

«Por una autonomía del habitar. Legado y actualidad del trabajo de John F C Turner en América Latina» / «Towards an autonomy of housing. Legacy and topicality of John F C Turner's work in Latin America»

1_Organization

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- Editorial *Pepitas de Calabaza*, Logroño/ Spain (editor of the forthcoming book)
- Building and Social Housing Foundation BSHF, Leicestershire/ UK (sponsor)

3_Confirmed speakers at the event

- Kathrin Golda-Pongratz, PhD, Professor FRA-UAS, Frankfurt am Main/ Germany
- Virginia Marzal Sánchez, MSc, Professor UNI-FAUA, Lima/ Peru
- David Satterthwaite, PhD, Senior Fellow IIED, London/ UK

4_Short description of the event

“Housing by people“ by John Turner was one of the books that marked a „new urban agenda“ at Habitat I in 1976. The potentials of the self-organized and self-built urban environments have since then influenced discourses and action taking with regards to urban slums and have contributed to a paradigm change from slum eviction towards slum upgrading and urban repair.

The launch of the book “John Turner: Por una autonomía del habitar” (forthcoming in *Pepita de Calabaza* Editores, Logroño/ Spain 2016) translates several crucial writings by Turner into Spanish for the first time and updates them through three key articles by the editors Kathrin Golda-Pongratz, José Luis Oyón and Volker Zimmermann and a preface by John F.C. Turner. Its presentation at Habitat III aims at a critical review of the relevance and (ongoing) repercussion of Turner's writings on the one side, and of present field work observations from that very same self-built urban settlements in Lima/ Peru, where John Turner's and his fellow writers' and consultants' work was developed.

Here, the relevance of a rediscovered uncensored version of the documentary “A roof of my own” (UNTV 1964) comes into place, which portrays the development and patterns of community building in self-build-neighbourhoods in Lima/ Peru. Recently initiated work on a follow-up documentary will be presented, to illustrate their transformation processes and set out the development goals for the future of the portrayed and of comparable urban settlements.

A further aspect is equally relevant for the H-III debates: “Por una autonomía del habitar“ puts John Turner's work into relation to Patrick Geddes' work and traces back the influence from the early writings until his current work-in-progress on a “Framework for Pattern-seeking Placemakers“, into which the editors are involved and which seeks to become a universal tool for explaining and testing processes of placemaking.

5_Details of the book to be presented

Title: “John Turner: Autoconstrucción. Por una autonomía del habitar. Escritos sobre vivienda, autogestión y holismo.“

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6_Related webpage link

<http://www.communityplanning.net/JohnFCTurnerArchive/index.php>