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Bogotá and its metropolitan area: 25 years of modernization

This talk focuses on planning ideas and their influence on urban policy and morphology. After exploring the history of planning in Bogotá, including the outstanding influences of the Austrian urban planner Karl Brunner and of the French architect Le Corbusier, the recent process of planning will be examined, including the implantation of 'The Barcelona Model' and the 'Communicational Planning'. Additionally, we will look at the economic and urban restructuring of the city which can be seen as a derivative of economic and political changes that started in the nineties. In this context, the aim is to debate the main achievements of 25 years of modernization in Bogotá, and the contemporary challenges that the city faces.

- This talk will be held in Spanish -



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