

The Earthen cities in Brazil - Ouro Preto and Diamantina



ALVARENGA, Maria Auxiliadora Afonso
Rua Bambuí 788/302-Cruzeiro –Belo Horizonte-Brazil
dorinhalvarenga@terra.com.br

ABSTRACT

Ouro Preto and Diamantina are two of the most important Earthen Cities in Brazil. They were decreeted humanity patrimony by Unesco. They represent the colonial period's architecture and urban design using Earthen Technologies. The two hole cities stay preserved as an urban experience using Earthen Architecture. This paper promotes a technologies' description of the constructive processes used in those cities and a discussion about the participating of the people in the preservation policies. It indicates how the historic technologies were parameters to actual Earthen Design and Constructions.

Keywords

Earthen Cities in Brazil