



Kick-off meeting - Riba project 2021

The current pandemic season renovated the interest for depopulated small rural or mountain towns in inner areas, also thanks to their partial repopulation by "smart workers" during the various lockdowns. Experts in different fields have been wondering if such phenomena can solve the problem of depopulation, mainly in those areas where this phenomenon occurred mainly caused by physical and/or socio-economic risks.

The kick-off meeting officially opens the Riba 2021 research Lost and Found which investigates how abandonment factors and their effects influenced the processes of construction of memory and identity over the 20th-century, to further understand how these processes can condition the contemporary perception and interaction with depopulated areas and abandoned heritage by different user groups. The results are important to assess the potentiality of repopulation and reuse of the abandoned built environment.

Program

9:15 Seminar opening

Massimo Bricocoli, Head of DASTU Department

Gabriele Pasqui, Coordinator of the Department of Excellence on Territorial Fragilities

9:45 Introduction

Annunziata Maria Oteri, Coordinator of the Riba project 2021 Lost and Found

10:15 Keynote address

Small "country-towns" of internal Italy. Historical perspectives, new paradigms, and practices for the future

Roberto Parisi, Università del Molise

10:45 Abandonment of inner areas into a history-based perspective

Historical-Economic perspective (Renato Sansa, Università della Calabria)

Social perspective (Agostino Petrillo, Politecnico di Milano)

Urban and territorial perspective (Marco Mareggi, Politecnico di Milano)

Urban and Architectural Heritage (Sonia Pistidda, Politecnico di Milano)

11:30 Case Studies

Calabria (Nino Sulfaro, Università degli Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria)

Romania (Irina Tulbure-Moldovan, Ion Mincu University, Bucharest)

Albania (Gjergji Islami, Politecnico di Tirana)

12:30 Conclusions and Discussion



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E STUDI URBANI



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FRAGILITÀ TERRITORIALI
2018–2022**

LOST AND FOUND

Processes of abandonment of the architectural
and urban heritage in inner areas:
Causes, effects, and narratives (Italy, Albania, Romania)

21st October 2021 | 9:30-13:00
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