URBAN REDEVELOPMENT IN COLOMBIA
CASE STUDY: “THIRD MILLENNIUM” PARK IN BOGOTA

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After being considered the most dangerous sector of Bogota, “El Cartucho” neighbourhood, located in the heart of the Colombia capital city, has disappeared because of the implementation of the “Third Millennium” redevelopment project. Ten years later, it is imperative to assess the outcomes and impacts of this project in urban and social structures in the downtown area of Bogota. Therefore, before re-using the same model, this lecture presents the analysis of this case, which is considered one of the most important redevelopment experiences in Latin America during the last decade. The location of the project, the approach applied, and its subsequent reproduction in other cities set a good scenario for identifying some of the effects and consequences of redevelopment processes. In addition, the elements found in this analysis could contribute towards improving the public policies that currently regulate renewal and redevelopment strategies in Colombia.

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