion in Times of Accelerated Sociopolitical Transition

January 21 to 23, 2025 (hybrid format – in-person and online)

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Introduction to the Symposium

Urban socio-spatial segregation – the uneven distribution of social groups across urban space – has long been a central concern of Geography, Urban Studies and the Social Sciences. Despite the proliferation of studies multiplying over the decades, refining and diversifying methods (GIS, Geostatistics and AI analysis), broadening the range of subjects (the elderly, groups defined by sexual orientation), including new urban organisms (the cities of the Global South; medium-sized cities) and drawing attention to a wider set of processes (school segregation, vertical segregation...), the theme continues to hold enormous relevance.

Therefore, segregation remains one of the defining features of contemporary urban life. Processes of socio-economic and spatial restructuring – from transnational gentrification to real estate financialization, from the platformization of the economy to competitive urban development policies – make it urgent to rethink how segregation is produced, reproduced and contested in Ibero-American cities.

Following an initiative that originated from a group of geographers from the University of Burgos (Spain), in collaboration with the Federal University of Espírito Santo (Brazil), that took place in June 2023, this **II Ibero-American Symposium on Socio-Spatial Segregation will take place in Lisbon (Portugal)** and seeks to consolidate a space for exchange, reflection and debate, being guided by **three main aims**:

- i. To provide **academic dialogue** on research about segregation, in an open and plural sense, developed in and about Ibero-American cities;
- ii. To advance **analyses that connect current political and economic transformations** – such as protectionism, border closures, deglobalization, migration restrictions, inequality, financialization, labor deregulation, the platform economy and even the return of ‘war geopolitics’ – **with ongoing social and urban processes** (aging, digital nomadism, real estate internationalization, touristic gentrification, the commodification of historic centers and cities at large);
- iii. To promote **comparative analysis between different Ibero-American territorial contexts, valuing perspectives built from the “Global South”** in order to rethink and expand urban theory. The goal is to highlight the specificities of Southern cities in their relational and

interdependent dimensions, while engaging critically with readings produced in the Global North, contributing to the construction of more plural and global urban studies.

With this framework, the Symposium proposes itself as a space for encounter, reflection and critical debate on the multiple faces of urban segregation. Beyond documenting inequalities, we want to discuss how they relate to the profound transformations of Ibero-American cities and, from them, rethink theoretical and practical horizons to understand and confront the challenges of urban segregation in the 21st century.

Thematic Tracks

All researchers working on these issues in and from the Ibero-American space are invited to contribute to one of the **seven thematic tracks** of the Symposium. We seek contributions that bring elements capable of enriching the international scientific debate on socio-spatial segregation:

- 1) Measuring segregation: progress and trends in qualitative, quantitative and geographical domains
- 2) Segregation in medium-sized and non-metropolitan cities: challenges, impacts and singularities
- 3) Segregation and intersectionality: from class and nationality/ethnicity to age, gender or indigenous status
- 4) Beyond residence: segregation in school, work and public spaces
- 5) Residential segregation, Neighborhood Effect and Representation of segregated spaces: persistence and changes in a context of financialization, regeneration and multifaceted gentrification
- 6) Urban social movements, resistance and segregation – tensions, dilemmas and articulations
- 7) New formats of segregation: microsegregation, vertical segregation and socio-spatial fragmentation

Deadlines and Submissions

- Pre-registration and abstract submission: until 11 November 2025;
- Responses regarding acceptance of papers: from 3 to 21 November 2025;
- Registration and payment: (in-person 40 euros / online 20 euros; students 20 euros / online students free): From 10 November 2025, onwards

Rules for abstracts – maximum 300 words; plus indication of keywords and thematic track.

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