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Honors Thesis

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Abstract

*Hospitality and identity
A project of social housing*

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IS OBSERVING THE RUINS OF TIME AS OUR COPERNICAN UNIVERSE IMPLODES A REARGUARD CHOICE?

WE WEARY CREATURELY HIERARCHY FALLEN IN TIME, PERHAPS WE ARE OUT OF TIME? PERHAPS WE HAVE WASTED IT IN THE ANTHROPOCENTRIC ARROGANCE OF THOSE WHO MORTGAGE THE FUTURE?

WHAT IS LEFT OF THE VERB TO REMAIN? IT IS A REMAINING AFTER HAVING ARRIVED, IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOT ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN, BUT WHAT WILL BE, SO NOT SO MUCH THE PAST, BUT THE FUTURE, IT REMAINS WHAT SURVIVES THE PAST, THE PASSAGE, AND WHAT SURVIVES THE PAST IS FUTURE.

Vito Teti in La Restanza

The thesis aims to recover a local heritage, defining guidelines for the design and reuse of abandoned dwellings already present in the area for migration purposes. The intervention focuses on Polia, a small village in the Calabrian hinterland that at this period predisposes of a land fertile, thanks to the arrival of the new administration that open to embracing and promoting projects addressing significant social issues. Immigration is always a pressing topic when discussing the Mediterranean, every day, thousands of people are expected to arrive, exhausted from a harrowing journey. Once they arrive, in what conditions are they forced to live? Why not consider about integration and inclusion that could lead to the rebirth of villages now in a state of neglect? Being initially unfamiliar with this subject, I started a path of research that intrigued me day after day, interviewing directors of hotspots, SAI reception centers, mayors, and former employees of SPRAR programs. From this, I developed project strategies, starting from the indications received during the research and provided by the manual for the activation and management of services of integrated reception in favor for asylum seekers and beneficiaries of international and humanitarian protection.

This thesis therefore addressed the Italian migration phenomenon and the worrying depopulation of inland areas, with particular attention to the case of Polia, a small Calabrian municipality that reflects the demographic crisis afflicting many areas in the region.

The central objective of the work was to explore possible solutions to ensure a future for these areas, which today are in a state of neglect.

To this end, it was essential to understand how it is possible to redevelop and enhance these places, creating a healthy and welcoming living environment, capable of attracting new people and, at the same time, preserving and promoting our cultural heritage and landscape.

Migration and depopulation are not isolated problems, but they plague many Calabrian municipalities, for which a revival project like the one proposed here could represent an opportunity for change and development.

The idea of reviving these places not only as tourist destinations, but as spaces of residence and work, could be the key to reversing the trend of depopulation, enhancing local resources and creating new employment opportunities.

In this sense, the challenge is twofold: on the one hand, we need to cope with the declining population, and on the other, we need to build a community that is more inclusive, welcoming and respectful of those who, coming from other countries seek new life opportunities.





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Un progetto di housing sociale



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