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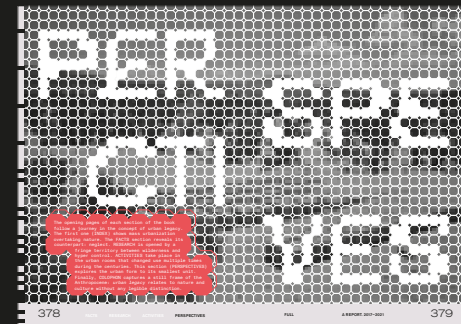
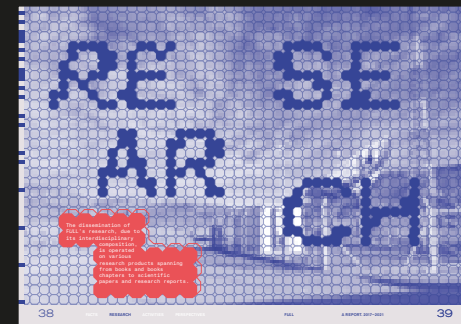
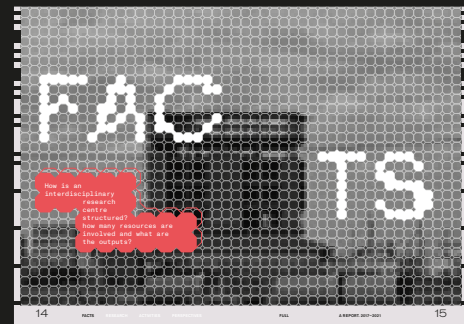
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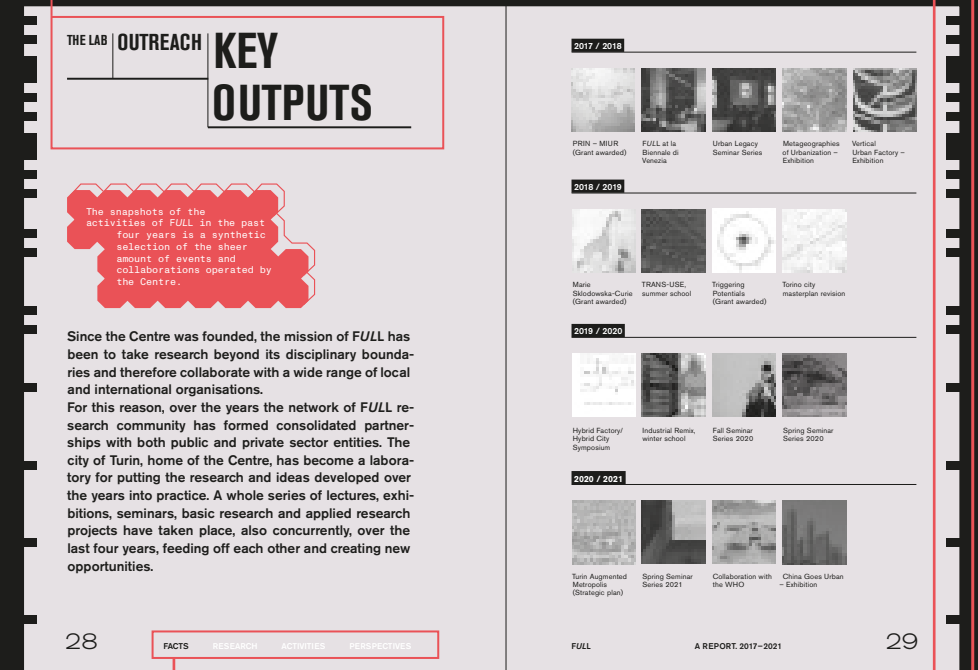
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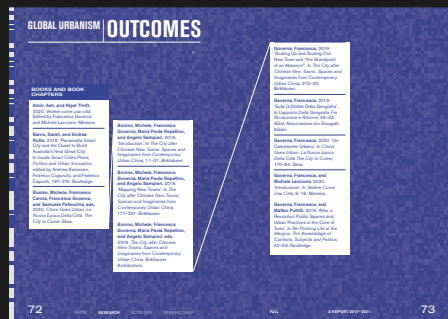


