Line I – Metropolis, Metropolitan Dynamics and National Territory

This line of research seeks to understand the dynamics of metropolitan areas formation, their power of articulation and polarization of the country, and new spatial arrangements and their connections with the transformation of their production bases.

Projects:

Metropolis, Metropolitan Dynamics and National Territory

Metropolis, Production Structure and Labor Market.

Line II – Social spatial dimension of exclusion / integration in the metropolis: the reproduction of inequalities and their impact on urban sociability

The initial hypothesis of this line is that the social spatial processes taking place in Brazilian cities have enormous importance in understanding the societal mechanisms of exclusion and integration, through its effects on social structure, the mechanisms of production/reproduction of inequalities and relations of interaction and sociability among the groups and social classes. Such social spatial processes are conceptualized in this line as differentiation, segmentation and segregation.

Projects:

The new forms of housing loans and its impacts on the metropolis spatial reconfiguration.

Study about ways of housing provision and its impacts on spatial reconfiguration of cities.

Urban dispersion and accessibility in the metropolis

Territory Social Organization and Inequality of Educational Opportunities

Metropolis for Tourism: dynamics and reorganization of the territory in Salvador, Recife, Fortaleza and Natal - comparative studies for the Northeast.

Territory Social Organization and violent crime.

Spatial-social changes and Demographic Dynamics in the Metropolitan Areas: Labor Market, Housing and Family.

Social Organization of Metropolitan Territory – 1980/2010. Patterns and Evolution: São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre, Curitiba, Recife, Salvador, Fortaleza, Goiânia, Natal, Belém, Maringá.

Line III – Urban Governance, Citizenship and Management of the Metropolis

This line is dedicated to the study of conditions that constrain the construction of a governance system of the metropolitan conurbations who meets the requirements of efficiency and effectiveness in the management of common problems and public policy.

Projects:

Local issues, Social Geography of Votes and Metropolitan Governance

Institutional Arrangements, Environmental Sanitation and Management Metropolitan

The construction of metropolitan projects - International Experiences of metropolitan governance systems.

Socioterritorials Pacts, financing and metropolitan management

Line IV – Monitoring the metropolitan reality and the institutional development

Whereas persist several blockades and difficulties for the consolidation of an urban development´s national policy and for the effective functioning of a participation´s national system based in the cities councils and the managers councils, this line search to contribute for the confrontation of these blockades.

Projects:

Monitoring of Urban Development Policy and of Program to Accelerate Growth

The Eletronic Journal e-metropolis

The Environmental Sanitation National Police: between universal services and the environmental quality preservation.

Analysis of the Urban Development National System and the institutional performance of metropolitan municipalities.

Education – civil society and and government agents.

Metropolitan Geographic and Social Information System for Planning and Research - Geo-Metropolis