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IC - (21067) - FROM APPROPRIATION OF SPACE TO APPROPRIATION OF PLACE: A THEORETICAL-METHODOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE CONCEPT BASED ON HERMENEUTIC PHENOMENOLOGY

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Background and objectives

The study conducted by Corrêa and Bassani (2017), which aimed to understand the adoption of sustainable lifestyles resulting from the meanings of dance for the elderly around the bandstand in the town square of Poços de Caldas, State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, evidenced the transformation of a space in place to overcome the challenges of aging, strengthening of sociocultural identity and construction of politics and citizenship. After presenting these results at the IAPS 25 Conference (2018), a new problematization emerged: do we appropriate space or place? With a new theoretical-methodological research, this work aims to distinguish the terms "space" and "place" based on Hermeneutic Phenomenology.

Main results (or main arguments in the case of critical reviews)

In Geography, the definition of space is heterogeneous. For David Harvey (2009), space is absolute, relative, and relational. Henri Lefebvre (1974) defends the social construction of space. And Milton Santos (2008) indicates that space is dynamic and unitary, bringing together materiality and human action. In Heidegger's Phenomenology, space is liberation, the opening of a region to be inhabited, as noted in his essay "Art and Space" (1969). Place, in turn, is abode, occupation involuted by meanings detached from the ways of being-in-the-world. Thus, the space is willing to the affections and values of the person and becomes a place, as evidenced in the research of Corrêa and Bassani (2017). Space is transformed into a place as it receives meaning (Tuan, 2013).

Implications for research and practice/policy | Importance and originality of the contribution

These distinctions suggest the modification of the term "appropriation of space", introduced in Environmental Psychology by Perla Korosec and expanded by Enric Pol, to "appropriation of place", implying robust epistemic foundations and heuristic quality in research and actions in human-environmental problems. With this, it will contribute to the elaboration and fulfillment of public policies in places demarcated by singular meanings that unseat directions for the continuity of life and guarantee the common good.

Palavras-chave : appropriation of space, place, epistemological review, Environmental Psychology, Phenomenology