





Le corbusier: tHE bRASILIA pROJECT

At the studies about Le Corbusier you will find a connection to Brasilie. That is the capital of Brazil, located in the central part of the country, for better defense and exculpate the full city along the coast. Building of the city began in more or less 1956 and ends 4 years later, that speed and art of architectur was possible by using ferroconcrete. Oscar niemeyer und Lucio Costa are the fathers of the work, inspired and admired by Le Corbusier. On that way with such popular architecters and there high end idears developted the city to the best documented planed citys ever. The political part about starting the project was done by Juscelino Kubitschek, he was a very popular Social Democrat. Brasília is listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and lives 91% from services like goverment jobs and 9 % industrie. In that way is the main city quiet clean and got a high life quality standart. Around the capitol residented are many

sub urrbs (satellite citys), there are not so high in here standerts and without that urrbs living there ca. 199.062 people today. The city contains some importent buildings and architecture landscapes, that gives the place his futurism charm. To my mind, is the city poor by random city problem, that steals brasilia here authentic flair, but for the idear to build a new capitol just for the goverment and within a better defense, is it real a good thing. The expressive creative brightness found a good place point in time, when a couple of intelligent men do move something. There youthful enthusiasm by designing a new better place is everywhere visual. Brasils image grows in the world up, but not the number of population in that spezial city. Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paolo get not balanced, perhaps need Brasil more movement in economy and infrastructure? Or perhaps they don't want is. I got contact with an young girl

from Sao Paulo, she told me, that the city is very beautiful and an alternitve for people, that lived her whole time in a 20 million city. I checked the city by printing a map out from google map, and by doing the puzzle, i thougt "what for a boring place to be, just people with black dresses and black cases on huge open placeses where are crazy tourists taking photos." It's definitly impersonal, too organiezed and cold of own thinking. But on the other hand .. no, boring, cause of no real live, everywhere are structurs and planed and forbidden places. more attrective is in my opinion, the whole city, with the planed heart and the random shape outside with beautiful landscapes, that is more city for me. the architecturs played as much it was possible, nice and good to know, but not more than a nice picture. It reminde me to some slogans: "less is more." and "form follows function." I think, that were here prinzips.

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