

A New Paradigm for the Existing City, an Approach

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This summary is intended to stimulate discussion on urban planning in uncertainty times as we're living these days.

Using a multidisciplinary and careful approach in the immediate future the aim is to stimulate discussion of ideas, seeking various lines for action that, in an integrated way, will guide interventions in consolidated urban fabric to generate a widely positive reaction. Nowadays, city's urban fabric presents many interventions over time, witch leaded to various city and citizens reactions and, even despite all attempts, there isn't prospect of a clearly positive and sustainable urban development.

The article aims to find not only various present cities' problems, but also which aspects have been addressed in their resolution and how successive interventions have used and transformed them, in a sector or integrated manner.

The comparative analysis of urban regeneration interventions in consolidated urban fabrics of other European cities may be useful to systematize positive and negative reactions, in cities and its people, which would bring better tools to assess and use successfully in cities (re)construction.

As conclusions, it will look for assessing integrated interventions in the emerging socio-economic framework, resulting from the present global financial crisis. The aim is, first, to assess what can be done to stimulate city's physical and socio-economic development, understanding it as an interdependent system, and consequently not being possible to intervene in a single field, failing to influence the other, and guide policies for a matrix that is relevant to future economic assumptions. Can the city be re-invented?

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