

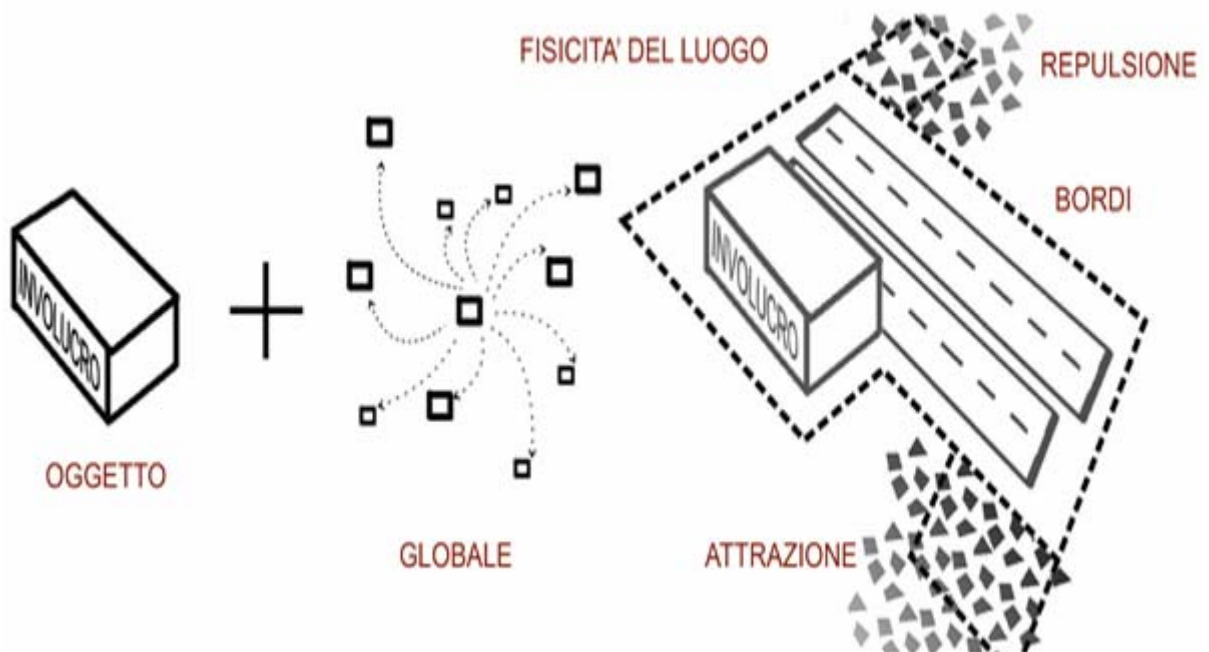
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The city redrawing on Frankfurt's am Main border

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In the year of Germany 2006 soccer world championship, the increasing planning projects, specially infrastructures, caused great changes that lived territory more complex and layered. The presence of the important Frankfurts Airport infrastructure makes me think about some questions that become the thesis core.

The airport, fascinating, big and complex machine, symbol of international communication and somehow symbol of globalization, of communication without space limit, is forced to relate first to its imagine of international net node and also to the inevitable impact on the territory around it, getting not in a big scale system, but in a smaller one, the territorial and human dimension.

This is maybe one of the main differences between an airport and other infrastructures: the links created are not physically putted on the ground as a street or a railway. The surroundings feel the effects remaining apparently indifferent. The airport is instead a complex that interacts with the city, with settlements developments and the relating new infrastructures of short and middle long length connections, specially when as in this case, geographically lengths are not so big.



The airport as a box plays also the role of a new public space where people coming from all around the world meet different cultures, day and night blur, creating a new dimension. So it's correct try to develop its own skill of making settlement around this Big Void. This spatial and territorial reorganization engine plays the role of city and land "door" and gets more and more its own identity at the same time, in relationship with the local dimension where city-users can find identity.



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