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Abstract

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**Paths of territorial regeneration in the Ligurian Alps, the case of the Argentina
Valley and the hamlet of Ciabaudò.**

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The aim of the thesis project is to investigate the area along the Argentina torrent that runs through the valley of the same name: a heterogeneous territory both morphologically and anthropologically, which is currently undergoing the phenomenon of abandonment.

The narration starts from a traumatic event, the flood of 2nd October 2020, which caused enormous damage and implemented the local community's awareness of living in a fragile territory. The trauma then becomes a reason for reflection and rethinking the way of living in a marginal territory. The study of marginality takes place through a twofold look, whereby isolation becomes an example of resilience and interdependence between man and landscape.

The research begins with the study of the morphological character of these places: a predominantly rural territory in western Liguria, surrounded by woods and olive groves, and bordered by sea and mountains.

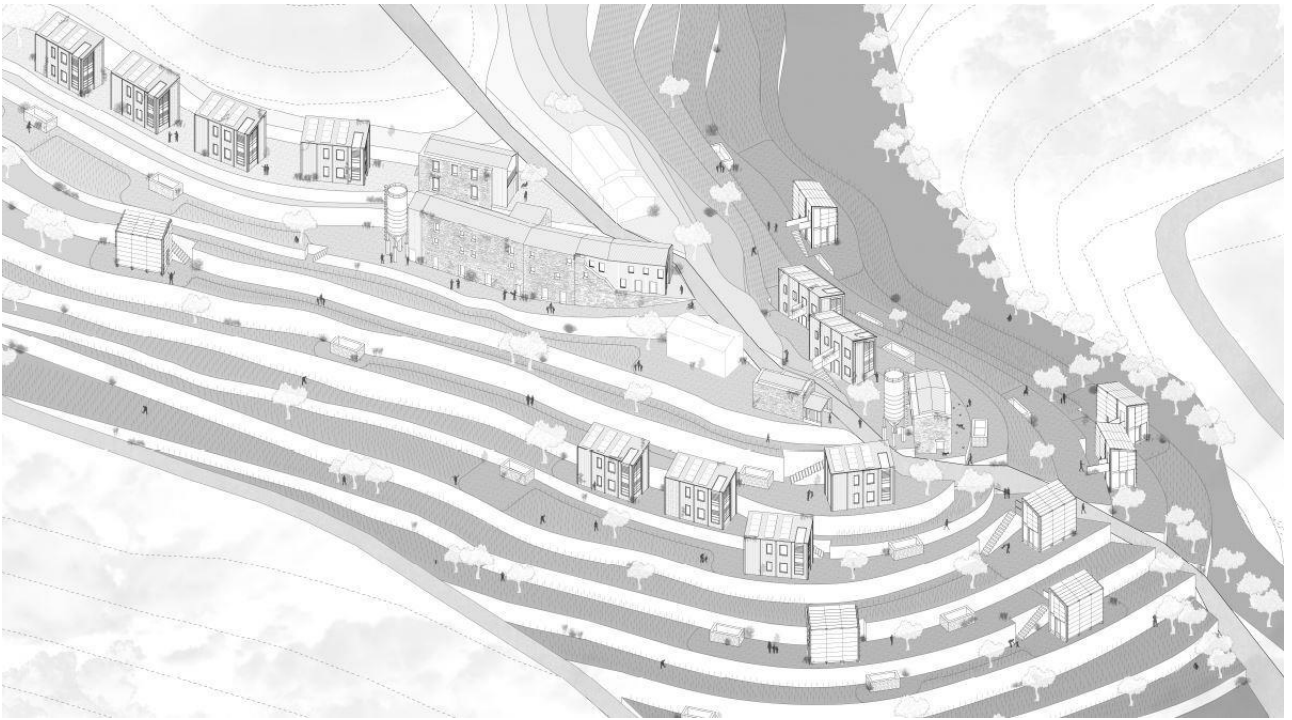
The peculiarities of Valle Argentina are then explored in depth: its history, its traditions, the communities that inhabit it, trying to understand what the resources may be from which to restart and be reborn. It then goes on to outline the actors involved, the administration and the population, which must assume a social role within territorial development, investigating the projects underway.

Once the study has carefully analysed the territory and above all its traditions, it aims to reinterpret them in a contemporary way, making tradition and the existing landscape the real driving force for development and a prerequisite for returning to inhabit these places.

New scenarios are thus outlined, in which to establish a process of active, sustainable, and permanent neo-population: the small hamlet of Ciabaudo becomes the place where the considerations and reflections made above flow, assuming the role of pilot project within the strategic design.

The focus on ruin and its subsequent recovery is the starting point to allow the birth and development of new communities where the restoration of the architectural and landscape heritage becomes the means to achieve the design of a new way of living the rural territory.

The work carried out, therefore, is not only intended to be limited to a design "exercise" within the small hamlet but is also to propose and experiment with a different approach that builds on the identity of these places and that, through a contemporary reading of tradition, can generate a new opportunity not only for Ciabaudo, but for all the entities seeking recovery and regeneration.





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