

URBAN RESIDENTIAL PROJECT ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF MEDIUM-SIZED CITIES IN SPAIN (1980-2010)¹

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SUMMARY

Since the 1980s, Spanish cities have undergone a significant urban transformation in which the appearance of new residential areas has played an important role. In some cases, we find the extension of the city itself, taking new soil and bringing new elements to the general structure. In other cases, modifying and renewing the inside of the town, where residential buildings and other urban elements have had a noticeable effect on the renovation of the existing city.

The reflection consists of an evaluation of the period from 1980 to 2010, engaging in a thematic analysis and comparing a representative sample from these residential areas, specifically taking into account their adaptation to the surroundings, the morphological-typological characteristics of their components as indicators of urban quality. This should not only help us detect best practices, contributing new cultural reference points; it should also demonstrate some of the challenges in response to which we will need to implement new urban strategies.

KEY WORDS: residential project, medium-sized cities, urban transformation, urban growth.

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