DYNAMICS OF PERIPHERY

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The territorial and architectural dimension of peripheries. Starting from a perspective of architecture, urban design, and territorial planning, the conference aims at a design and research approach towards an innovative role of peripheries. It explicitly opens up to related economic, ecological, social and cultural studies. The focus is set on projects, plans, narratives, conceptualisations, scenarios, and strategy-building for peripheries as accelerators of change in sustainable territorial futures.

Peripheries are for real. Peripheries seemed to vanish in the diffuse cities and in the digital era. Effectively quite the opposite happened, a refreshed discussion about territorial polarities, about inclusion and balances between city and countryside is emerging. Spatial figures and spatial processes make economic and social change visible, they also constitute potentials to influence change, by accelerating or freezing transformations in various scales. Starting from what in actual cultural and political debates is seen as “outside”, since their main focus are metropolitan cores, and from the observation that 60% of people in Europe are living not in urban centres of more than fifty thousand inhabitants, the conference takes a fresh glance at the crucial role of rural–urban linkages, streams, and connections. It calls for a debate why and how to focus on territorial capital, creativity of culture, polarities and diversities, green and blue growth, productive landscapes, cultural ecologies, and an overall reshaping of common horizons of territories.

A habitat vision of rural and urban polarities is put forward as innovative answer to monodirectional debates that are actually calling mainly for social and economic stabilisation. In Italy peripheries are e.g. focussed with the National Strategy for the Inner Areas (2014), in Germany they are addressed by various regional policies and recent research e.g. in Landflight—Growth or Shrinkage? (BBSR 2016) or Baukulturbericht (2016). The main focus in both countries is directed towards infrastructural support for shrinking areas. Landflight in the South of Europe is actually enforced by high unemployment of young people, that is also related to a search of perspectives for urban centres. Migration movements and refugees are further calling for new linkages between city and country, in Italy, Spain, and in Germany. Re-settlement, re-cycling, re-connection of peripheries are new phenomena, noted e.g. in the Alpine Space. This conference wants to take a step forward, it calls for observing potentials and enhancing dynamics in peripheries.

Peripheries are everywhere. The focus of the conference therefore extends from remote to suburban and city-core peripheries: to large areas in Europe with potential relationalities. Effectively it calls for reconfiguring these outdated categories. The overall fragmented nature of European spatial setups can be re-addressed by a hybrid understanding of peripheries: mosaic territories, archipelagos, open islands, permeability, performativity, reponsivity and hybridity are some of the concepts open for discussion. They consequently draw two lines of inquiry for the conference: to extend the notion of peripheries from sectorial indicators towards a more complex spatial relationality and towards the inclusion of externalities. And it strengthens the call for new approaches and concepts in architecture, urban design, and territorial planning. The relevance of an action-oriented, space and place centred contribution of architecture towards political and cultural debates in Europe can take a fresh input from looking at Dynamics of Periphery for places of work, living, and culture.

Peripheries are precious reserves of resilience to re activate the urban metabolism in post-metropolis, more and more archipelagos and lattices of places and no more satellite systems. Even if declining suburbs still contain active cells (active communities, landscapes, agriculture and manufacturing) that can restart the jammed evolution mechanism, passing from a dangerous steady state of metropolis in expansion without developing to a dynamic neighborhoods in progress without consumption. The conference intends to discuss which policies, projects, and actions can reactivate the potential energy of the peripheries to be the dynamism of a new development model.

The idea of territorial creativity as base for innovative arts, entrepreneurship, and communities, also aiming at development more than at mere valorisation of heritage, actually is one of the most discussed themes in cultural and economic policies in Europe. A territorial focus in this debate is a main objective of Dynamics of Periphery.
Welcome and introduction

Dr. Maddalena Ferretti, Dr. Barbara Lino
PhD Colloquium scientific direction.

Senior Reviewers:
Prof. Maurizio Carta (University of Palermo), Prof. Mosè Ricci (University of Trento),
Prof. Jörg Schröder (LUH Hannover).

Reviewers / respondents:
Dr. Nicola Canessa (University of Genoa), Dr. Maddalena Ferretti (LUH Hannover),
Dr. Barbara Lino (University of Palermo), Dr. Luciana Macaluso (University of Palermo),
Dr. Chiara Rizzi (University of Basilicata), Dr. Emanuele Sommariva (LUH Hannover).

