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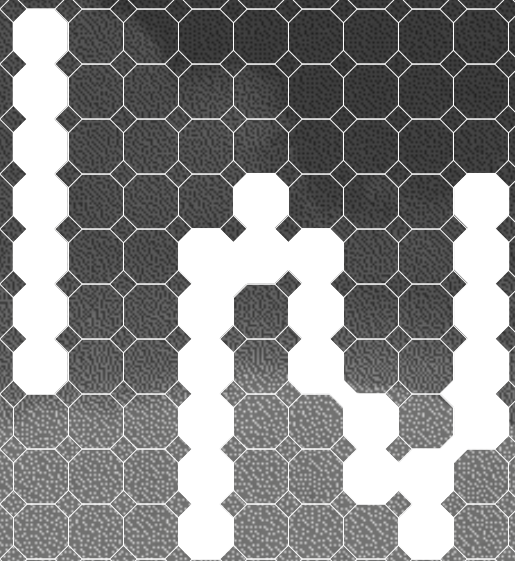
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the Future *Urban Legacy* Lab

a report
2017-2021





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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FULL

Future *Urban Legacy* Lab is an interdepartmental centre of the Politecnico di Torino that explores, imagines and designs the future of global and local urban legacy embodied in city form.

FUTURE

/ˈfjuːtʃər/ ▪ noun

A period of time following the moment of speaking or writing; a time regarded as still to come.

URBAN

/ˈəːb(ə)n / ▪ adjective

In, relating to, or characteristic of a town or city; e.g. 'the urban population.'

LEGACY

/ˈleg.ə.si/ ▪ noun

A situation that exists now because of events, actions, etc., that took place in the past.

LAB

/lə'b/ ▪ noun

A room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching, or for the manufacture of drugs or chemicals.

FAQ

How is an interdisciplinary research centre structured?
how many resources are involved and what are the outputs?

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THE LAB PEOPLE

Departments

7 departments,
59 people,
33 disciplinary
expertise
fields.

DAD

Urban and architectural design, landscape design, construction technology, urban history, heritage preservation and restoration, geomatics.

DIST

Urban planning, urban geography, urban economics, project evaluation.

DET

Digital networks in urban settings, device-to-device communications.

DIGEP

Innovation economics and innovation management.

DIATI

Environmental assessment, urban environmental quality indicators, remediation techniques for urban post-industrial sites.

DAUIN

Big data, information technologies, public data management and policies in cities.

DENERG

Urban energy networks and grids, renewable energies in urban settings.

