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Lima's Historic Centre Alive and Authentic in Pandemic

The current contemporary urban image of Lima, the capital of Peru, summarises the liberal urban model of more than 50 years imposed by the public policy of the Peruvian State, which bets on the "city of the free market" with profound urban inequalities; With the liberal invention of informality, from the conception of the city of the rich and the impoverished, which according to data from civil society research reaches 70% of the peripheral marginal urban settlements and central slums, exceeding the official figure of 43% which houses a significant number of buildings officially declared national historical heritage that make up the monumental complex of the Historic Centre of Lima and the area declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

In the midst of the pandemic, the State's failure to guarantee sanitation and humanitarian aid to disinfect the shantytowns of Lima's historic centre has made it clear that the historic heritage, the shantytowns of the Hispanic foundational Damero, is still "living heritage" more than before, from the actions of its humble inhabitants impoverished by safeguarding their homes, which are the melting pot of their living culture in community, towards the "living centre" which, with its fierce defence, resists the cosmetic and mercantile management of its singularity, identity and authenticity.

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La actual imagen urbana contemporánea de Lima, la capital del Perú resume el modelo urbano liberal de más de 50 años impuesta por la política públicas del Estado del Perú, que apuesta a la "ciudad del libre mercado" con profundas desigualdades urbanas; con el invento liberal de la informalidad, desde la concepción de la ciudad de los ricos y de los empobrecidos, que por datos de las investigaciones de la sociedad civil llegan al 70% los asentamientos urbanos marginales periféricos y los tugurios centrales, superan la cifra oficial del 43% que alberga un significativo número de inmuebles declarados oficialmente patrimonio histórico nacional que integran el conjunto monumental Centro Histórico de Lima y del área declarada por UNESCO patrimonio cultural de la humanidad, del Mundo.

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