## POLITECNICO DI TORINO SECOND SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Master of Science in Architecture Heritage Preservation and Enhancement <u>Honors theses</u>

## **REFORMING THE SPACE:** a project of a interstitial design for the requalification of a block in Borgata Tesso in Turin

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The aim of the work is the requalification of the Borgata Tesso area, obtained by the rethinking, at a urban level, of a block of flat, and the project of new settled in the preexistent. For Borgata Tesso we intend the territory touched by stradella and Orvieto street and Mortara road, settled in the northwest of Turin. This area is a eterogeneous context and so extremely rich; although the recent building transformation weren't able to read in the proper way those variety and built great buildings that don't fit.

We have questioned about the contemporary meaning that the project has and what value we have to persist. In the debate on the contemporary city, from the 80s we starts to think about how it was built and how and about the fact that the city doesn't have to explode, but it has to implode from the inside, by recovering the "black hole". So the project has been thought in the interstice of the lot analized.

The idea of the project was analyzed by a parallelism on some intervention analized in Paris from 2001 up to now, settled in the northeast area of the city. We can assimilated these to the studied area as they are suburbs and they conservated aspect of the industrial past with a non controlled buildings construction.

The proposal of project come from a careful ear of the place, done by a recognizing morphotipologic of the buildings. This analysis follows a synthesis of the emerged buildings, reported by thematic maps.



Example of table of analysis morfotipologica

From the tracking of the matrix new buildings were conceived: not so big shape, three floor out of earth, geometrically simple, with a gable roof and prospect that are done by a combination of the existent element.



Ground floor plan of the residences in the project

There is a dialogue with the pre-existent, but the new manage to propose new elements, important is in fact the use of the colour. The grey of the play is soften by the yellow of some elements. And as the project is inserted in the space of the interstice it is important to work in glimps of recall, to attract the citizen to live a new urban experience.

The project hypothesis has focus not only on the composition canon, but also on the identity value of house. The use of different finishing for the building cell and the possibility for the inquilines of decorating by themselves the cornice and parapet, are ways to led the inhabitant to participate actively to their space and to feel to be part of it.

So it is the house the focus of the research, in particular focused on the neighbourhood . working on the intersice led to think about new spaces for the interpersonal relationship: private orchyards; that give back community way of living that misses in the social life of the place, to witch corresponds a better living standard.



Reports on public and private statements on the way

Finally we have to underline that this work must be linked to other precedent works about the same aspect, and the future ones. Because each intervention that we proposed doesn't want to be a conclusion, but only a suggestion that finds reasons to exist in the surrounding reality: Borgata Tesso.

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