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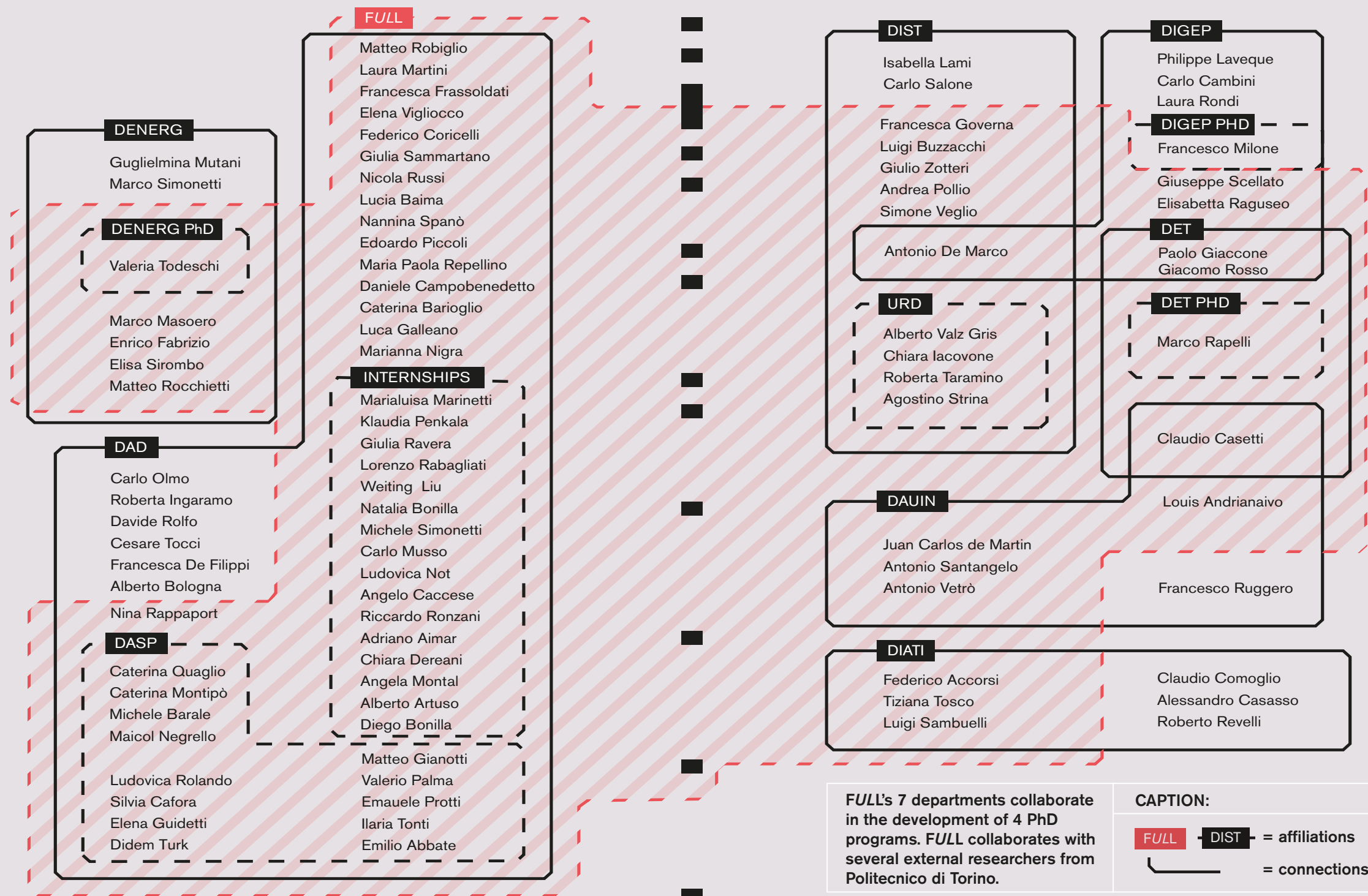
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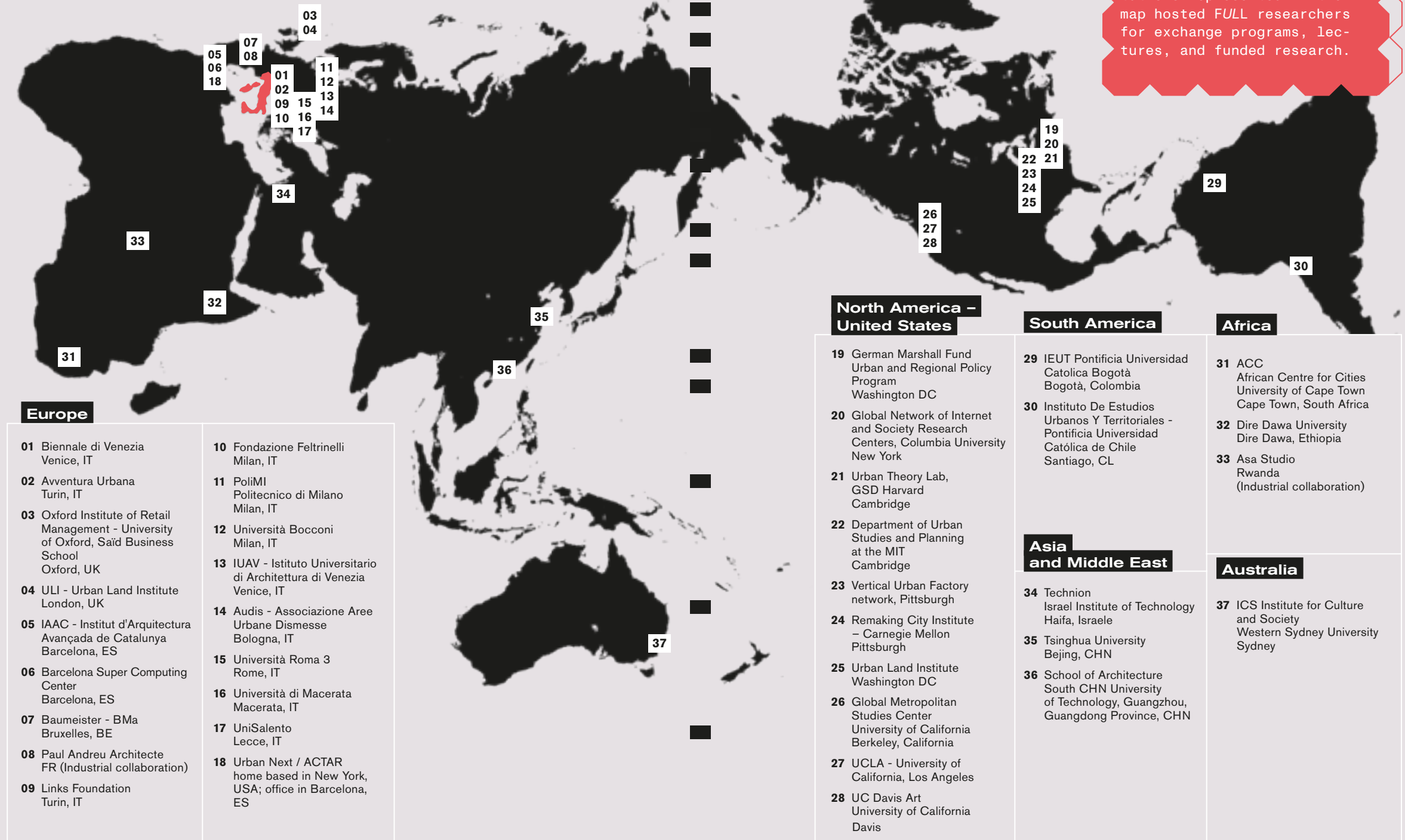
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The map shows the institutions that collaborated with FULL in the past years. The institutions represented in the map hosted FULL researchers for exchange programs, lectures, and funded research.