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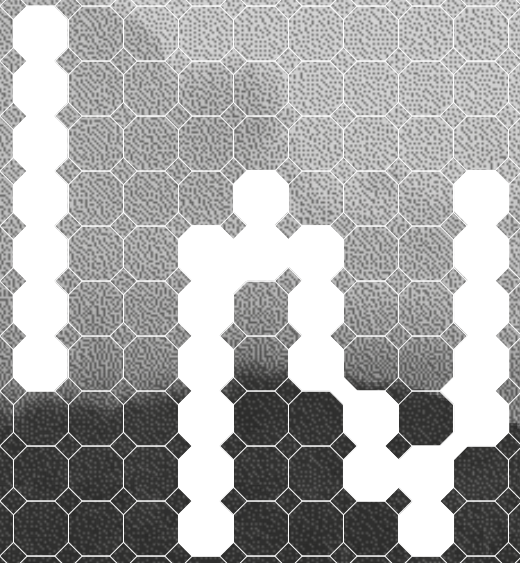
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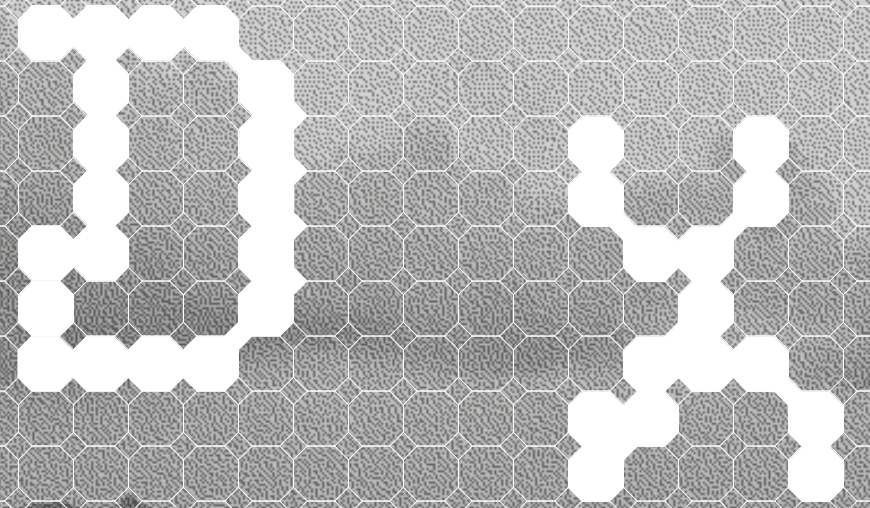
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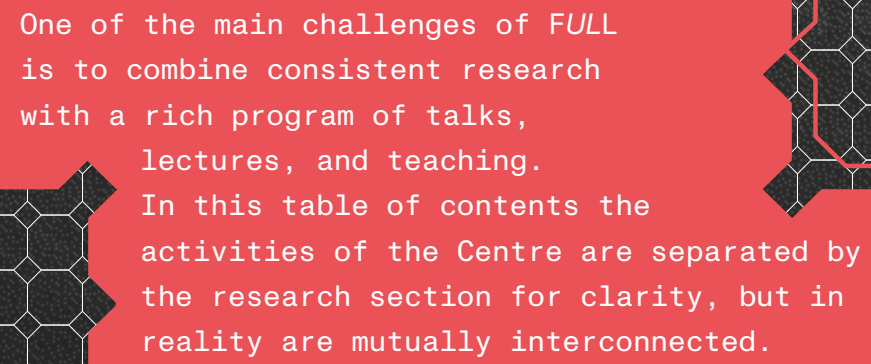
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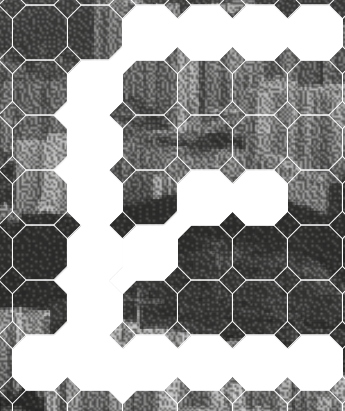
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One of the main challenges of FULL is to combine consistent research with a rich program of talks, lectures, and teaching. In this table of contents the activities of the Centre are separated by the research section for clarity, but in reality are mutually interconnected.



