Struggle among metropolitan populations and participatory democracy.
A possible answer to the crisis of "Mediterranean" acceptance in the inner city of Genoa

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The historic centre of Genoa and the crisis of Mediterranean public space

- <u>Problem</u>: struggle among metropolitan population read as a loss of Mediterranean specificity

- <u>Possible solution</u>: inclusive decision-making in space use policies, read as a recovery of Mediterranean specificity

Genoa between urban structure and public space

- Industrial city → decay of centre
- Mediterranean city → decay of suburbs

- Genoa double identity: industrial/Mediterranean
→ Decay of suburbs and historic centre left abandoned

BUT

- In suburbs attempts of participatory regeneration
- In the centre spontaneity of regeneration

1) Public intervention in historic center

- Pru (Programmi di Riqualificazione Urbana);
- Prusst (Programmi di Riqualificazione Urbana e di Sviluppo Sostenibile del Territorio);
- programma Urban II;
- POI (Programmi Organici di Intervento);
- Contratti di quartiere;
- CIV (Centri Integrati di Via);
- Accordo di Programma Quadro per Pré;
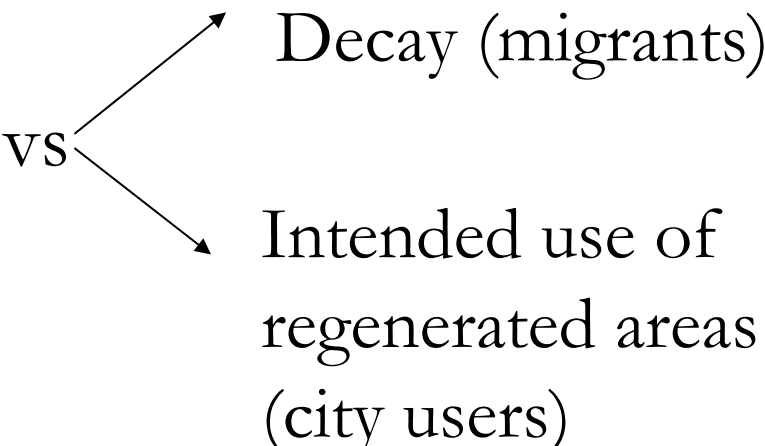- Piano di Sviluppo Locale per la Maddalena.

2) Spontaneous regeneration

- Settlement of nigh time activities

- Leisure function overcomes residential function

- Struggle among metropolitan population on the intended use of the centre (residency/*movida*)

Metropolitan populations

- Residents

- Commuters (Pendolari)

- City-users

- Metropolitan businessmen

- Tourists

- Migrants

Interactions among city centre populations

- Decay → <u>MIGRANTS</u> settlement → *mixité*

- Young <u>CITY USERS</u> in search of *mixité* → leisure regeneration without housing upgrading (*marginal gentrification* and *social mix*)

- (Aged) <u>RESIDENTS</u> vs

  Decay (migrants)

  Intended use of regenerated areas (city users)

Struggle among:

- Metropolitan populations

- Generations

- Different cultures

Struggle based on place "possession" and

legitimate citizenship:

Departure from Mediterranean

Urban policies

- **Strategy of the administration:**
  - ❑ Attempts to give a sop to all, displeasing all

- **Possible solution:**
  - ❑ To take advantage of *social mix* brought by *marginal gentrification*

  - ❑ Residents without activities → dead historic centre
  - ❑ Activities without residents → dead historic centre

Recovery of the Mediterranean "living together in diversity"

- Stop claiming in isolation vs administration (mugugno)

- "Mediterranean" living together through stakeholders joint involvement in decision-making

- Achieving a power balance between metropolitan populations in order to reconcile the demands

- Safeguarding bottom-up regeneration without overriding residents' needs