Reconstructive Temporalities: A Trojan Horse for Public Space

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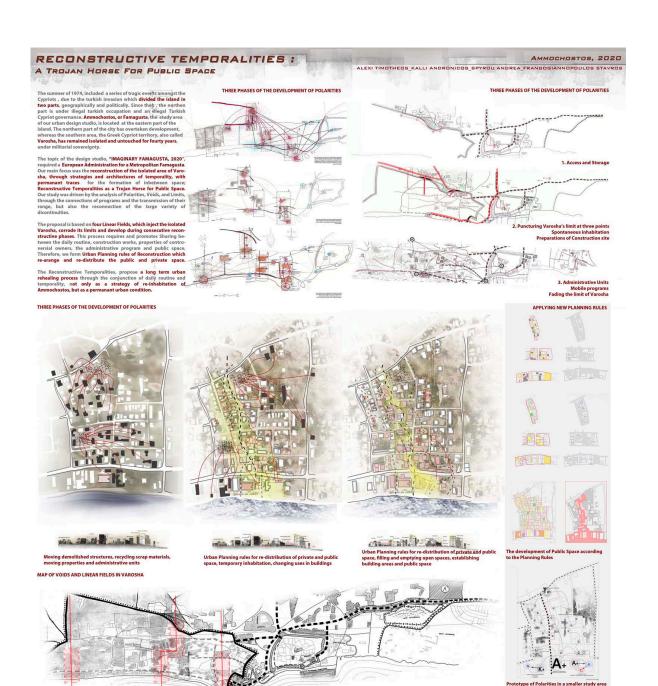
The summer of 1974, included a series of tragic events amongst the Cypriots, due to the Turkish invasion which divided the island in two parts, geographically and politically. Since then, the northern part is under illegal Turkish occupation and an illegal Turkish Cypriot governance. Ammochostos, or Famagusta, the study area of our urban design studio, is located at the eastern part of the island. The northern part of the city has overtaken development, whereas the southern area, the Greek Cypriot territory, also called Varosha, has remained isolated and untouched for forty years, under militarial sovereignty.

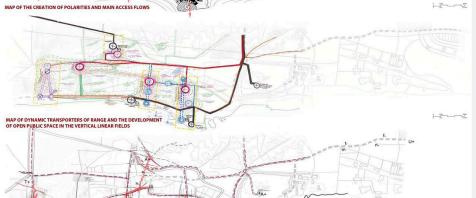
The topic of the design studio, "IMAGINARY FAMAGUSTA, 2020", required a European Administration for a Metropolitan Famagusta.

Our main focus was the reconstruction of the isolated area of Varosha, through strategies and architectures of temporality, with permanent traces for the formation of in-between space; Reconstructive Temporalities as a Trojan Horse for Public Space.

Our study was driven by the analysis of Polarities, Voids, and Limits, through the connections of programs and the transmission of their range, but also the reconnection of the large variety of discontinuities.

The proposal is based on four Linear Fields, which inject the isolated Varosha, corrode its limits and develop during consecutive reconstructive phases. This process requires and promotes Sharing between the daily routine, construction works, properties of controversial owners, the administrative program and public space. Therefore, we form Urban Planning rules of Reconstruction which re-arrange and re-distribute the public and private space.





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