NEW HOUSING ISSUES

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What are the possible approaches to deal with the current housing crisis?

Housing can be described as the crossover point between economic, social and spatial qualities. As a 'natural' interdisciplinary subject, housing issues stimulated a set of research studies within the Centre, spanning from research on large-scale real estate landlords to co-housing and bottom-up processes. Keeping the spatial nature of housing as the core aspect of analysis, *FULL* research on this issue embraces an evidence-based model that avoids the common bi-

ases of a purely sociological approach. A two-year collaboration with the Italian Central Bank produced *Contemporary Rentscapes*, a compendium on the different forms of temporary housing and their urban forms.

New Domestic Rentscape investigates the crystallisation into architectural forms of the dynamic tenure of rent. Further research is ongoing on the social involvement in community-led housing models and alternative housing models in general.

Italy is a country of homeowners. However, according to national statistics, cash renters do not seem disadvantaged in relation to their landlords: 9 million of tenants spend an average of 400€ per month on their rent (only 14% of the average national income). In major cities, these figures change radically. In the case of Milan, the affordable rental flat area is of about 30 sqm -the area corresponding 30% of median rent over the median city income-, while the median area of rental flats in the city is 70 sqm.

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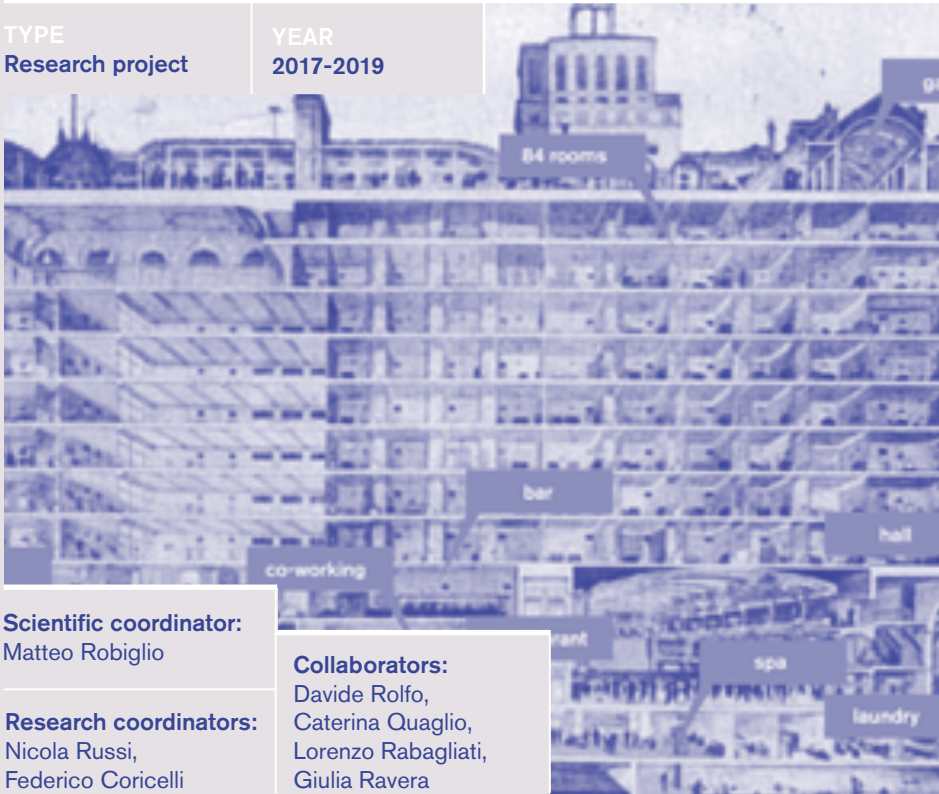
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TYPE
Research project

