

**URBANIZATION, SUSTAINABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT:
time-space complexities and diversities within
socio-spatial processes & forms in contemporary Brasil**

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**URBANIZATION → intensive (implosion) & extensive (explosion)
(Lefebvre, 1970, 1974)**

Brasil

**“Extended Urbanization” → beyond cities and towns
a metaphor for social space
(industrially equipped and politicized territories)**

“the urban” → the ‘third’ term

The GCP – General Conditions of Production

**New city-country-urban relations:
Multiplicity of urban (industrial) forms and processes →
Extended forms
Urban centralities
Metropolises
City-regions
Micro-regional consortiums
Proto-urban centralities
Various sociospatial arrangements**

**SUSTAINABILITY → Collective reproduction
(planetary scale)**

**Implies new relations with Nature
Implies embeddedness within Nature**

**“Extended naturalization” → the nature into the urban
the country into the city
and vice-versa**

“The General Conditions of Reproduction”

**Neo-marxists, myself +
Ignacy Sachs & others**

**High tech solutions
Traditional sources
Mixed urban-nature solutions**

BRASIL & AMAZONIA

The Savannahs, the Coast, the cities, the regions

**“Other ways of making a living”
Means to Ends**

DEVELOPMENT → (C. Furtado, 1978)

**from the ideology of Progress (inter-classes & intra-national pact)
onto the ideology of Development (intra-classes & inter-national pact)**

Development → to de-envelop
Desenvolvimento → to dis-involve
Desarrollo → to un-wrap
(dictionaries)

What for? To allow for capitalist market rational values&forces to take over?
(external order, distant determinations...)

Furtado → “endogenous de-envelopment”

What is there blocking or containing internal local forces/criativities?
How to allow for internal values&forces to break through?

WHAT then TO DO?

**Accept & embrace complexities?
Promote, enhance & ensure diversities?**

**Extend, deepen & strengthen:
Citizenship
Politicization of social space
“collectiveness” → the “common”?**

**Selectively extend urbanization:
Produce Other General Conditions of (Re)production
What are the GCP to strengthen local alternatives?**

**Which are some of the possible, real and imagined,
modes of economic, environmental and social integration**