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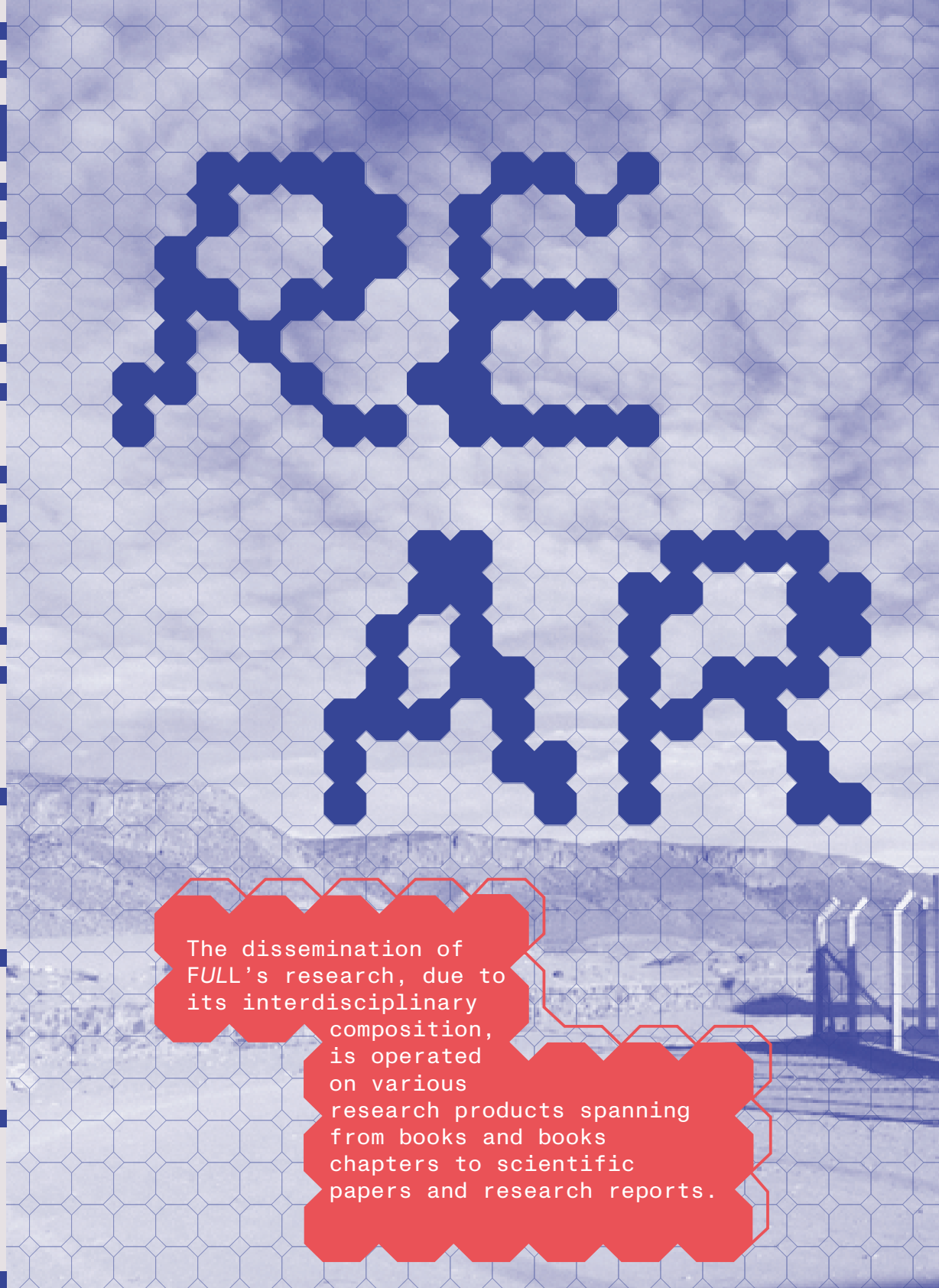
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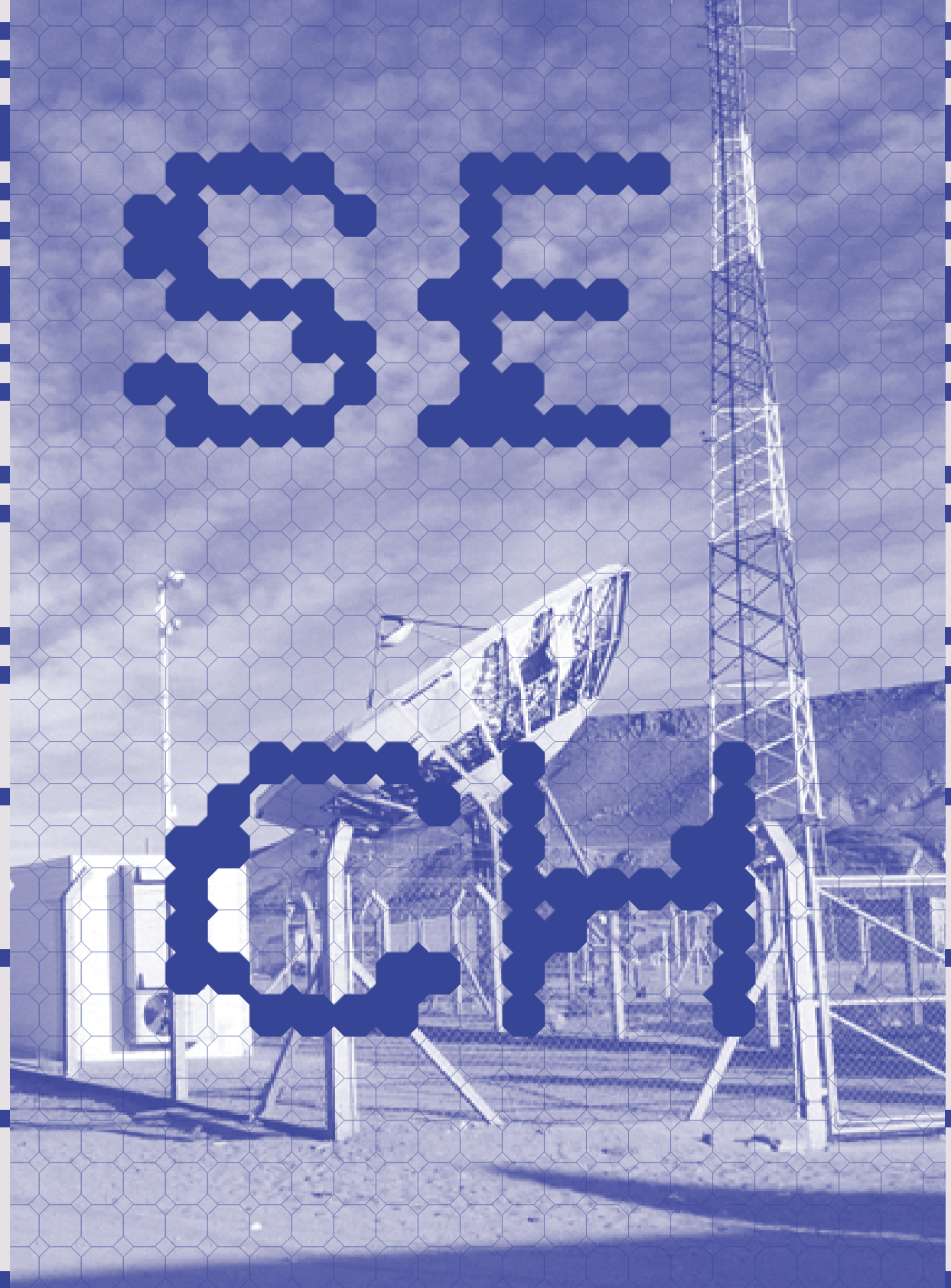
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The dissemination of FULL's research, due to its interdisciplinary composition, is operated on various research products spanning from books and book chapters to scientific papers and research reports.



