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Abstract

THE REVISION OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO: A Heterogeneous Planning Management

This paper is concerned with the physical construction of the University of Aveiro Santiago Campus, based on the direct relation of the construction of its facilities to the master plan conceived in the Centre of Studies of the University of Oporto Faculty of Architecture by a team coordinated by Nuno Portas (CEFA: *The Revision of the Masterplan of the University of Aveiro*, 1987/89).

Since this is a plan with particular characteristics - it contains only two drawings and a part of the building management was carried out without the use of formalized sketches – it interested us to take notice of the planning management process used in the campus construction. Methodologically we analysed the construction of the facilities in chronological order, always framing the relationship between plan and architecture projects.

We intend to show that the planning management developed by this team consisted of a heterogeneous and diverse process, having been adopted formal, semi-formal or totally informal tools, depending on the greater or lesser need for regulation of each situation, elected according to the objectives to be attained in every moment and taking advantage of the opportunities as they have arisen.

The procedure undertaken at the University of Aveiro is an important example of what is the application of a variable regulation in urban planning, and was one of, if not "the" experience, which contributed to the formulation, by Nuno Portas, of the theory on which he bases his current definition of "Urban Project".

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