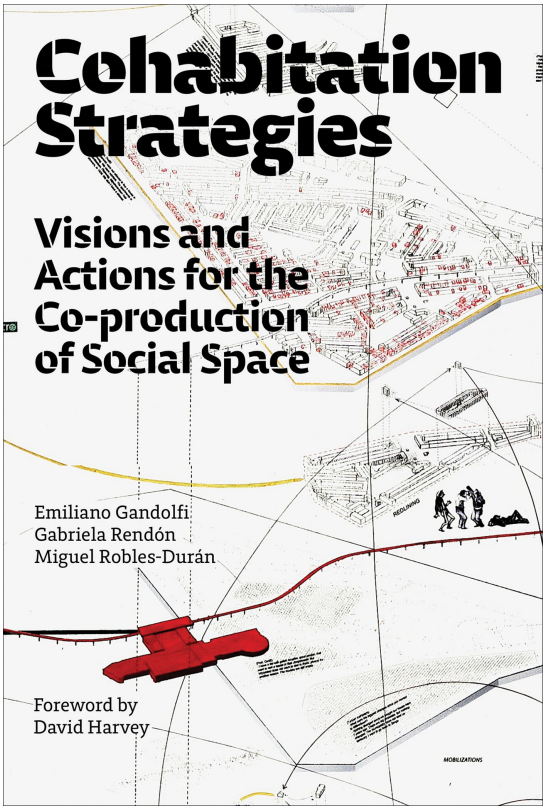
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Visions and Actions for the Co-production of Social Space

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- While laying out the impact of neoliberal urbanisation in underserved and immigrant communities, the book offers useful strategies, methodologies, and approaches based on lessons in the field for practitioners working with community and grassroots groups.
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Cohabitation Strategies: Challenging Neoliberal Urbanization Between Crisis presents 12 years of urban theories, projects, and interventions developed by Cohabitation Strategies, a Rotterdam- and New York City-based non-profit cooperative committed to radical socio-spatial research, design, and development.

Centering on the development of new action-research methodologies, neighbourhood-based initiatives, and the facilitation of community-driven transformative interventions, the book offers critical insights and progressive visions on the dramatic impact that neoliberal spatial-restructuring had in communities of colour and low-income neighbourhoods in the Netherlands, Italy, France, Canada, and the United States.

The book proposes new transdisciplinary methodologies, practices, tools, and strategies to challenge for-profit-driven urban development and the advancement of the right to the city.

Cohabitation Strategies (CohStra) is an international non-profit organisation for socio-spatial research, design, and development which focuses on conditions of urban decline, inequality, and segregation within the contemporary city. CohStra brings transdiciplinary methodologies to acquire a comprehensive understanding of the agents affecting urban areas and provides cross-disciplinary working frameworks to communities to generate sustainable transformations. It seeks to amplify the interest of individuals and communities through neighbourhood-based initiatives and local programs connecting citizens with public officials, government agencies, and public institutions. CohStra was founded in 2008 by Lucia Babina, Emiliano Gandolfi, Gabriela Rendón, and Miguel Robles-Durán in the City of Rotterdam. Since then, this non-profit has been engaged in urban and community projects of diverse scales and complexities commissioned by art, cultural, and academic institutions, as well as municipalities and government agencies in diverse countries, including the Netherlands, Italy, France, Germany, Venezuela, Ecuador, Canada, and the United States.

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