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We grouped our vast research production in eight main issues. Each issue aims to provide answers to global research issues related to the environment, territories and the city.

GU = acronym of the research issue

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Manufacturing Technology and Competence Center Turin

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TECHNOLOGY
TOOLS
ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
INNOVATION

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Urban Agriculture

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INTERDISCIPLINARITY
RENOVATION

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REPRESENTATION
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TRANSFORMATIVE URBANISM AND LANDSCAPE



NEW HOUSING ISSUES



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POST-PANDEMIC CITY



DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

- CRA** Conservation and restoration of architecture
- HA** History of architecture
- RA** Representation of architecture
- SM** Surveying and mapping
- AD** Architectural design
- AT** Architectural technology
- UDP** Urban design planning

DEPARTMENT OF CONTROL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

- NA** Numerical analysis
- IPS** Information processing systems
- TC** Telecommunications

INTERUNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AND URBAN STUDIES AND PLANNING

- UDP** Urban design planning
- BME** Business and management engineering
- EPG** Economic and political geography

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, LAND AND INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING

- AG** Applied geophysics
- SEE** Sanitary and environmental engineering

Every research issue requires a variety of disciplinary expertises borrowed from each of the seven departments.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY "GALILEO FERRARIS"

- TIS** Thermal engineering and industrial energy systems
- BPS** Building physics and building energy systems

