3D Cadastre in Argentina: maps and future perspectives

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Conclusions

• One of the most relevant shortcomings of the Argentinean cadastre is the lack of georeferenced data $\Rightarrow 1D + 2D \neq 3D$.

• There are intentions to georeferenced data, but not real and massive initiatives yet.

• Legal territorial objects (contemplated in the National Law) are managed by different institutions.

• The multipurpose vision of cadastre is still very incipient and the Argentinean Spatial Data Infrastructure (IDERA) has not yet been implemented.
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Mitigation of rampant informality involves improving our understanding of the functioning of formal and informal urban land markets and of the legal foundations of property and land tenure rights to encourage sustainable, preventative policies.

Reinforcement of self-financing explores the potential to recover land value increments resulting from local public investments, administrative changes affecting land use, and exploration of the potential for improvement in property tax performance.

Impacts of public interventions assesses how investments in urban infrastructure and services, as well as regulatory interventions, affect the built environment in cities and the efficient and socially inclusive use of land.
Argentina

Area (8th)
2,766,890 km²
1,068,302 sq mi

Population (32nd)
40,117,096

Density (207th)
14 hab/km²

Wikipedia.org
A History of the Argentinean Cadastre

Spanish arrived in South America ⇒ Indies and Toro Laws (*Leyes de Indias y Toro*)

May 25 1810, Argentine Revolution ⇒ land transferred to public ownership

⇒ system of public records to manage territory

Set. 25 1824, Topographic Commission of the Province of Buenos Aires

⇒ National Day of the Cadastre

June 26 1826, Department of Topography and Statistics

⇒ Day of Cartography

⇒ One of the first cadastres with civil effects in the world
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1868, Law No. 17.701 (Registry Law) mandates real estate records

1869, the Law No. 340 enacted the Argentinian Civil Code

1973, Cadastral National Law No. 20.440

Argentine Republic does not have a national cadastre

1980, Decree- Law No. 22.287 suspended practically all its articles

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Sample

City of Buenos Aires
Entre Ríos
Santa Fe
La Pampa
Tucumán
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General/applicable 3D real world situations

The concept of a 3D property exist officially (Art. 2518 Civil Code).

“Land ownership extends in depth and to the airspace, above and below the ground, in perpendicular lines …”

The concept of a 3D parcel does not exist officially.

Cadastral National Law, Art. 4: “..., a parcel is a representation of a continuous real estate territory identified by a polygonal boundary …”
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General/applicable 3D real world situations

Parcels are generally referenced to physical elements:

**Urban**: corner of a block (intersection of lines that separates the public from the private domain)

**Rural**: fences, posts, etc.
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General/applicable 3D real world situations

Spaces occupied by natural resources (underground water and mine deposits) are **territorial objects**, not parcels.

Cadastral National Law, Art. 10: “The legal territorial objects which do not constitute parcels in accordance with Art. 5 of this Cadastral National Law will be established by surveys or other alternative methods that guarantee similar levels of precision, reliability and integrity as surveys established by the local legislation, and recorded before the cadastral body, in accordance with local legislation”.

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General/applicable 3D real world situations

**Easements** or **restrictions** to the property: the responsibility of defining them is transferred to other institutions.

There are isolated initiatives to map the **contaminated areas** (air, surface and underground contamination). It is rare to find coordinates, levels, or the vertical dimension ► 2D.
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Infrastructure/utility networks

2D representation of the networks, or

YES/NO fields in the cadastral alphanumeric database

Initiatives implementing Spatial Data Infrastructure, integrating cadastral data with the information provided by utilities Co. ► 2D.
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Construction/building units
positive responses question about recording buildings as 3D units

Horizontal Property Law No. 13.512

Partition Walls and/or Façade
Exclusive ownership
Common ownership and common use
Structural elements and conduits
Common ownership and exclusive use
Common ownership and exclusive use of certain units
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Construction/building units

2D Relative position

1D vertical distances of elevated objects are measured to the floor on which they are supported, and not identified with absolute heights or altitudes

Inclusion of a circular black and white symbol

Using cross-sections and representation of the building façade

Lowest garage floor downwards, rooftop upwards: common property
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Legal Territorial Objects

**Towpaths.** Civil Code, Art. 2639. 35 meter strip measured from the shore of navigable waterways toward the interior of adjoining properties.
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Legal Territorial Objects

Forestry surface right: Law No. 25.509/2001

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Legal Territorial Objects

Active Real Estate Easements: Civil Code, Art. 2970

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Legal Territorial Objects

Rights Granted under the Mining Code: Decree No. 456-1997
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Legal Territorial Objects

Restrictions under the Aeronautic Code: National Law No. 17.285-1967
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Legal Territorial Objects

Administrative Easements of Utility Pipes
National Law No. 19.552 for electrical conduits,
National Law No. 17.319 for hydrocarbons.

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Legal Territorial Objects

Restrictions to Protect Native Forests: National Law No. 26.331

- Category I (red): Areas of very high conservation value.
- Category II (yellow): Areas of medium conservation value.
- Category III (green): Areas of low conservation value.
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Legal Territorial Objects

Final Considerations

Perspectives for a 3D Cadastre in Argentina

In favor

• Appropriated (or easily adaptable) law framework
• National SDI in construction and local initiatives working well
• Professionals well prepared
• Geodetic networks widely spread

Against

• Cadastres are still very “analogue oriented”
• Professional are very tied with the “relative position” of the parcels
• Lack of standards between utilities companies and cadastres
• Distance between the public institutions that administrate LTO.
Thank you!

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Cartography
Continuous Satellite Monitoring Network

http://www.ign.gob.ar/AreaProfesional/Ramsac/Mapa
POSGAR 2007 – Provincial Geodetic Networks