The Path of the Preservation of the Pampulha Modern Ensemble: the challenges of the management of a World Heritage Cultural Landscape

The thesis research investigates the path of the preservation of the Pampulha Modern Ensemble in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. It was conceived and built during the 1940’s. It is conformed by a landscape that adds four buildings articulated around the water mirror of the Pampulha Lagoon, and by gardens. As an integrated result of the projects of the architect Oscar Niemeyer, the landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx, the artists Candido Portinari, Paulo Wemeck, Alfredo Ceschiatti, among others. The ensemble integrates modern architecture, art and landscape design.

It was inscribed as a cultural landscape in the World Heritage list in July 2018.

The trajectory of the Pampulha modern ensemble is a great case study to demonstrate how cultural heritage preservation has gone through theoretical and methodological shifts over the years. The thesis addresses issues of Cultural Heritage Preservation, such as:

[1] What are the contemporary approaches to manage a Cultural Landscape in our (urban) built environment?
[2] What are the limits of changes acceptable in a Cultural Landscape in order to preserve its Values and its Cultural Significance? How can the attributes of “integrity” and “authenticity” be preserved?
[4] The value-based approach in the management of sites
[5] The proposals of UNESCO in the management of world heritage sites, such as HUL - Historic Urban Landscape approach
[6] The effects and consequences of the inscription of the Pampulha Modern Ensemble as a cultural landscape in the World Heritage List

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