YEAR
2017-2019



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Contemporary Rentscapes is a biennial research project funded by Sidief Spa (Bank of Italy), focusing on transformative strategies for large rental housing stocks. The first part of this project was published in the book Re-housing, ‘La casa come dispositivo di integrazione’ (The House as an Integration Device), (Politecnico di Torino, 2018). Triggered by the need for a generational

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turnover of the urban tenant, *FULL* demonstrated the flexibility of a portion of early twentieth-century housing stock through a toolkit of micro interventions. The second iteration of the project (Living beyond Property) investigates the innovative global offer on the private rental market, mapping and decoding the patterns and connections between private and public space in the serviced domestic realm.

Contemporary rentscales

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Re Housing (2018)

Can housing serve as an enabling factor to integrate new citizens? On 8th August 1991, the ship Vlora landed 20,000 Albanians on Italian shores. Since then, a lot has changed.

During the last twenty-five years, immigration from a wider and wider spread of foreign countries has coincided with radical cultural and economic transformations in Italy. The social fabric in Italy has been deeply changed by the interaction between different cultures.

This mutation has not been compensated for by a significant renewal in the built environment, historically characterised by an inertia towards inflexibility. The progressive mutation of life conditions of Italy's new residents is leading their housing demand to increasingly converge with that of more and more Italians. This unexpressed potential can be reimagined today as a resource to forecast strategies of renewal in the existing urban fabric and build a common ground, a place of sharing and integration.

Integrating housing with the city's new technological services and housing models today opens up the possibility of external-



ising much of the infrastructure embedded in the domestic unit. This phenomenon not only allows new housing typologies to be conceived, but also allows a portion of the existing housing stock to be radically transformed. The traditional housing models, characterised by a rigid and inflexible compartmentation, can be redesigned into flexible, open systems thanks to the application of new spatial strategies and new management tools. Transforming under-utilised rooms in new collective spaces and organising innovative management systems allows a new conception of housing to be formulated. A new form of housing able to meet the demand of new Italians.

From specialised housing towards an original policy

The Italian city, with its sheer quantity of public space and high-density urban blocks, has for centuries represented an efficient model of integration between the individual and the collective dimension. This model, which in the recent past has seemingly been replaced by a sprawl of detached houses, is today becoming an actual one infilled with new ways to live and new



conceptions of inhabitation of the private and public spaces of the house. New housing typologies, developed inside dense portions of the city, allow innovative forms of integration between the private and the public dimension. The porosity of a densely-built city, subdivided in its core by a fragmented private property structure, represents the fertile ground to develop a system of housing and services distributed in the city in an efficient network instead of a one-size-fits-all model.

Living beyond property (2019)

Italy is a country of homeowners. However, according to national statistics, cash renters do not seem disadvantaged in relation to their landlords: 9 million tenants spend on average €400 per month on their rent (only 14% of the average national income). In major cities, these figures change radically. In the case of Milan, the affordable rental flat area is about 30 m² – the area corresponding to 30% of median rent over the median city income –, while the median area of rental flats in the city is 70 m².

Cities are the place where Engels' Wohnungsfrage has always unfolded in its more severe form, historically in purpose-built housing typologies like Berlin's Mietskasernen, the tenements of New York and the Parisian immeubles de rapport.

In post-war Europe, the deprived social conditions associated with these typologies triggered experimentation in the field of social housing, assigning to the state also the role of great landlord. The mass provision of housing led to the dimensional standards still in use in planning regulations. Paralleled to this mainstream story, some housing typologies were designed and optimised based on human body dimensions. The hotel, from its first conception at the end of the 18th century in the United States, has always been an incubator for domestic innovation. Today, if we observe major cities across the globe, we find hybrid housing typologies, mixing the spaces and services of the hotel with the notions of comfort and security typically associated with the traditional rental flat. Rental housing in this sense operates simultaneously as a dwelling and as a constellation of included services. Units of reduced size are combined with common areas and facilities in single buildings. Plus, housekeeping service and hotel-like management are usually included in the rental fee. Depending on budget and target users, this can take the form of co-living for students and professionals, luxury or branded apartments, serviced apartments and apartments for elderly people.

