

# TRIBUNAL ON EVICTIONS 2017

## Argentina



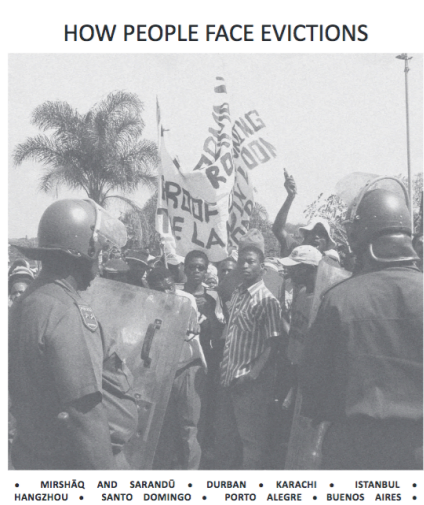
### HOUSING RIGHT

The multisectoral movement ARGENTINA HABITAT has specialized in the analysis and legislative urban proposals. **Since the mid-twentieth century, the right to decent housing is enshrined in the constitution.** But here too the right of property has priority over the right to housing, which means it does not take account of the social dimension of housing, as stipulated in the Pact of San José, Costa Rica which adheres Argentina since institutional reform of 1994.

**Lack of legal framework securing access to land and housing** is – according Habitar Argentina – **the main reason why people occupy irregularly urban spaces.** For years, urban planning is carried out according to the market and not on a genuine public urban planning that would defend the public interest. This creates social and spacial inequalities, reinforced by poor policy on urban mobility.

### CASE OF BUENOS AIRES

There is a Constitution of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. This local Constitution recognizes the right to live in dignity and have an adequate housing (art. 31)



Cases studies (Buenos Aires) Lessons from cases



The Vivienda y Habitat de la Boca Group

### FORCED EVICTIONS

Since 1999, Law No. 148/99 for emergency housing (Ley de Emergencia Habitacional) is also called The Great Law (Ley Mayor) or Mother Law (Ley Madre). This legal system established in Buenos Aires trying to secure the rental of land to the people, avoid evictions and provide the adequate infrastructure areas. (read more ...)

Since 2009 he is the Participatory Urbanization Act to enable people in some poor districts to obtain guarantees for the preservation of their habitat. Read about it the case of Buenos Aires resistance (Ward “Carlos Mujica”) in a study entitled “How people face evictions” by the DPU of Building and Social Housing Foundation.



### La Boca



### Video Campaign



### Evictions – How many ?

At least **1,100** displaced people in 2016 – 96 evictions trials accompanied by the Group (Habitat Group in La Boca).

### Evictions – Causes

**Cultural zone** : The neighbourhood of La Boca, located in the south of the City of Buenos Aires, has a cultural uniqueness and tourist attractions recognised at an international level. This heritage is today at risk due to the effect of touristic and real estate speculation, aimed at setting up a "new town" according to projects proposed by public/private investors.

**Legal framework** : Despite of the Buenos Aires Constitution (art.31) and over 12 agreements and international conventions, new rules give priority to these investments and speculation in La Boca.

**Housing dispositive** : The current aid scheme for access to single housing credit, but in the absence of any other mechanism for the renovation of buildings, does not create the conditions for helping residents to retain their dwellings.

### Evictions – Strategies

- Lobbying with judicial and legislative branches
- Accompaniment of neighbours when evictions processes
- Visibility and denunciation actions : artistic interventions in public spaces – seminars and forum.
- Systematisation and training :

Source : Habitat Group in La Boca

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