



Design for Collaborative Cities

Collaborative people in challenging places

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- Pre-Cumulus Conference event at the Los Andes University
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More than half of the world's population lives in cities. Most of them do it in urban settlements that challenge any ideas of cities as planned and regulated environments. They are challenging places where social and environmental problems may be tragically tangible, their basic infrastructure may not exist, and public institutions may be absent. Places where people may be in danger for their health and their safety and where everybody, day by day, must invent how to live. Or at least, survive.

But these places are challenging also in positive terms. If they are where, day by day, people must invent and re-invent their life; they are also social environments endowed with huge energy. A widespread creativity and entrepreneurship that, in principle at least, could be cultivated and transformed in an agent of change. For the same involved people, for the whole society, and for the whole Planet.

Collaborative people in challenging places is a Seminar that aims to focus on how innovative collaborative behaviors appear in challenging places, and what individual, social and environmental values they can produce.

In this spirit, the Seminar introduces a variety of meaningful experiences. Referring to them the common thread is how the collaborative attitude emerges, re-emerges and/or is maintained. And in particular what could be the role of design in their starting-up and development.

The Seminar is a step in the DESIS Program Design for Collaborative Cities (DXCC) (<https://desisnetwork.org/dxcc>). It is held on 28th October 2019, in Bogotá, at the Universidad de Los Andes, as a pre-Cumulus Conference event (that is, shortly before the Cumulus Conference organized by the Los Andes University, 30th October - 1st November 2019).

Pre-seminar active participation

In the next months, we want to start the conversation on the seminar theme. To do so, we propose to collect examples of transformative social innovation in challenging places in these three main areas of activity:

- (1) collaborative living (sharing everyday life services and spaces),
- (2) collaborative work (producing value and creating jobs through cooperation),
- (3) collaborative care for the commons (caring for the neighborhood, caring for water, energy, waste, caring for wildlife).

If you want to participate, please contact us (contact address: info@desisnetwork.org)