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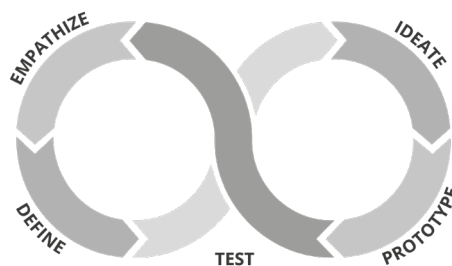
Instituto20grados
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Instituto20grados Foundation is a research and action-oriented platform dedicated to exploring sustainable, life-centric ways of inhabiting and urbanising the Global South. It serves as LPA Studio's Research and Development unit (www.lpastudio.net). Both organisations share a common mission. While LPA Studio focuses on professional practice, Instituto20grados pursues more speculative, research-driven, and community-oriented goals.

The Foundation's activities include **consultancy** for public administrations, **social engagement** processes, **applied research**, **urban prototyping**, and **communication** initiatives such as debates, publications and seminars.

Instituto20grados Foundation actively promotes **long-term collaborations** with cultural organisations, public institutions, and universities that share its vision, values, and interests. As a result, it has established **partnerships with international institutions** and is pursuing further collaborations in development. The Foundation's positive impact has been recognised both nationally and internationally.

The Foundation is led by **Cristina Suarez and Juan Palop-Casado** and supported by a Board of Trustees composed of experienced professionals and researchers committed to its mission.



Non-linear Design Thinking Process Loop

ACTIVITIES

CONSULTANCY

Providing strategic advisory services to public administrations and municipalities on sustainable urbanisation, with a focus on regenerative and socially positive development.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Engagement with communities and key stakeholders involved in urban development processes, using innovative methodologies in social innovation and co-design to generate concrete, actionable proposals.

APPLIED RESEARCH

Participation in collaborative research projects with universities, technological centres, and international organisations to develop urban solutions that operate within planetary and social boundaries.

URBAN PROTOTYPING

Development of experimental projects and urban prototypes that integrate nature-based solutions to address specific challenges related to climate change in arid and semi-arid regions.

COMMUNICATION

Organisation and promotion of debates, alongside seminars, exhibitions, publications, and digital media, to help spread new ideas and raise awareness among the general public of the necessary transition to more sustainable ways of inhabiting the global south.

COLLABORATORS (FEATURED)

University of Oregon (USA)

IUCN Spain (International Union for Conservation of Nature)

The Sustainability Laboratory (NY)

Cabildo de Gran Canaria (Spain)

