## POLITECNICO DI TORINO FIRST SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE Master of Science in Architecture Construction City

## **Honors theses**

## Reshaping the disequilibrium

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The fragmentation and the incessant flow of the world of appearances that characterize modernity require a methodological approach that focuses attention on the relationships between individuals, groups and things.

Enciclopedia Treccani delle Scienze Sociali, 1991

For the speed and scale of the changes that we are experiencing today a particular attention should be paid to the relationships between different entities rather than the subjects itself.

Globalization, which has led to the diffusion of technological innovations, especially in the field of telematics, is a fundamental tool in the field of the relationships.

But globalization can foster integration as exacerbate divisions.

To make the city inclusive we should therefore retrace the connections and rebuild the social fabric of the city.

As well as social, the integration, must be also material with the creation of services and infrastructure that could connect the urban fabric.

In practice, to face the challenge of slums, the solution is a progressive participatory improvement of the place.

However, so far, this practice has been adopted on a limited scale or on a demonstration level.

The today city, in fact, especially in the developing countries, can not guarantee the same services and the same opportunities to its inhabitants. Creating so divisions and discrimination in itself.

From these imbalances was born the phenomenon of informal housing.

Just as in similar operations in Colombia, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay this project has the ambition to create public spaces that reaffirm the presence of the community in the area and public space as its centerpiece.

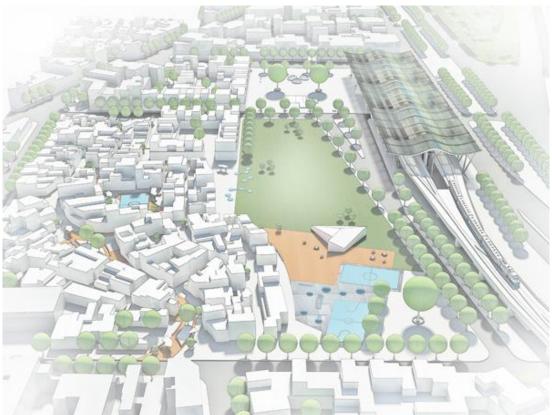
This provides the basis for a peaceful meeting between the residents, promotes understanding and integration.

The renewal brings job opportunities for the most disadvantaged population of the villa miseria.

New homes offer the opportunities for the relocation of the overcrowded population. The new infrastructure increases the possibility of using the space and upgrade the surrounding area.

Any action of this type can not, however, regardless of social and educational interventions that very often have a profound effect on the success of the project.







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