

## **FEMINISING URBAN STRUGGLES SEMINAR**

bodies, territories and politics in the production of peripheral spaces

### **PROGRAM | 12 MARCH**

#### **Location: SESC CPF**

Rua Dr. Plínio Barreto, 285. Bela Vista

#### **10:00 | Front desk**

#### **10:30 | Opening session**

Paula Freire Santoro (FAUUSP, Brazil), Priscila Izar (Wits University, South Africa), Elinorata Mbuya (Ardhi University, Tanzania), Carolina Lunetta (IHS, Netherlands)

#### **11:00 | Experiences of feminist urban struggles in Africa**

- Petunia Mabuza (Community Leader in Phomolong, South Africa)
- Husna Sechongue (Regional Coordinator of the Federation of the Urban Poor, Tanzania)
- Shumani Luruli (Planact NGO project coordinator, South Africa)
- Elinorata Mbuya (Ardhi University)

Moderator: Priscila Izar (Wits University, South Africa)

#### **12:30 | Lunch**

#### **14:30 | Exploring feminist methodologies: identities, diversities and experiences**

- Sarah Charlton (Wits University, South Africa)
- Rossana Tavares (UFF, Brazil); Diana Helene (UFAL, Brazil)

Moderator: Glória Figueiredo (UFBA)

#### **16:00 | Coffee break**

#### **16:30 | Exploring feminist methodologies: identities, diversities and experiences**

- Paula Meth (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)
- Gabriela Leandro Pereira (UFBA)

Moderator: Paula Freire Santoro (FAUUSP, Brazil)

#### **18:00 | Closing**

## **PROGRAM | 13 MARCH**

### **9:30 | SESC CPF Meeting**

### **10:00 | Departure for the Mutirão Carolina Maria de Jesus**

### **10:30 | Mutirão Carolina Maria de Jesus**

The housing project is centrally located next to the Belém Metro Station in a Special Zone of Social Interest (ZEIS). After nearly 30 years of struggle, the area was allocated to the landless movement *Movimento Sem Terra Leste 1* (MSTL1) to carry out a project through mutirão (mutual-aid construction). The legal transfer of the land to the movement was only completed in 2016 after several occupations and negotiations with the São Paulo Metropolitan Housing Company (COHAB). Since 2015, several activities have been developed in the area in collaboration with USINA (a technical assistance company) to organize the future residents and develop the project. The project for 227 low-income families was approved in 2022 with resources from "Pode Entrar" program of São Paulo municipality.

Presentation: Kaya Lazarini (USINA) and Evaniza Rodrigues (MSTL1)

### **12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch at a restaurant close to Mutirão Carolina Maria de Jesus**

### **14:30 | Penha Pietras Occupation**

The occupation is located in one of the most valuable areas of the city (between Av. Consolação and Av. Paulista). Originally a hotel, it closed its doors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Left vacant, it was occupied in November 2011 by a group of 260 individuals, mainly homeless women associated with the Movement for Housing and Social Inclusion (MMIS). Currently, the legal status of the occupation remains uncertain, with ongoing repossession suits. The occupation today is established, constructed and organized in a popular way, structuring itself to be a space of art and culture.

Presentation: Welita Caetano (leader of the union of movements FLM), Guilia Ramilo (coordinator of Penha Pietras), and Samira Rodrigues (FAUUSP)

### **17:00 | Return to SESC CPF**

## **PROGRAM | 14 MARCH**

### **9:30 | SESC CPF Meeting**

### **10:00 | Departure to the Juta Farm**

### **11:00 | Juta Farm**

The Mutirão União da Juta emerged from intense struggle led by housing movements in São Paulo's East Zone, involving numerous occupations in the region. In 1992, the Movimento Sem Terra Leste 1 (MST Leste 1) successfully secured land from the Urban Development Company of the Government of São Paulo (CDHU) and hired USINA to develop the housing project. The complex was inaugurated in 1998, providing homes for 160 families. A notable feature of the initiative was the early establishment of a community center, initially serving as the construction site headquarters and daycare center. Operating under an agreement with the municipality, the daycare center continued its services, while the remaining space was repurposed for various community activities. These included a bakery, library, rooms for youth training courses, and a chapel.

