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ECOLE SPECIALE D'ARCHITECTURE DE PARIS

Research by design Workshop\_2015

## **LINKING TERRITORIES**

**Rurality, landscape and urban borders. Strategies for the western region of Milan**

Linking Territories is a joint workshop organized by the PhD in Urban Planning, Design and Policy (UPDP) of the Politecnico di Milano and the DES “Architecture des Milieux” of the Ecole Spéciale d’Architecture de Paris.

10 international PhD students + 10 international post graduate students will work together to propose visions and actions for the western region of Milan. Beside the design activities the workshop will have two public seminar in Milan and Paris with the participation of Pieter Versteegh and Pierre Donadieu as key note speakers.

Rural areas close to the urban fabric no longer serve their adjacent towns: the relation between production of food, energy and consumption at the base of the economy of the past has completely changed, likewise the balance between landscape and built environment. On the other hand, cities have blurred their borders and “intermediate territories” – between the dense city and the spread city – are still out of focus. The relationship between urban and rural is at the centre of the debate, which investigates how these two dimensions can be re-imagined in order to better share resources and to foster opportunities for sustainable development.

Several scholars as well as many projects, initiatives and policies of different kinds (from the zero kilometre production to urban farming, from the manifold projects of reuse of abandoned farmhouses, to the creation of network for the dissemination of contents agriculture-related) have explored respectively the meaning and the feasibility of the intermediate condition of being between urban and rural, bringing together the characteristics of both these dimensions traditionally on opposite sides .

The city of Milan offers different opportunities to explore the implication of such a subject. In particular the west part of its territory stretching from the Expò area to the Parco Agricolo Sud Milano, passing through several parks (i.e. Parco di Trenno or Parco delle Cave) is an interesting field of investigation and design.

What *practices* affect these specific places? How can they trigger useful and sustainable development? How to promote sustainable consumption and production? What are the *forms* of these blurred borders between city and countryside? What can role play public spaces in defining the opportunity for new uses? How we can combine urban semi-public and public spaces whit rural areas? How can the interventions on urban and rural heritage be shared and co-design new milieus?

The workshop has a double aim:

- To widen the view on changing relationship between urban and rural areas, by involving different communities of research and practice.
- To define experimental proposals able to enhance new spaces of co-habitation between different “urban” and “rural” way of life, redefining in the end the concept of rurality and its relation with the urban condition.

### ***Workshop coordinators***

Antonella Bruzzese, DASTU, Politecnico di Milano

Annarita Lapenna, ADM, Ecole Spéciale d'Architecture de Paris

### ***Advisory board***

Paola Pucci, DASTU, Politecnico di Milano - coordinator of the UPDP PhD program.

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### ***Key note speakers in Milan and Paris conference***

Pieter Versteegh, Western Switzerland University of Applied Sciences, Fribourg

Pierre Donadieu, École nationale supérieure de paysage de Versailles-Marseille

### ***Tutor***

Giulia Fini, DASTU, Politecnico di Milano

### ***Participants***

10 PhD candidates from Politecnico di Milano + 10 D.E.S. ADM students from Ecole Spéciale d'Architecture de Paris

## **Program**

The workshop is organized in working sessions and public conferences, and it is structured in three parts:

- the first part *starting activities* will introduce the subjects, will propose a reflection about the relationship between rural and urban, will explain and show the situation in Milan;
- the second one *intensive work* will involve students from the two universities working together to develop the Strategies for the western region of Milan;
- in the last session *final presentation* professors, students and speakers will discuss the workshop outcomes.

## **May 2015 | MILAN | starting activities**

May 5<sup>th</sup> / **PUBLIC CONFERENCE**

### 10-13 Aula gamma

::::h. 10.00-10.30

*UPDP PhD / ADM-ESA presentations*

Paola Pucci – Chris Younes

::::h. 10.30-11.30

*Workshop presentation*

Antonella Bruzzese - Annarita Lapenna

::::h.11.30- 12.30

*Contemporary city and countryside.*

Pieter Versteegh (Western Switzerland University of Applied Sciences, Fribourg)

::::h.12.30- 13.00

Questions and discussion

### 14-17.30 Spazio aperto nave

::::h.14.00 - 14.45

*West Milan environment and landscape: an overview*

Antonio Longo

::::h. 14.45-15.30

*West Milan: recent projects policies*

Marco Prusicki

::::h. 15.30-17.00

Round table: *What urban agriculture in contemporary city and how to deal with it?*

Pieter Versteegh (Western Switzerland University of Applied Sciences) / Gianni Scudo (Polimi) / Andrea Calori (Polimi) / Antonio Longo (Polimi) / Marco Prusicki (Polimi) / Nicolò Reverdini (Az. Agricola La Forestina)

::::h.17.00- 17.30

Questions and discussion

May 6<sup>th</sup> / Expo visit

::::h. 10.00-19.00

May 7<sup>th</sup> / Site visit: the west of Milan

::::h. 9-12.30

tour by bus : west of Milan (special guides: Silvio Anderloni)

### 10-13 Sala Riunioni, Edificio Carta, n.29

::::h. 14-17.00

collective discussion and brainstorming

## **June/July 2015 | MILAN | intensive work**

June 29<sup>th</sup> \_ July 4<sup>th</sup> / internal session of work with tutors and external guests

## **September 2015 | PARIS | final presentation**

September 21<sup>th</sup> / internal session of work

September 22<sup>th</sup>

::::h. 9.00-9.30

*UPDP PhD / ADM-ESA presentations*

Paola Pucci – Chris Younes

::::h. 9.30-10.00

*Workshop presentation*

Antonella Bruzzese - Annarita Lapenna

::::h.10.00- 13.00

*Final presentation*

::::h. 15.00 – 15.45 / **PUBLIC CONFERENCE**

*Urban/Rural: landscape issues*

Pierre Donadieu - École nationale supérieure de paysage de Versailles-Marseille

::::h. 15.45 – 17.00

Round table with external guests

September 23<sup>th</sup> / site visit with: *plateau de Saclay*

:::h. 9-12.30

Visit of French territory in transformation (Plateau de Saclay + special guides)