Please join us for a lecture by Edésio Fernandes, one of the leading scholars of urban informality. Urban development rates have escalated globally, especially in developing countries. However, internationally, a growing number of people only have access to urban land and housing through informal processes that bypass the land, urban planning, environmental and building regulations in force. This talk will address the phenomenon of growing urban land informality, discussing its meanings, causes and implications, as well as the main attempts that have been made to confront the phenomenon.

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