

The Urban Boundaries Project

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Who are we?

3 communities

“Fishermen”

Fishing community, situated in Costa da Caparica

“Bairro”

People from 8 different ethnicities, occupying an illegal land in Costa da Caparica

“Academic”

Educational researchers, architectures, biologists, teachers, philosophers, historians, ...



Challenges

1. Recognition

2. Water supply

3. Having a common voice

4. Avoid assistencialism

Theorizations

1. The “fourth-world”, the “invisible” people
2. Every-day problems of the communities
3. Giving voice or creating spaces for new voices to be heard?
4. Education for globalization and diversity
5. The symbolic violence
6. Theorize in economical and political terms communities’ problems: “At the end, everything is politics” (Lídio, fisherman)

Field work

- Encounters: understand the differences, define the commonalities
- Critical alphabetization
- Cartography of the land and census of the population
- Life-history portfolios

Critical ethnography

To develop a critical ethnography to understand the communitarian educational local process.

Aims

- To establish the “bairro” as a legal space
- To collect and exhibit the life experiences of fishermen
- To establish a long-term cooperation between the three communities
- Create spaces in the academia where these voices can be heard, and this kind of research can be done