



# STATE-LED GENTRIFICATION IN LATIN AMERICA

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State-led gentrification is a generic form of gentrification planned, commanded, or promoted by state agencies at various scales, as part of either a nationwide or local level restructuring agenda, aimed at generating specific urban and land conditions for gentrification to occur. In Latin America, although the national state has always played different roles as landlord, housing supplier, and redeveloper, little systematic research has been conducted about the actual involvement by the state in exclusionary redevelopment processes. The cities of Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Rio de Janeiro and Santiago are well-known cases that host variegated forms of gentrification. López-Morales will offer insights on how public-private coalitions provide the decisive institutional arrangements that hold supra-legal powers directed at the privatization and commercialization of public spaces - especially in areas where land and housing markets are highly financialized by volatile global capitals.