Panel 1: A Habitat Vision

Moderators: Maddalena Ferretti, Nicola Canessa

Alessandro Betta, University of Trento
*Hybrid Alps. Weak strategies for alpine peripheral areas.*

Giulia Garbarini, University of Trento, guest at LUH Hannover
*Smart Landscape.*

Antonio Ippolito, University of Basilicata
*The neighbourhood of Tamburi in Taranto between visibility and invisibility.*

Alissa Diesch, TUM München
*Mapping the transformation of Bogotá’s periphery.*

Carlos Agüero, Polytechnic University of Catalonia
*The Chaco as Emerging Rural Metropolis.*
Panel 2: Reserves of Resilience

Moderators: Emanuele Sommariva, Luciana Macaluso

Daniele Caruso, University of Naples
*The role of blue infrastructures for a better urban metabolism.*

Gaia Sgaramella, University of Trento
*Mobility infrastructures: connection tools of peripheral areas or techno-ecological services?*

Jessica Smeralda Oliva, University of Palermo
*Urban resilience. Flexible, creative and dynamic urban regeneration processes in city-core peripheries.*

Luca Torrisi, University of Palermo
*From peripheries regeneration to agricultural quality.*

Maria Paz Gil, Polytechnic University of Catalonia
*Feet on Water. The Patiño Aquifer and the Metropolitan Region of Asunción.*

Panel 3: Territorial Creativity

16.30 - 19.30
Moderators: Barbara Lino, Chiara Rizzi

Sarah Hartmann, LUH Hannover
*Infrastructural axes as urban periphery and fields of potential. The Case Study of São Paulo.*

Listen Prima, LUH Hannover
*Rural Heritage Sites as a Model of Laboratory Center in South Sumatera, Indonesia.*

Martina Massari, University of Bologna
*Social Innovation: from practice to new territorial development models.*

Federica Scaffidi, University of Palermo
*Re-cycle strategy as solution to activate territorial creativity in peripheral context. State of progress: territorial effects of the re-cycle of Añana saltworks.*

Giorgia Tucci, University of Genoa
*The Perception of Space and Time in the New Rural-Peripheries*

Jesús Pereira, Polytechnic University of Catalonia
*Hacking infrastructures in the construction of the Triple Frontier territory.*
Welcome and introduction

Jörg Schröder, Dean for Research of the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Sciences, LUH Hannover

Maurizio Carta, President of the Polytechnic School, University of Palermo

Panel 1: A Habitat Vision

Key lecture:
Jörg Schröder (LUH Hannover)
Design Habitat

Barbara Lino (University of Palermo)
Peripheries and Metropolitan Perspectives

Chiara Rizzi (University of Basilicata)
Matera-Basilicata 1950–2019

Maddalena Ferretti (LUH Hannover)
Envisioning the Baltic

Nicola Canessa (University of Genoa)
Peri-Cities

Key lecture:
Christian Wagner (HTW Chur)
Sites of local character - three examples from Switzerland

Discussion
Moderation: Emanuele Sommariva (LUH Hannover)
Table: Favara Futures Workshop

Introduction and book presentation: Barbara Lino (University of Palermo), Sarah Hartmann (LUH)

Master students (LUH Hannover, in the workshop in collaboration with University of Palermo)
Raphaela Djajili, Lisa Iglseder, with Dario De Gregorio, Giuseppe Mammo Zagarella
Lisa Freke, Valentin Zellmer, with Giovanni Viola, Sofia Nocera
Morgane Alonzo, Christian Corral, Matti Hänsch, Beatrice Rezzani
Flora Hagedorn, Magdalena Jackstadt, with Frederica Tognetti, Giulio Cellura
Laura Bornickel, Elena Hellmuth, with Alberto La Mantia, Gabriele Vassallo

Panel 2: Reserves of Resilience

Key lecture:
Maurizio Carta (University of Palermo)
*Augmented Resilience: Peripheries in the Neo-Anthropocene*

Key lecture:
Mosè Ricci (University of Trento)
*The Timeless Spaces of the Eternal Present*

Michael Wagner (ETH Zürich)
*Learning from Kulturlandschaft*

Nadia Fava (University of Girona)
*Foodsheds and the role of Public Food Markets in Girona*

Emanuele Sommariva (LUH Hannover)
*Riverside Resilience*

Annalisa Contato (University of Palermo)
*The Periphericity of Sicily internal areas*

Key lecture:
Pino Scaglione (University of Trento)
*Inhabited periphery between urbanisation, landscape, infrastructure in the sweet metropolis of Adige Valley*

Discussion
Moderation: Barbara Lino (University of Palermo)
Panel 3: Territorial Creativity

17:00 - 19:30

Key lecture:
Manuel Gausa Navarro (University of Genoa)
RESILIO(G)ENT PERI-URBANITIES

Paola Sabbion (University of Genoa)
A Creative Alliance for Urban Rivers

Luciana Macaluso (University of Palermo)
The Power of the Young Town. An Itinerary for Palermo

Sarah Hartmann (LUH Hannover)
Foodscapes. From the Spoon to the City

Key lecture:
Raffaella Fagnoni (University of Genoa)
Crossing Boundaries - Eventful Living

Key lecture:
Philip Peterson (HolzerKobler Architects, Zürich Berlin)
Building Beyond the Periphery

Discussion
Moderation: Maddalena Ferretti (LUH Hannover)
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