

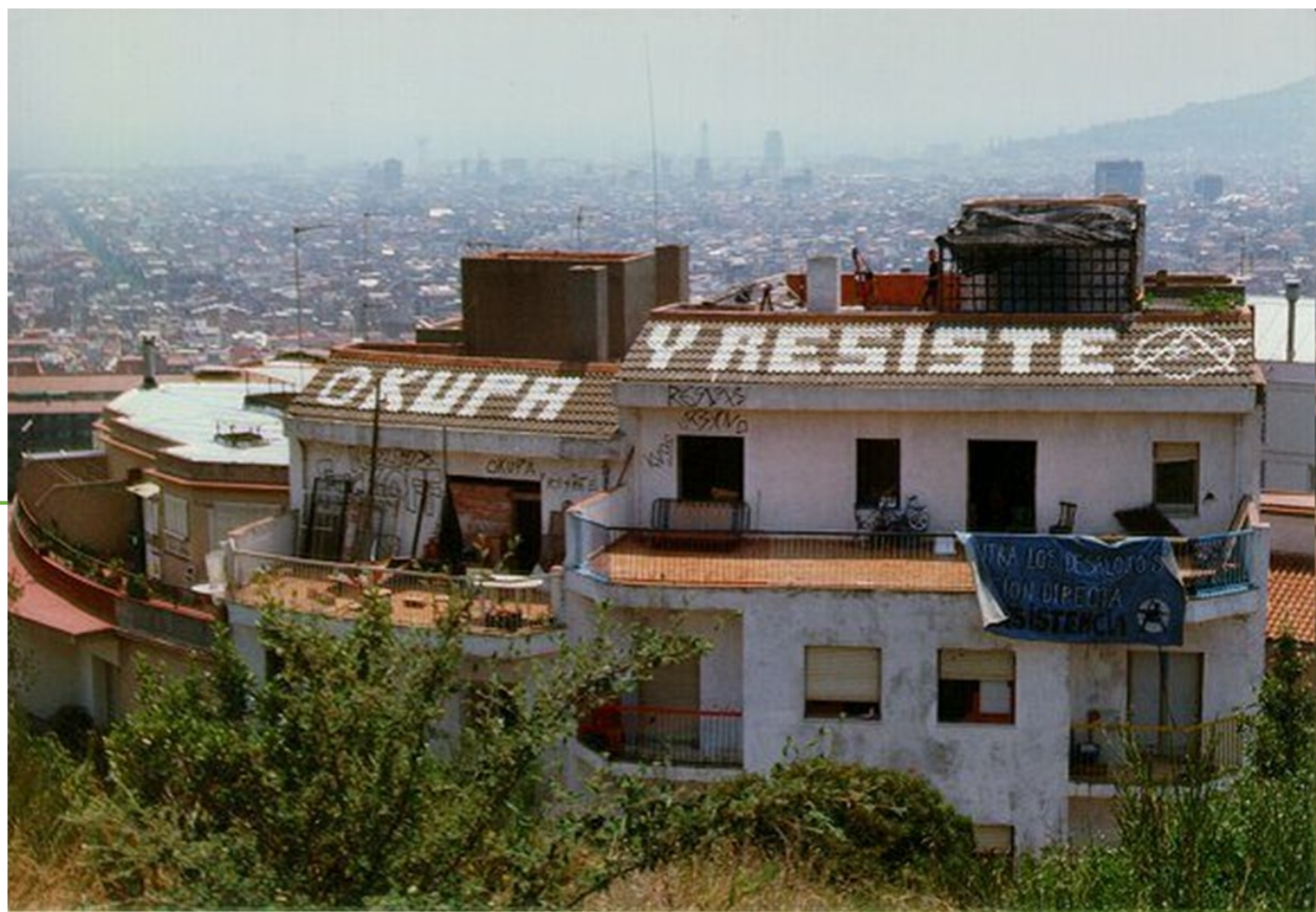
Cycles of squatting in Barcelona

Activist knowledge and the controversy of institutionalisation

1. Introduction: this investigation about squatting is based on critical and qualitative analysis. We discuss squatting cycles basing ourselves on our historical account of Barcelona's struggles, while relating them to wider institutional and socio-political contexts. We also assess the impacts of the squatting movement on the political agenda of each cycle.

2. Methodology: a specific version of participant observation, called "activist knowledge", has been used to conduct this research.

3.1. Pre and early history – 1977/1996



3. Cycles

3.2. First cycle: golden age– 1996/2001



3.5. Fourth cycle: 15M and beyond– 2011/present



3.3. Second cycle: maturity – 2001/2006



3.4. Third cycle: bifurcation 2006/2011



4. Discussion:

4.1. The *okupa* identity. Strong or diffuse one?

4.2. Bifurcation towards institutionalization.

4.3. The emergence of pro-housing: "ocupa with a c" movement.

4.4. Is there a clear geography of Squatting in Barcelona?

5. Conclusions

Political outcomes of squatting in Barcelona.



Why have there been so little cases of legalization for such a strong and enduring movement?

