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TITLE: THE CAPITALIST STATE AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF URBAN SPACE: A Critical Treatise, which is based on the Strategic-Relational Approach, concerning Harvey's and Castells' Urban Theories.

ABSTRACT

In the historical process the urban space have been produced, transformed and reproduced by the process of capital accumulation and the interventions of the state. In addition, the urban space becomes one of the basic mediations of economic, politic and social contradictions in the process of development of capitalism. Hence, this study considers the critique of political economy in the frame of the process of organization of urban space.

In the chapter entitled "The Theory of the Capitalist State", which is the first chapter of this study, it is aimed to form a theoretical framework for understanding the role the state plays in the organization of urban space. It is decided that this theoretical framework is strategic-relational approach. The second chapter is entitled "The Urban Spaces as Fields on which the Capitalist Contradictions Concentrate" and in this chapter the radical urban theory are considered in a strategic-relational framework.

KEYWORDS

the capitalist state, urban space, strategic-relational approach, the radical urban theory.