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

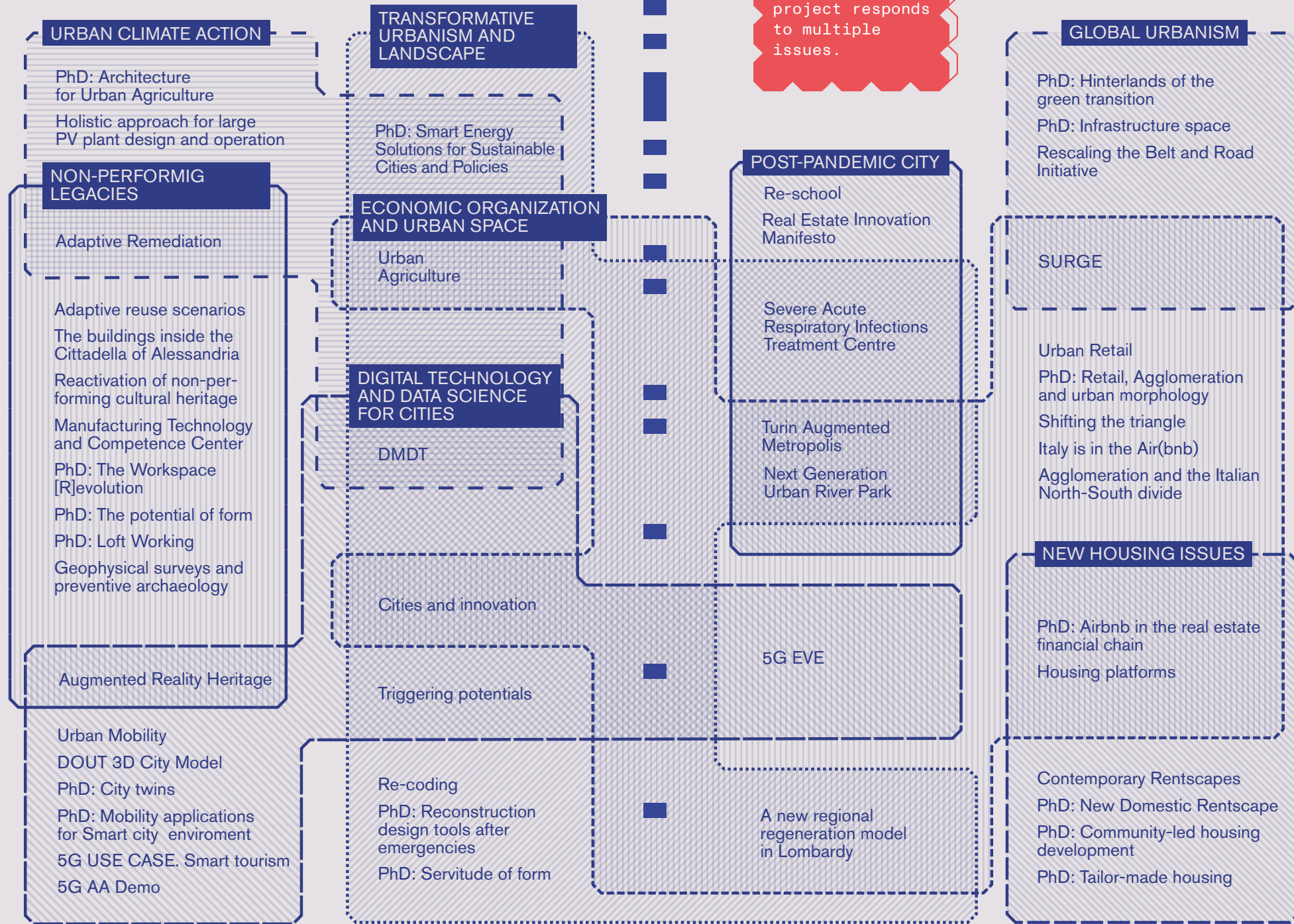
- BME** Business and management engineering

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- IPS** Information processing systems
- TC** Telecommunications

ISSUES MAP

The following map shows the connections and intersections of FULL's research. In most of the cases a single project responds to multiple issues.



URBAN CLIMATE ACTIONS

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How does climate change the economy and design of cities?

This research issue is interdisciplinary by definition. The holistic response to climate change can only be formulated through a socio-technical understanding of the phenomenon.



Even if sustainability and climate change are cross-sectional issues with *FULL*'s research, some projects more than others address these matters directly. Albeit with the risk of falling into conventional understandings of climate change, the investigations produced have in common their critical approach that aims to debunk sustainability

in its symbolic form and focus on design opportunities. The *DMDT* software development is an example of optimisation aimed at a holistic view of sustainability that includes all the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (UN SDG) guidelines. The research on the feasibility of extensive solar power stations follows suit in proposing energy produc-

tion as an opportunity to transform the landscape and produce sustainable environments. The extensive research on *Urban Agriculture* – starting with PhD research and continuing through a post-doc – adds new ‘building materials’ to the possible design palette of urban planners and architects, casting light on the pros and cons of this peculiar productive sector.

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Holistic approach for large PV plant design and operation



The mitigation of the potential impacts of renewable plants on the environment, biodiversity and communities is the key to making renewables sustainable in the long run. In particular, the large land use of utility scale photovoltaic (hereinafter, PV) plants could suffer from social acceptance problems and requires the protection of land from potential biodiversity loss, habitat fragmenta-

The progressive increase in temperature reminds us of the urgency of using renewable energy sources. What are the strengths and weaknesses of photovoltaic systems?

tion, water stress, etc. This is worsened in all contexts where marginal or industrial lands are insufficient or not available. The principal goals of the

research project are focused on field demonstrations and innovative methodologies aimed at utility-scale PV impact mitigation through a multidisciplinary approach able to take into account: (1) multi-purpose land use (crops/flora and vegetation); (2) wildlife habitat and biodiversity preservation; and (3) conservation of ecosystem services. The approach is based much less on a logic of reaction to criticalities and much more on a proactive approach aimed at identifying opportunities for creating shared value (CSV) between private PV companies and regions. These activities are focused on dialogue with stakeholders and socio-environmental analyses, in order to identify effective interventions that meet local needs and production targets.

