URBANIZATION, PUBLIC SPACE AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT IN WEST AFRICA:

SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION PROCESSES IN DAKAR AND NOUAKCHOTT

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Part 1

Background, Objectives, …
URBAN DEVELOPMENT : BIG CHALLENGE FOR THE WORLD
RESEARCH LOCATIONS

Nouakchott
Dakar
Abidjan
FOUR INSTITUTIONS FOR A NORTH-SOUTH PARTNERSHIP

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GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT

>>>>> General framework
   Urbanization of Africa as a main Global change process
   Globalization and local specificities
   Urban Poverty versus Development ?

>>>>> Theory
   Urban Planning (a critical approach)
   Public space: a place for public practices

>>>>> Application
   Participatory research-action >>> « tools » for a sustainable urban management
GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE RESEARCH

Analyze of the links between urbanization process, mutations of Public space and modalities of Urban management in two big cities of West Africa
>>> How could the observation of the mutations of Public spaces help to understand the changes of the African big city?

>>> What is the role of the public spaces in the processes of social inclusion and exclusion?

>>> What are the specificities of these processes on local levels, in each city?

>>> How could we create a theoretical and pragmatic framework for a sustainable urban management in West Africa?
METHODOLOGY

>> Interdisciplinary Team and Methods

>> Qualitative Methods

>> Participatory approaches

>> Actor(stakeholder)-oriented approach

>> Dialogues with Public actors

>> International Research Workshops

>> Visual Anthropology
ORIGINALITY OF THE RESEARCH

>>> Improving the Public space concept in Urban Africa

>>> Testing the strategic role of public spaces for Sustainable urban management

>>> Elaboration of new tools for urban management

>>> Amelioration of the quality of public spaces studied by a participatory research work with local stakeholders
Part 2

Case studies from the 2 fields…
CASE STUDIES: CITY OF DAKAR, SENEGAL

An hyper-urban context

> Capital city
> High density
> Challenge of transport
> Uncontrolled market activities
> Governance
> Decentralization

>>>>> Multiplicity of challenges and actors in the management of public spaces
DAKAR - ZONE 1 : THE PETERSEN BUS STATION
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>>>>> Growth of the basic needs for mobility and transports in direction of the Plateau (downtown)

>>>>> Concentration of all administrative and commercial functions in the Plateau

>>>>> Creation of Petersen in 1990 as a consequence of the Implementation of a « Circulation Plan of the Plateau »
DAKAR - ZONE 2 : THE SYNDICATE MARKET
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>>>>> Difficulties for access to the food goods

>>>>> Re-organization of market activities in downtown displaced Syndicate Market to the periphery

>>>>> Zone for reception of migrants (from the countryside or urban displaced people)
Bus station and market places as public spaces and new economical places

Urban infrastructures as conflicts and negociation spaces

Station and markets : opportunities for the inclusion of poorest actors
CASE STUDIES: CITY OF NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA

>>> The market city

> Capital city
> Urban sprawl
> Informal land occupations
> Predominance of the commercial activities

>>>>> Multiplicity of challenges and actors in the management of public spaces
NOUAKCHOTT - ZONE 1 : THE SOCOGIM MARKET
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>>> Creation in 1992 to address the problem of informal market

>>> Exploitation of « little » merchants inside the Market place

>>> Instability of informal business

>>> Hygiene and Sanitation problems
NOUAKCHOTT - ZONE 2 : THE REINSTALLED KEBBA
Reinstallation in 2002 of displaced inhabitants of the Kebba Slum

New « Citizenship feeling » of the replaced people

Amelioration of hygiene in spite of Water scarcity

Increasing perception of a « common urban identity » because of the better infrastructures
MAIN RESULTS IN NOUAKCHOTT

>>> SOCOGIM market place is not a « private » public space

>>> SOCOGIM and Kebba as risky spaces

>>> SOCOGIM and Kebba, economical and housing opportunities for the poors
Part 3
Capacity building, cooperation, partnerships, outlook ...
CAPACITY BUILDING 1: TRAINING

>>>>> 1 PHD SOUTH AND 1 PHD NORTH (IN PROGRESS)

>>>>> 2 DEA NORTH

>>>>> 1 DEA SOUTH

>>>>> 3 « MAITRISES » SOUTH

>>>>> 1 DESS SOUTH

>>>>> 1 INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
ON DAKAR:

  
  **Results:** a place of centralization and polarization of inter-urban traffic between Dakar and the suburbs, a lot of challenges, conflicts, perspectives, spatial dynamics and mutations.

