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**Sant'Antonio di Ranverso: a requalification as a centre of Valle di Susa's
touristic and cultural itineraries**

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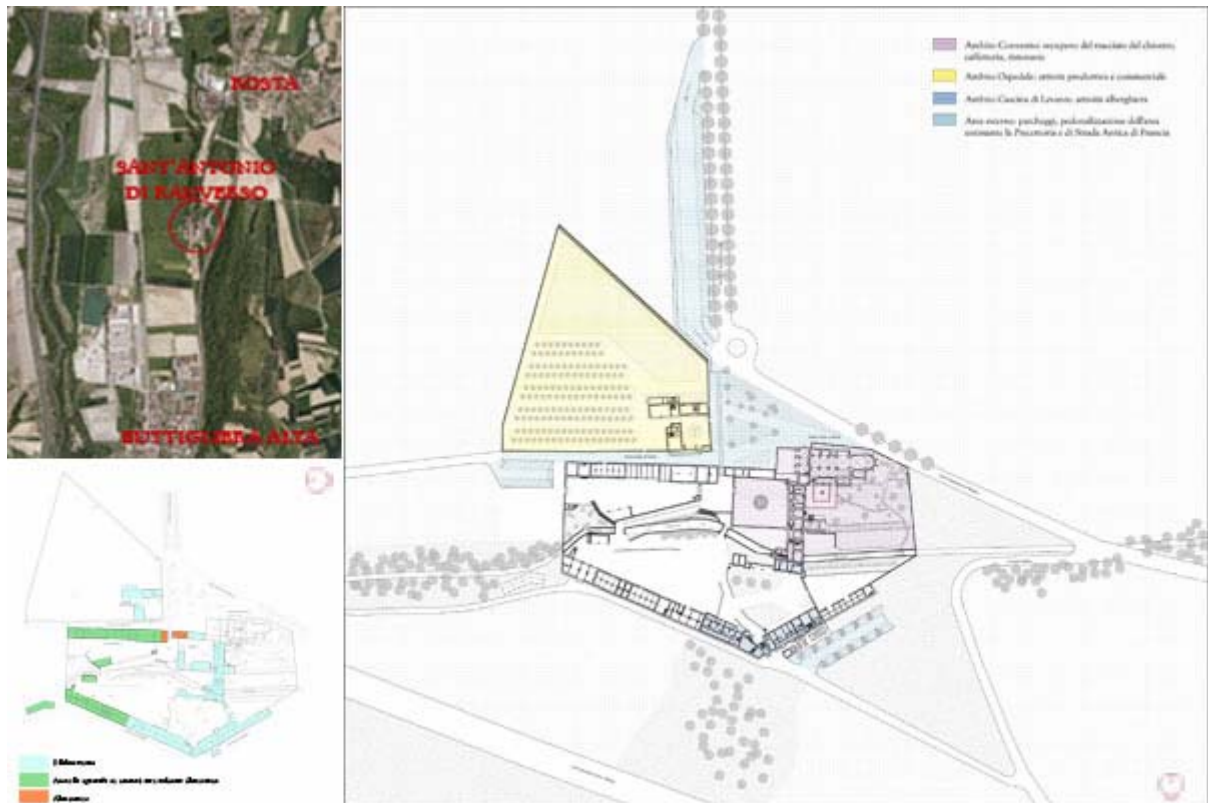
In this work has been dealt the requalification of Precettoria di Sant'Antonio di Ranverso, a medieval religious and rural settlement at the beginning of Valle di Susa, near Turin, leaning on the northern side of the Rivoli's morainic hill and placed along the ancient route towards France.

The Precettoria, now property of Ordine Mauriziano's Foundation, is composed by the church, the Monastery and four farms ("Ospedaletto", because it's placed in the site of the ancient hospital that gave hospitality and treatment to wayfarers and pilgrims; "Cascina Bassa", "Cascina di Levante" and "Cascina di Ponente"); at the present time the Monastery and two of the farms are abandoned and the church is the only part that can be visited.

The Precettoria is placed between two municipality (Rosta and Buttigliera Alta) and it's subject to two different city planning legislations. Particularly, the Buttigliera Alta's city planning provides a Plan for the Functional Recovery that allows the introduction of small productive, commercial and accommodation activities.

The project that has been worked out for the degree thesis starts from the territorial scale, suggesting the realisation of some tourist and cultural itineraries along Valle di Susa upon the historical background of the way towards France. In this itineraries' system it's set Ranverso as a centre of touristical accommodation, because of its geographical position and its ancient memory of hospitality.

It has been located three ambits in which intervene: the Monastery, the "Ospedaletto" and the "Cascina di Levante".



Territorial arrangement and project's ambits individualization

For the first one, has been suggested the introduction, at the ground floor, of some services to visitors (a cafeteria and the toilets, at present time totally absent) and, at the first floor, of a restaurant. About the architectural project, it will be recovered the 15th century cloister's route (it has been demolished in 18th century) by the made land's excavation and the introduction of flower boxes and creepers to remind the ancient vaults. Furthermore it will be inserted an external lift with a steel structure, to let the accessibility at every floor; the external collocation has been necessary to not damage the vaults.



Sketches about "Monastery" project's ambit

In the "Ospedaletto"s ambit it's provided the introduction, after the hayloft's renovation, of local product's, as fruits and herbs, transformation activities; it's also provided the possibility to sell the products in the same place. In this area it will be also located a bookshop and a hall dedicated to school-children and groups. It will be recovered the entry by the ancient portal along the way called Strada Antica di Francia (now not possible because of the street's higher level); about energy systems, it has been suggested to insert a "photovoltaic roofing" along the inner side of party wall, and to use horizontal geothermal feeler.

In the "Cascina di Levante"s ambit, composed by four adjoining buildings and laid out to form a "V", will hold an accommodation activity of medium level formed by 18 rooms for 2/3 people and other 4 bigger rooms dedicated to groups. The rooms are placed in the renovated haylofts; in the central building, where there was the farmer's home, there will be the common spaces (reception, hall and the breakfast hall). It has been provided the introduction of a stair and a lift placed in the tower on southern side, the only place that let the accessibility to every floor; this has been necessary because of ground morphology.



Views about “Ospedaletto” and “Cascina di Levante” project’s ambits

About external spaces, the area in front of the entry to the Precettoria and part of the Strada Antica di Francia will turn into a pedestrian precinct; furthermore, there will be introduced three parking areas placed near the entries (particularly, the principal one along the boulevard, another near the western entry and, the last one, near the southern entry and dedicated to the hotel’s users).

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