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Urban Beyond the City: Territorial Configurations in Planetary Urbanization

This research is based on an analysis of urbanization processes 'beyond-city' in Central Florida (United States) and their correlations with the central-southern region of the state of São Paulo (Brazil). I analyze unincorporated areas with more than 100,000 inhabitants and towns with fewer than 50 inhabitants in the United States, as well as the largest gated communities in Brazil, established in rural areas and exceeding the territorial extent of the cities to which they are administratively linked. Although the literature on planetary and extended urbanization, developed by authors such as Lefebvre, Brenner, Schmid, and Monte-Mór, has significantly advanced our understanding of urban expansion beyond the city, it focuses predominantly on metropolitan areas, commodity extraction zones, agricultural frontiers, or logistic corridors. There is, therefore, an empirical and conceptual gap regarding the interiorization of market-driven urbanization, particularly in contexts where the urban does not emerge from metropolitan growth, industrialization, or informal urbanization, but from the direct action of land and real estate capital. The regions studied, due to their economic and geographic histories, exhibit conditions that go beyond the traditional concept of urban expansion and should be understood as generators of urban and geographic forms embedded in globalization, with significant consequences, particularly in the context of the current environmental crisis, and should be considered in 21st-century urban theories and planning proposals.

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