

Landscape Design and Time/ Topic 2 - Landscape Time Designed / Keywords: Landscape stratification, Infiltration strategy, Open project

Rhythm and continuity in the intervention to reactivate vacant urban spaces. Recognize the stratification of places to engage an autonomous process of integration between the parts.

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Associating the architectural intervention of recovery - required to respond to urgent, necessarily impatient social questions - to the work on the landscape - educated to slowness and natural rhythms - pushes us to contemplate the aleatory, the sense of uncertainty, imposing the respect for places and materials as much as for times, at the basis of a constantly evolving project. The landscape, as an "upstream condition" of human and natural actions (ELC,2000), requires recognition and intervention strategies with very high standards of flexibility, sized on relatively low financial resources and capable of covering an ever-widening multiplicity of needs, linked to a variety of identities that are now living together, with consequent need of integration, on the same territory. A vision must be retraced: to observe the landscape as the logical linking of places and signifiers, a stratification process already in progress as it is constantly changing (Besse, 2009). With this in mind, the adoption of an infiltration strategy, the grafting of an evolutionary new transformation process, is proposed. Through the study of a post-industrial recovery intervention case, located in the region of North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany, the value of defining a long-term intervention program capable of removing in the first instance the idea of degradation around the area, is recognized (Masbounji, 2002). It is a matter of engaging non-characterizing and non-limiting strategies, based on the non-definitive sense: a time of experimentation, the suggestion of reuse and regeneration-in-progress hypotheses. The intervention develops by means of action, adopting a mélange of techniques as a complex tool for gradual resolution, with an increasing economic capacity, thanks to targeted investments and reduced timing. The identification of a new function, capable of improving the value of the existent by revealing the hidden potential, being useful for its purpose and lasting over time, is therefore associated with the grafting of a design seed, an action on an indefinite time.