

Paese Nuovo / New Country - Borgate

Interventions on the "borgate", former colonist houses in Puglia



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Visible Award 2013 - Shortlisted This first approach will set the grounds for an intervention on the "borgate". Created by Mussolini after new land was made arable, once desecration of previous marshlands was completed, a territorial and social planning made able the construction of these new villages and colonist houses, in which many peasants settled, inhabiting fascist modernist architecture, part of the agrarian reform. The Borgate were after the war forgotten or ignored, as part of the refusal of those dark times in Italian history. Many of them, through the years, have attained considerable autonomy, having to solve and sustain by themselves questions of security, justice, education and other services. Others, increasingly in ruins, have been occupied by migrant labourers, from Rumania and Albania. The soil is yet fertile, but the identity and social acceptance of these still existing and new colonists is troublesome.

