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Spatial Justice and Informal Settlements links the discourses of informal urbanism with spatial justice in the context of in situ governmental programmes oriented around public open space and designed to upgrade informal settlements in Latin America.
