

## **Resilience and Porosity of City Borders: A Psychosocial investigation in three Brazilian cities**

**Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul  
Central Campus  
23 - 25 May 2016**

### **Focus and Background**

This workshop is an activity of the RCUK-CONFAP research partnership. It aims to conduct a psychosocial investigation of resilience and porosity of city borders amongst the most vulnerable and excluded communities of large Brazilian urban environments. It seeks to contribute to the welfare and economic development of Brazil in important ways. First, it enables an understanding of agency in contexts of deprivation and of the resources available to disenfranchised social actors in building pathways to change their lives and their cities for the best; second, it can inform urban planners, architects and policy makers in the design of urban transformations that listen to experiences on the ground and support inter-group communication, with a view to foster mobility, the widening of horizons and the expansion of cognitive capacities. A collaboration Brazil-UK with this focus offers rich opportunity for exchanging knowledge and building capacity for those involved. It can identify local strengths and contribute to the development of evidence-based policymaking.

### **Aims**

- To expand and consolidate the network and discussions held in London in 2015, in order to facilitate research exchange and partnerships between the stakeholders involved;
- To enable the discussion and exchange around the work that has been developed so far in each Brazilian city and in each research group involved in the project;
- To discuss the review of the literature connecting social psychology and urban studies and establish the research design;
- To bring together international colleagues from social psychology, urban studies and geography, in order to produce a distinct approach to the connections between environment, self-esteem and resilience;
- To integrate different generation of scholars from both countries;
- To work cooperatively on a research proposal to be submitted to relevant research bodies;
- To deliver a session to the network and to local postgraduate students on the use of specialist software for analysis of qualitative data and on the use of online tools for research impact.

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## PROGRAMME

*Monday 23<sup>th</sup> May – UFRGS, Faculty of Architecture, Central Campus, Room 200*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09:00 – 10:00	Welcome and introduction (Pedrinho Guareschi, Sandra Jovchelovitch, Simone Paulon)
10:00 – 12:00	Presentation of cities. Feasibility assessment of research sites: Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Norte, Rio Grande do Sul, and São Paulo (led by Cristal Aragão, Magda Dimenstein, Simone Paulon, Pedrinho Guareschi and Adelina Novaes)
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Presentation of systematic review of the literature (Sandra Jovchelovitch, Jacqueline Priego, Maria Cecilia Dedios, Mara Nogueira)
14:30 – 17:30	Interdisciplinary discussion - all participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fine-tuning research questions</li> <li>▪ Research design</li> <li>▪ Assessment and discussion on sites' feasibility</li> </ul>
18:00 onwards	Dinner – social event

*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Psychology Institute Informatics Lab & Urban spaces in Porto Alegre*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09:00 – 12:30	Workshop on CAQDAS and online tools for research impact (Jacqueline Priego)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:30	Visit to the city, first contact with potential research partners: <i>Coletivos de ocupação urbana</i> , <i>Movimento da População de Rua</i> and <i>Jovens em conflito com a Lei</i> (Luis Artur Costa and Fernando Fuão)

*Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Everest Hotel*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
09:00 – 12:00	Working on constitutive elements of proposal using relevant template from UK/Brazil funders
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Establishing action plan for completing the research proposal

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