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and the notion of housing as a verb (Turner, 1976) are key themes. As a result of this paradigm shift, the cohousing model was born. It combines individual private housing with collective spaces characterised by flexibility. It allows costs to be reduced and spaces customised through participatory design. It was born in northern Europe and then spread to English-speaking countries and continental Europe, having entered a new stage of development since the 2000s in the rest of Europe, especially in the south.

Is it possible to design a model of cohousing that can be reproduced on a larger scale, overcoming the limitation of punctual, disaggregated enclaves, to help ensure housing accessibility in an effective way? This investigation focuses on the critical analysis of this typology to meet the most diversified contemporary needs. International case studies are chosen for the innovative characteristics of the management model (software) or physical model (hardware) and then analysed regarding both replicable typological aspects and the different possible approaches in terms of supply, the role of the social manager, the contractual variety, the social mix and the guarantees offered by the service. The aim is to analyse how the paradigms of flexibility, customisation and hybridisation translate architecturally and whether a participatory process is more effective. The goal is to outline, through ethnographic study and action research, that cohousing is a model, not a typology and can therefore be interpreted differently depending on the context; public administrations, recognising the trend, can act as facilitators through dedicated policies; the inclusion of users is a tool to ensure the effectiveness of the project; sharing spaces helps to reduce costs and, together with the low cost process and tax incentives, ensures access to affordable housing that is also tailored to the wishes of future users, combining solidarity networks and social value in inclusive, adequate and sustainable housing.

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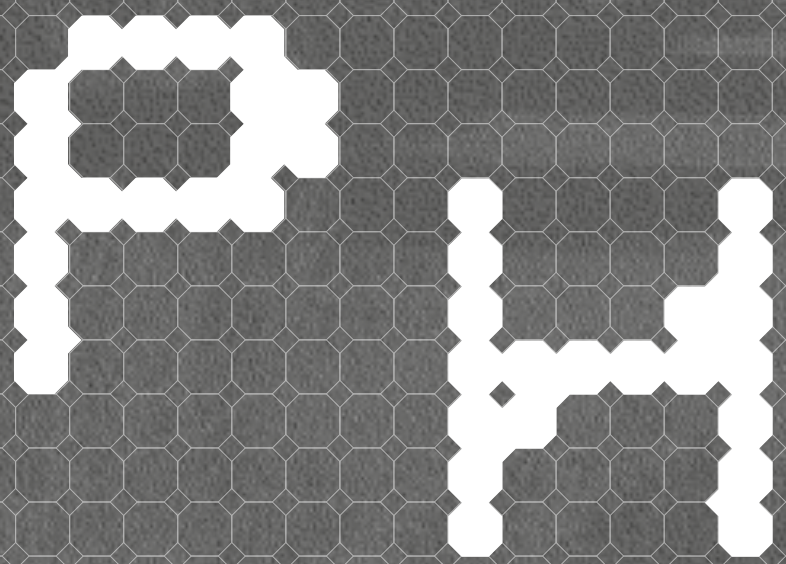
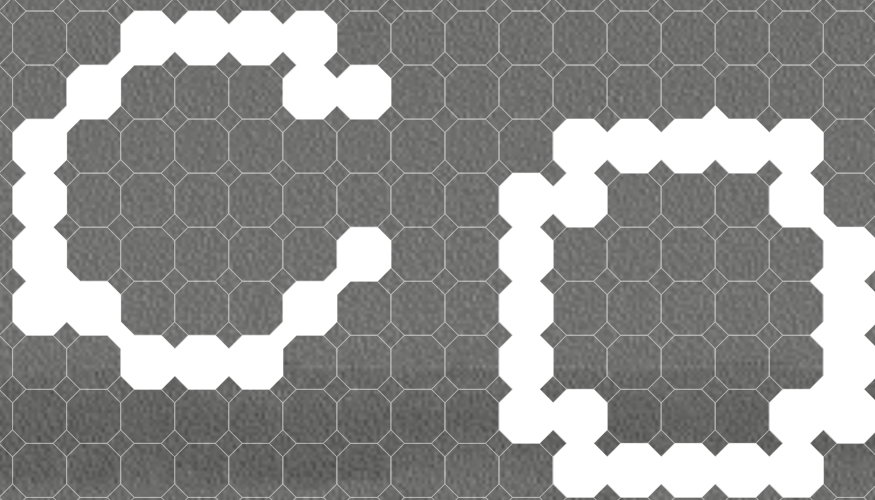
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