New holistic approach for PV plants design

Elena Vigliocco

To act innovatively in a region, it is necessary to design together both the artefact and the relationships that affect it. With reference to the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the concepts of prosperity and collaboration take on programmatic relevance, requiring a shift from an approach that asks how to achieve a result to one that thinks about the motivation for action. The value of an innovation, in this case the large-scale

photovoltaic plant, is therefore not only measurable through the economic feedback or the degree of novelty that this innovation brings to the market, but also by the value and benefit it brings socially, environmentally and certainly economically. The relationship between the project and the region shifts the attention from the observation of the region as the context for the project to the region as the object of intervention, understood as a relational system, highlighting the proactive and generative role of new practices to activate new economies and sustainable processes from an environmental, economic and social point of view. Attention has therefore shifted not so much to the region as to the relational networks established within it; a shift can be identified from the physicality of the products, to the idea of region, to the relationship with users. This means that to act innovatively in a region, it is necessary to design together both the artefact and the relationships that affect it. This requires a different approach, calling for innovative action, moving from an approach that questions how to achieve a result to one that works by reasoning about the motivation for such action. The value of an innovation, in fact, is not measurable through the economic feedback or the degree of novelty that this innovation brings to the market, but by the value and benefit it brings socially, environmentally and certainly economically. It is thus possible to move from a techno-centric to a human-centred perspective. It is therefore essential to identify a design methodology, capable of guiding the idea of the region, analysing its needs and requirements, and thus bringing out its potential and values useful for the development of innovative concepts and projects. In this way, the design process can be managed by virtuously involving both material and non-material aspects and, knowing what exists in the area, connecting and re-evaluating knowledge, research and enterprise. In view of the fact that the location phase of large-scale PV plants, due to its complexity, but above all due to the delicacy of certain highly emotive aspects, cannot be tackled using assessment methods that use exclusively one-dimensional criteria such as technical or economic ones. For this reason, the working group includes seven

disciplinary areas: Architectural Design (with Mauro Berta and Elena Vigliocco); Systemic Design (with Paolo Tamborrini); Environmental Sociology (with Luca Davico); Topography (with Antonia Spanò); Environmental Engineering (with Alessandro Casasso and Tiziana Tosco); Energy (with Enrico Fabrizio and Filippo Spertino); and Management Engineering (with Giulio Zotteri and Roberta Taramino).

The work plan is divided into four parts within which the different disciplinary components will be able to dialogue with one another.

The four Work Packages (WP) are broken down into:

- **ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF THE ART (WP1)**, which will collect data on the collective opinion that local communities have developed in relation to three selected case studies following the implementation of large-scale photovoltaic plants.
- **PVP THEORETICAL MODEL (WP2)**, relating to the four interpretative clusters of the holistic analysis, which will diagram an interpretative map/model (D1) of the input data related to the design of a large PV plant.
- **PVP EMPIRICAL MODEL (WP3)**, which will map an area of interest through the state of the art and resource analysis, identifying strengths and weaknesses, critical issues and opportunities.
- **HOLISTIC MODEL FOR LARGE PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS (WP4)**, which will develop an operational toolkit applicable in other similar contexts (D2) that will be elaborated in relation to the state of the art (WP1) and the results of empirical mapping (WP3). There are two expected deliverables: D1 – Holistic map/model for PV plants (WP2, month 8); D2 – Visual data report (holistic matrix) for PV plant (WP4, month 18).