

## A forma urbana do Porto

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### Abstract

This paper focuses on the evolution of the urban form and structure of Porto. It is divided in six different parts. It starts describing the origins of the castle town, moving then to the urban space of Porto within the second city wall built in the fourteenth century. It then presents the first expansion outside the wall, in the eighteenth century, a process that was guided by a remarkable public agency, the Junta das Obras Públicas. The later expansions of the city to north and west, in the nineteenth century, and the process of urban development, in the twentieth century, are the themes of the fourth and fifth parts of the paper. Finally, the paper identifies some future challenges for the city, in morphological terms.