Brasilia, Brazil’s capital was officially inaugurated on April 21, 1960. Past fifty years of the event, this article seeks to rescue key moments in the history of the city, the Master Plan contest won by urban planner Lucio Costa in 1957 until the establishment of the great metropolis, today. Presented as a great historical overview, the text also shows some possible relations between the colonial experience of Brazil and that of India and Sri Lanka.

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