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# SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE LENS OF NEOLIBERAL GOVERNANCE

DAY 1

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This study contends that neoliberal forms of governance are becoming more prevalent in Spanish construction systems, which is particularly problematic when considering vernacular construction systems. Technological management and policy are increasingly focused on promoting and consolidating 'expert systems' at the expense of 'other' (and particularly vernacular) systems, which are processes that impact minds and substantially shape subsequent actions. This research takes an ethnographic approach, investigating the complexity of typical building systems using empirical information acquired in Catalonia. Research on local vernacular construction systems shows how certain 'technologies', like auditing, shape local construction practices. At the moment, social pressures that originate from a great distance have a profound effect on regionally unique practices. This has the effect of greatly impacting, diluting, or even eliminating vernacular building systems, even in cases where they serve as a valuable source of sustainable building methods.

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