Presentation: Roseane Maria de Queiroz (Mutirão União da Juta), Kaya Lazarini (USINA)

### **13:00 | Departure to Mulheres do GAU**

### **14:00 – 16:00 | Lunch at Mulheres do GAU**

The Associação Mulheres do GAU (Urban Agriculture Group) is an association of women who work as urban farmers in the East Zone of São Paulo. In addition to environmental awareness work, they promote healthy cooking by showcasing agroecological products at corporate events, workshops, and similar gatherings that underscore the significance of agroecology. Their efforts extend to educating children in the area about proper land cultivation techniques, while sharing expertise to enhance nutritional practices, reclaim local knowledge, and foster understanding of regional dynamics. Through innovative urban agriculture methods, biodiversity conservation, sustainability initiatives, and advocacy for food sovereignty, they strive to enrich community nutrition and resilience.

Presentation: Vilma Martins de Oliveira (Women of GAU) and Maria Clara Ribeiro Camargo (RAPPA)

### **17:00 | Return to SESC CPF**

## **PROGRAM | MARCH 15**

### **9:30 | SESC CPF Meeting**

### **10:00 | Departure for the Dandara Mutirão**

### **11:00 | Dandara Mutirão**

The Dandara Project is the culmination of collaborative efforts between the Association of Housing Movements of the Southeast Region and the Union of Housing Movements (UMM). Through a public call, they secured land in Jardim São Savério, located in the South Zone of São Paulo. The project will provide homes for 50 families, predominantly led by women. The construction started in March 2023, prompting monthly gatherings among the beneficiary families for assemblies and community engagement initiatives. Oversight and financial management committees convene regularly to address project needs, supported by technical guidance from the Ambiente Arquitetura and the Coordination of Housing Movements in the Southeast Region.

Presentation: Maria das Graças Xavier (UMM - Mutirão Dandara / Rede Habitat) Maria de Fátima dos Santos (UMM - Mutirão Dandara)

### **13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch at Mutirão Dandara**

### **14:00 | Departure for the Projeto Meninas e Meninos de Rua**

### **14:30 | Feminist social movements in Greater ABC**

Representatives from feminist social movements across Greater ABC (Metropolitan Region of São Paulo) will meet for conversation circles at the headquarters of Projeto Meninas e Meninos de Rua, a social organization in São Bernardo do Campo dedicated to assisting children and adolescents facing social vulnerability. The following groups will be attending:

- Ocupa Sapatão ABC is a collective of lesbian women that organizes artistic gatherings, conversation circles, and entrepreneurial fairs. Their aim is to cultivate a space of inclusivity and belonging while sparking discussions on the nuances of lesbian experiences and the identity of being a dyke in the region. The collective's name stems from a collaboration with Ocupa Sapatão RJ, a movement influenced by Marielle Franco in 2017.
- Olga Benário's movement organizes women to fight against patriarchal-capitalist oppression and in the fight for socialism.
- ABC Women's Block is a carnival group founded in 2018 that mainly has women as references. An independent group that promotes female

empowerment actions, such as percussion initiation workshops and conversation circles. In their repertoire they present rhythms from Brazilian indigenous Afro popular culture.

## **18:00 | Return to SESC CPF**

### **ADRESSES**

#### **03/12**

SESC CPF (R. Dr. Plínio Barreto, 285 - Bela Vista)

#### **03/13**

Carolina de Jesus Mutirão (R. Toledo Barbosa, 180 - Belém)

Penha Pietra's Occupation (R. da Consolação, 2563 - Consolação)

#### **03/14**

Fazenda da Juta, São Mateus, São Paulo – SP (R. Augustin Luberti, 268-338 - Fazenda da Juta)

Women of GAU (R. Papiro-do-Egito, 100b - Vila Jacui)

#### **03/15**

Mutirão Dandara (Rua Mário Quintana - Jardim Savério)

Street Girls and Boys Project (R. Jurubatuba, 1610 - Centro, São Bernardo do Campo)