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Abstract

The holistic approach to the indicator based impact evaluation: the Imperial Fora in Rome

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The thesis deals with the Imperial Fora archaeological site, which was studied during the first workshop for the “Master Itinerante in architettura e museografia per l’archeologia e la progettazione strategica e gestione innovativa del patrimonio archeologico”.

The case concerns archaeological site and urban context.

The last 20 years excavations showed the Imperial Fora main area, rising the need for strategical intervention aiming the urban requalification and the enhancement and conservation of the archaeological remains.

The debate on the case is split between the Progetto Fori supporters, who want the of Imperial Fora Street demolition, and those who state the necessity to maintain the street and regenerating it.

Nevertheless The opposite parts have a common intention: making the Central Archaeological Area and the Imperial Fora freely accessible as an urban public space in order to integrate and regenerating the archaeological site in its urban context.

The thesis aim is to understand the integration process between the archaeological site and the city and to measure the deriving impact.

The methodology chosen and texted for this case is the holistic approach to the impact indicator based evaluation. This method derives from the research project leaded by Professor Koeanraad Van Balen at the KU Leuven in Belgium, where the thesis was started.

The outcome aimed is the evaluation of different scenarios throughout stakeholders interviews and the creation of an impact analysis concerning the interviews, in order to define the indicators useful for measuring the impact of each scenario.

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