  
  **Results:** serious environmental risks, self affirmation of actors, organisational dynamics (factor of integration), informal management

- 3 Urban Letters, by Cheick Samba Wade
CAPACITY BUILDING 3: PUBLICATIONS

ON NOUAKCHOTT:

- Study on an adapted sanitation system to a public space: the case of the SOCOGIM Market in Nouakchott. DESS in sanitary engineering, by Weddadi ould Boilil, October 2004, 72p.
  **Results**: lack of technical and sanitary control of waste management in the market, non involvement of stakeholders in the wastes management; suggestion of managerial strategies.

- Public spaces in Nouakchott: case of SOCOGIM Market in Nouakchott. DEA in geography, by Timothé Bronkhorst and Marie Pineaudau, June 2005, 155p
  **Results**: influence and expansion of the informal trade, changes in trade practices due to the market structure.

- Public spaces in Kebba (slum): perception and usages by the populations. Study report by Doulo Traoré, December 2005, 15p
  **Results**: awareness of the populations on the settlement management and more knowledge of the available public spaces.
ON NOUAKCHOTT (in progress):

>>> *Maitrise* in Geography on « New public spaces in Nouakchott - the example of the restaurants in Tevragh-Zeina » (Boubacar Koita, 2006)

>>> *Maitrise* in Geography on « the role of commercial activities in the dynamics of public spaces in Nouakchott : the case of Kennedy Avenue » (Mahamédou Diagana, 2006)

>>> Study case on “the social perception of the SOCOGIM market by its actors”
   (Moussa Keita, 2007, to be published)

>>> Process of Private appropriation of the Space of the street in the popular neighborhoods
   (Wélé Abdoulaye)
PARTNERSHIP FOR COOPERATION

>>>>> 4 international annual workshops

>>>>> 4 inter-African workshops and many mutual field visits

>>>>> Thematic reinforcement of traditional activities of South Institutions (CSRS Abidjan - ENDA Dakar - INRSP Nouakchott)

>>>>> Development of new scientific activities on Urban Topic in South

>>>>> Links with International Networks, as NCCR N-S in West Africa
OUTLOOK AND PERSPECTIVES: IN GENERAL

>>> PhD in EPFL on « Urbanization, city design and the urban model in Western Africa: the position and stakes of the public space”, by Jérôme Chenal, LaSUR

>>> PhD on « Dynamics of Public spaces, key issues and challenges: which model of sustainable governance », M. M’Boup, UCAD, Dakar

>>> Research in Visual Anthropology in Dakar, Nouakchott and Abidjan

>>> Publications of Scientific articles (“papers”) and final research reports

>>> Workshops of capitalization in Research-action in Dakar and Nouakchott

>>> Self Evaluation Workshops in Dakar, Nouakchott and Abidjan

>>> Two International methodological seminars in Nouakchott (2007) and Dakar (2008)
OUTLOOK AND PERSPECTIVES: IN DAKAR

>>> Memoire de DEA on: « Urban management and public spaces: challenges and conflicts in the management of the Pétersen Bus Station »

>>> Scientific article on: « Public spaces, social actors and sustainable governance »

>>> Scientific article on: « constraints and obstacles to the Participatory gouvernance of Public spaces »

>>> Scientific articles on urban issues

>>> Visual Anthropology of public spaces in Dakar

>>> Themes for dialogues between identified actors of urban spaces: Security, Health, Environment, Fiscality
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>>> Position paper on “the social perception of the SOCOGIM market by its actors”, by Moussa Keita (to be published in January 2007)

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MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS FOR JUNE 2008

>>>>> Constitution of an interdisciplinary research network of Scientists and institutions of the North and the South

>>>>> Promotion of a scientific coopération

>>>>> Formation of junior researchers to urban research in Africa

>>>>> Elaboration of instruments for sustainable urban management and planning

>>>>> Publication of scientific articles and books

>>>>> Continuation of research activities by teaching

>>>>> Promotion of Social integration of the Urban poorest actors
Thank you very much