

# **Honors Thesis**

## Master of Science in Architecture Construction City

### **Abstract**

Agency of Unfinished. Situated design strategies for an unfinished public building

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The research attempts to observe the phenomenon of unfinished public works in Italy by means of a reversal of perspective: hitherto largely investigated according to a deductive - and aestheticizing - approach in order to grasp its general complexity, the unfinished work is here understood as a composition of particular processes and treated starting from a problematic node. The aim of the research work is to explore the transformative possibilities of a specific work, the regional swimming pool in Giarre (Catania), through the construction of falsifiable design scenarios. Starting from a reconnaissance of the state of the art that investigates the practices and theoretical assumptions on which the current debate on unfinished works is based, the selection of a particular case study and the situated approach allow for the investigation of unexplored aspects and the return of multidimensional mappings aimed at the construction of negotiated scenarios. That is, they contribute to outlining possible futures of physical transformation of the contingent object. The result is a methodological proposal that, starting from the recognition of the correlations between the social reality and the physical reality of architecture, investigates the performativity of the project action as the product of a complex negotiation between agents of different natures: an abacus of incremental scenarios built on the intersection of human subjects, rules, inscriptions, physical constraints and financial aspects. An inductive type strategy that analyses and weaves the networks of a public work understood as a set of relations entertained in a diachronic dimension, in order to subsequently arrive at a possible ex-post modelling of project practice and action, showing alternative ways of looking at the problem.



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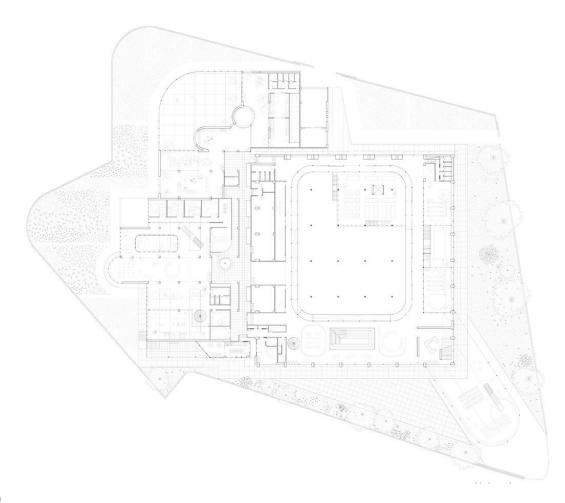
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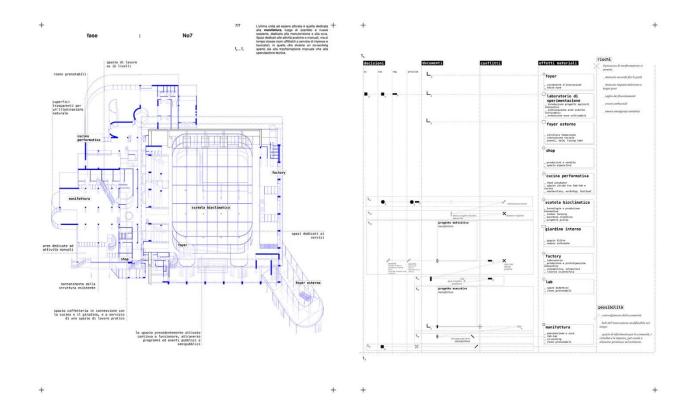
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