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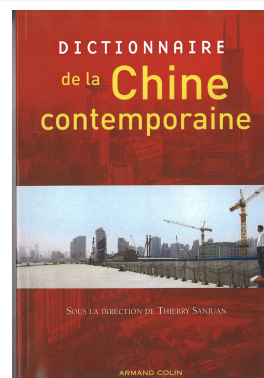


## Books Review

**Contemporary China – A Dictionary**  
[ *Dictionnaire de la Chine contemporaine* ],  
dir. Th.Sanjuan, Paris, Ed. A.Colin, 2006, 304 p.

Some 90 experts coming from various fields (anthropology, law, economics, geography, history, political sciences, sociology, urban planning, etc.) have contributed to this heavy book, which includes a series of colour maps.

Each of the 300 items (of which a relevant number concern the city and the urban planning)



includes several references to other items in the same field. Which makes a total of 900 inputs, which the reader may jump from one to another in order to better understand today's China.

Should we also mention that, according to the UN/WUP, China will have 600 millions of urban citizens in 2010...

## News from the Club

The **next meeting of the FNAU – International Club** will be held next May 23 or 24 in Lyon, on the two main following topics :

\* *morning* : "How the French urban planning agencies may work as operators of a decentralized cooperation policy"

\* *afternoon* : Urban planning within emerging & developing countries – specificities of the local practices".

Our wish is to have a significant participation by the agencies of our network, either working already abroad or being just starting a process of international cooperation.



*Fnau Training session in Querétaro (Mexico), dec.2004*  
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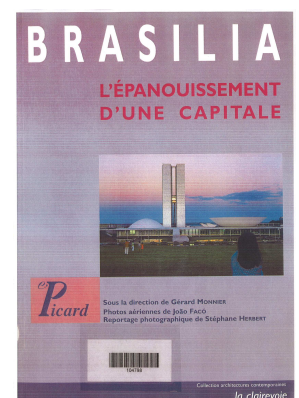
Please note that another meeting of the club will be held in **Paris on Tuesday Sept.18**, this in relationship with the "week of the clubs".

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**Brasilia, Flowering of a capital city**  
[ *Brasilia, l'épanouissement d'une capitale* ],  
dir. G.Monnier, Paris, Picard, 2006, 178 p.

A series of interesting papers about the urban planning (A.Correa del Lago, J.L.Herbert..) and the architecture (C.Estrela, G.Luigi..) of this metropolis that the French writer & minister André Malraux considered in 1959 that it would become at long-term « the most beautiful ruins of the 20<sup>th</sup> century » !

The picture research is both varied and of first - rate quality. It is a wonderful complement to this portrait of a city which still dreams itself « at four scales » : the monumental one (not so surprising), the residential, but also (more unexpected) the «gregarious» and the.. « pastoral » scales.



## Who & where ? News from the agencies

From Feb.9 to 17, the **Lyon** Agency has managed in **Ouagadougou** (Burkina) a training session on Urban planning for some forty technicians coming from various West-African cities (Abidjan / Niamey / Dakar/ Cotonou/ Bamako /Ndjamena), with the help of CIFAL (*International Training Centres for Local Authorities/Actors*). The main topics were (i) the management of the very high urban growth in the cities of the regional area and (ii) the conceptual, regulatory and operational tools available to try to solve this heavy challenge.



### *Ouagadougou*

The Greater Lyon Area and the Agency have also discussed the way to build-up an *Agenda 21* in Ouagadougou, as this city wishes to make easier the coordination of its municipal services and bring more coherence within its actions related with environment and social policy.

This program will be continued in 2007.  
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The **cooperation of the Bordeaux Agency** « **a'urba** » (as delegate from the Urban Community / CUB) with **Venezuela** met some new developments in 2006 with :

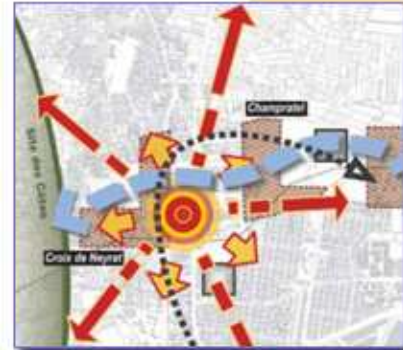
- the program of technical assistance with four municipalities (urban planning, improvement of the historical cores, water management, public transportation),

- a training session on sustainable development organized in Venezuela & completed by a meeting in Bordeaux on the economic development, in order "to favour a better-adapted offer by the local firms to the venezuelian needs",

- a city network and a shared website, to be developed on various topics such as urban planning, water, urban waste, public transportation, historical inheritance, etc.

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The Ministry of Urban Planning of Morocco is organizing **next May 21 & 22 in Rabat-Salé** a training session on "**The territorial projects**" for a group of project leaders working in the Moroccan urban planning agencies.



Nancy will summarize the global project "Nancy 2020", Paris & the IAURIF will give two presentations of some territorial projects around the proper city of Paris, Montbeliard will give some more emphasis over the methodology used for these projects, Clermont-Ferrand will introduce the "Greater Clermont Area" project and Tours is to insist more about the working method used by its agency for building the "Strategical project" of its urban area.

## On your agenda

The next workshop « Urban Project » organized by the DGUHC will be held on **Sept. 20 & 21 in Barcelona**, under the responsibility of Ms.A.Masbounghi et Mr.J.Borja.



### *Cl.Leblogdegab*

The ambition of this workshop is to study thoroughly the concept of *new centralities*, which was basical for the renewal of Barcelona, through the visit of several projects in the Estearn part of the city and a meeting associating the main actors of this urban policy.

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