

From Marquês to Rua do Monte Cativo

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Abstract

This visual essay is largely based on the images and writings the author sampled in the streets of Porto (Portugal) during a walk from Marquês subway station to Rua do Monte Cativo, and later translated from Portuguese into English. The work is part of a larger creative research project PORTOSCRIPT, focussing on the development of experimental ideas based on the linguistic landscape studies of the area. The essay aims to blend the voices of many narrators into a single, unified, subjectively objective experience, where small details add up to a larger picture, constituting an entry point to an enhanced, semi-fictional and hypertextual reality where meanings mix, meld together and change.

The form of an essay was chosen to further experiment with blending newly written text, translated text taken from images, photographic images, painted images within photographic images and the hybrid types of perceptual experience and associations the final image-text may create. Based on the author's interest in Street Art and Graffiti as a manifest form of collective consciousness, and an imprint of a certain era and mindset on the surrounding architectural structures, as well, this work aims to capture the depth of a fleeting moment in time.

Keywords

Visual essay, linguistic landscape, collective consciousness, graffiti, Porto

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Making some detours.

Opposite direction. 444. The number of the Marquês da Silva Foundation.

0303... *eternamentemente*.

Trempacamente.

Doing a flash tattoo. *Robinnude*.

Obsession. Confession.

A guy who loves Cristina.



Figure 1. 0303. Location: Rua de Latino Coelho. Coord.: 41,16004 N, 8,6033 W

“Lule” means “floral” in Albanian.
Screw this speculation.
Close the gyms and teach
Personal defence.
This is THE street we
Saw each other for the first time.
Contact us.



Figure 2. *Contacte-nos*. Location: Rua de Latino Coelho. Coord.: 41,15918 N, 8,59954 W

Watch the juggler on the crossing
 As he drops a ball or two time
 And again.
 The angst, the tears, and *Saudade*.
 An image by somebody
 Named "the Caver".



Figure 3. Angst. Location: Rua de Santos Pousada. Coord.: 41,15838 N, 8,59878 W

(A skull face and another figure in blue).
 War text. Vortex. Of letters. Off.
 It is not normal to be afraid
 To walk alone on the street. Or laugh.
 Some choices of guitars, the pink one is the smallest.
Está, eesta, esta. Paz. Capacidade.
 More blue figures. Tightly together.
 My name is hot.



Figure 4. Laney. Location: Rua da Constituição. Coord.: 41,16165 N, 8,60152 W

A blue lego cross.

Estripadores malditos.

Lynx, a green mouse next to a green tree, and more graffiti.

It is spring H284JE.

Paci-ên-cia. Paciência. Patience.

Performing patience.



Figure 5. My name. Location: Rua da Constituição.
Coord.: 41,16185 N, 8,60362 W

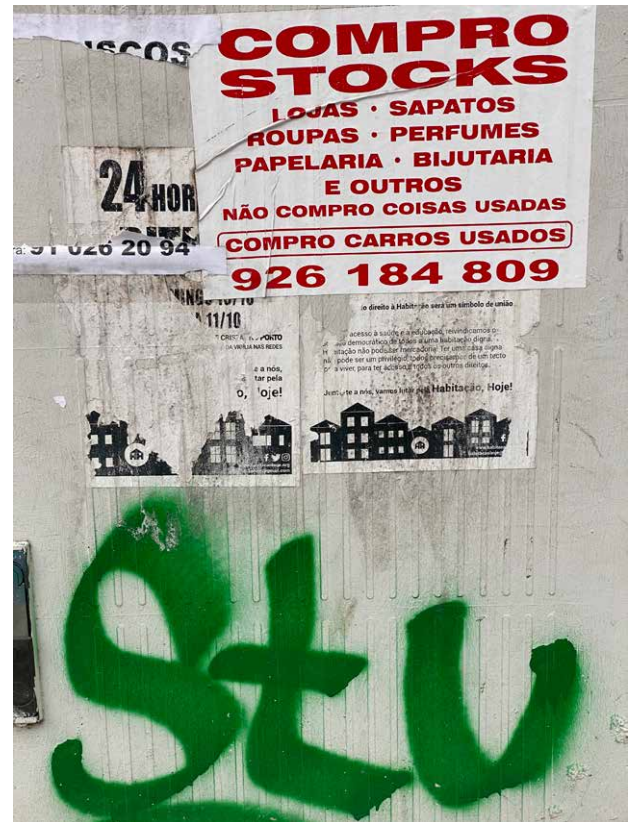


Figure 6. Stocks. Location: Rua da Constituição. Coord.: 41,16242 N, 8,60851 W



Figure 7. Get likes. Location: Rua da Constituição. Coord.: 41,16235 N, 8,60740 W

Recharge the energies. Hoje
Fasco por mim. Are you
Suffering from eviction?
Fuck money, get likes! And go
To *Clube de Campismo do Porto*.
Buy socks. Or stocks. And smile.
Luster. Faces of the security.



Figure 8. M. Location: Rua de Faria Guimarães. Coord.: 41,16209 N, 8,60701 W

A city as a giant scrapbook. A phasis. Abrasion.

In case of rain, the sun is here!

Behind these doors the sun.

Tiles. Fortune teller of love.

All people loved

Get a 3-day warranty.



Figure 9. O sol. Location: Rua da Constituição. Coord.: 41,16281 N, 8,611871 W

Fresh strawberries.



Figure 10. XXX. Location: Rua de São Brás. Coord.: 41,16254 N, 8,60912 W

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