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Dear Readers,

Planum. The Journal of Urbanism is pleased to present you the new issue of *(ibidem)* Le letture di Planum.

Ibidem, the books supplement of Planum, is a collection of reviews of both books and places, with a special focus on Italian cities, the landscape and the field of urban studies. Reviews are mostly in Italian and about Italian books; however, a few cross-views will intersect broader issues or garbled spaces from time to time.

Why dealing with books on Planum? The question rises a serious challenge. In fact, the number of books in print is constantly on the increase, even though the readerships declines. **However, people moved to the web, mostly youngsters, and found that everything is reviewed: hotels, travels, sites, movies, and even books. Reviews, however, have not replaced books. Rather, they are examples of the renewed art of assessing everything.**

Ibidem will assess books and places, hoping so to entice its readers to read more of both. And it hopes to entice them to write less, but in a better and more focused way. The experience of reading is, in fact, the same for both researchers and public intellectuals, for experts and practitioners. Thus, also the art of reviewing should be an opportunity for a fruitful cross-readings.

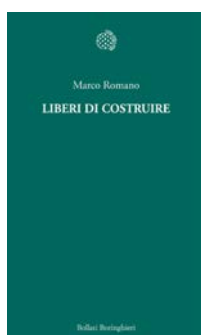
But the responsibility of writing about cities and spaces is even greater when the world grows disorderly. A number of contrasting descriptions, stories, theories pile up in the academic circle and elsewhere. It is no surprise then that confusion also increases. When the going gets tough, rhetoric displaces analytical arguments and books incline to incitement. Whether sharp or tedious, incitement risks to be a ritual self-comforting, one that legitimizes only a weak defense of the old, nice places.

That is not ibidem's program: places might deserve careful eulogies and curious narratives, but praise and curiosity have always to be nurtured by criticism.

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• *Liberi di costruire*

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Paola Savoldi
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Giovanni Laino

• *Il fuoco nel cuore e il diavolo in corpo. La partecipazione come attivazione sociale*

FrancoAngeli, Milano, 2012

Ugo Ischia

• *La città giusta. Idee di piano e atteggiamenti etici*

Donzelli editore, Roma, 2012

Arjun Appadurai

• *Le aspirazioni nutrono la democrazia*

et al./EDIZIONI, Milano, 2011

Jolanda Romano

• *Cosa fare, come fare. Decidere insieme per praticare davvero la democrazia*

Chiare lettere, Milano, 2012



Massimo Allulli
PIANIFICARE IL CONFLITTO URBANO: GERUSALEMME COME CRUCIAL CASE

Review of:

Francesco Chiodelli

• *Gerusalemme contesa. Dimensioni urbane di un conflitto*

Carocci, Roma, 2012

Claudia De Martino (a cura di)

• *Su Gerusalemme. Strategie per il controllo dello spazio urbano*

Castelvecchi, Roma, 2013

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Sandra Annunziata
RIBALTA E RETROSCENA DEL BOOM EDILIZIO

Review of:

Filippo De Pieri, Bruno Bonomo, Gaia Caramellino, Federico Zanfi (a cura di)

• *Storie di Case. Abitare l'Italia del boom*

Donzelli, Roma 2013



Gilda Berruti
COME SI MUOVE L'ALTRA METÀ DEL MONDO

Review of:

Nausicaa Pezzoni

• *La città sradicata. Geografie dell'abitare contemporaneo. I migranti mappano Milano*

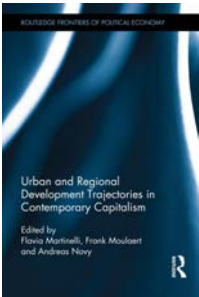
ObarraO edizioni, Milano, 2013



Laura Lieto
**L'INTRANSIGENZA NELL'ASSEMBLEA DEI NON UMANI.
SFIDE E APORIE NEL DISCORSO ECOLOGICO**
Review of:
Paolo Pileri, Elena Granata
• *Amor loci. Suolo, ambiente, cultura civile*
Raffaello Cortina Editore, Milano, 2012

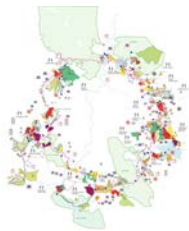


Gabriele Pasqui
DECISIONI DI POLICY E APPROCCIO 'DI POLITICHE'
Review of:
Bruno Dente
• *Le decisioni di policy*
Il Mulino, Bologna, 2011



Luciana Vettoretto
CHI GOVERNA LE REGIONI URBANE?
Review of:
Flavia Martinelli, Frank Moulaert, Andreas Novy
• *Urban and Regional Development Trajectories in Contemporary Capitalism*
Routledge, London & New York, 2013

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Francesco Careri e Lorenzo Romito
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• **GRA. Geografie dell'Oltrecittà. In cammino per un'inversione di marcia**
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Renzoni C., *Il Progetto '80. Un'idea di Paese nell'Italia degli anni Sessanta*
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Secchi B., *La città dei ricchi e la città dei poveri*
...and much more!

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ibidem, an attachment of Planum, is a collection of reviews, of not only books but whatever tell us about

transformations of territory, landscape and urban studies. A collection of «critical examinations» - as the dictionary says - «in the form of more or less an extensive article , of a recently published work».

The reviews mainly, are about the books published in Italy. The idea is to keep an eye on the entire publishing market, to report all its outputs and to select the most important ones.

The first section "**Questioni**" hosts cross reviews (of 20 - 40 thousand strokes length). in "**Letture**" section, there are shorter reviews of individual texts (of about 10 thousand strokes length), and finally in the "**Dintorni**" s ection, there are materials directly regarding the places and documents which are not necessarily in text format. Finally on the website, there will be also brief reports. A steering committee, according to the regulations of *Planum*, will help in selection of books, reviews and guidelines for further readings.

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