

HOW IS INTERMITTENCY WIDENING TERRITORIAL FRAGILITY IN THE ADRIATIC CITY ?



Porto Sant'Elpidio

SPLASH!
FIRST DIP IN
THE ADRIATIC
SEA



Lido
Tre A

Porto Recanati

Porto Potenza
Picena

REC
Civitanova
Marche

Ancona



Dear diary, my name is Massimiliano Colombi, I work as a water technician in the Marche and Abruzzo regions. I am truly passionate about urban planning and through my travels I have noticed the influence of seasonality on the Adriatic city.

Porto Recanati revealed the Adriatic City's shifting character, from an industrial past to a tourism-driven present. Passing the Capannone Ex Montecatini Montedison, a 1960s fertilizer storage, I was struck by a new neighborhood rising nearby—a vivid contrast symbolizing the coastal area's ongoing transformation.

After I started my journey I felt quite overwhelmed by the richness in terms of insights and notable elements: the beach establishments, the residential complexes, the entertainment businesses, but also the quietness of agricultural fields and abandoned or underused spaces...

In Civitanova Marche I met a lifeguard that told me that several retails that had been recently inaugurated in Civitanova have shut down because they could not sustain their costs and their commercial activity. This is apparently leading to a remarkable commercial turnover.



OTHER COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOOD-RELATED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

In Porto Sant'Elpidio's central street, I was surprised by the variety of food shops, from sushi to poke, while hoping for traditional seafood. Spotting a boutique selling local products, I entered and chatted with the owner about his life and work in the town...

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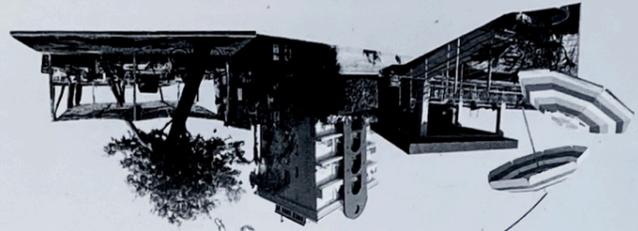
to
Archi
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a neighborhood originally
for summer apartments,
that plan failed, permanent
moved in due to lower
prices. However, a strong
identity is still lacking.
la Popolare in Tre Archi is a
resilience, helping the area
more self-sustained.



Pedaso
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While passing through Pedaso, I
felt the difference between steady
and intermittent districts. There
was a separated neighborhood
only with residential buildings
where I noticed strong sense of
community.



Grottammare
Cost-money

As I have visited Grottammare
in winter and summer, I noticed
the difference in use of spaces.
During warm seasons more people
were staying in the hotels along
Lungomare and open dehors were
crowded while in winter everything
was closed and I found a place to
stay farther from the coast.

- AGRICULTURE
- CAMP SITE
- TOWN
- INDUSTRIAL
- RIVER

San Benedetto
del Tronto

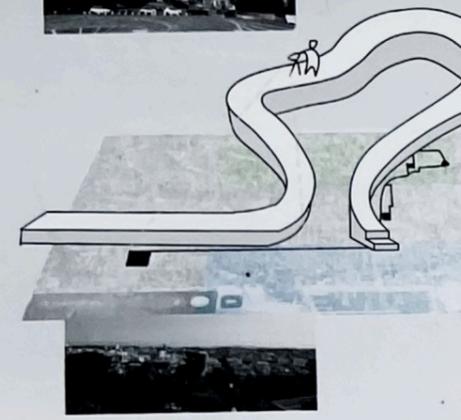
I felt overwhelmed by the spatiality of
beach concessions that left so little
space for and the touristic residential
speculation in San Benedetto. It is
impressive to think that San Benedetto
keeps growing and expanding, at the
expense of neighboring towns...

Martinsicuro
tranquilla...

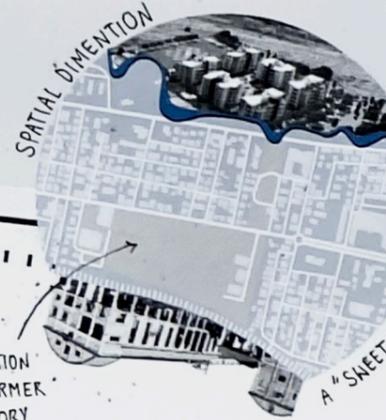
The contrast between Martinsicuro and
San Benedetto was striking. Martinsicuro
is striving to preserve its unique identity.
Local fishermen shared their history with
me, highlighting how small-scale fishing
is declining as tourism continues to grow.

adriatic intermittency.

walking across vulnerable territories
in search of resilience communities



Giulianova



TRANSFORMATION
SITE OF A FORMER
SUGAR FACTORY

The historic city center (up on the hill, the
quite sweaty walk!), a public housing neigh
an enormous allotment of a former facto
transformed into a residential neighbo
quite an intermittent city in terms of land u
functions.



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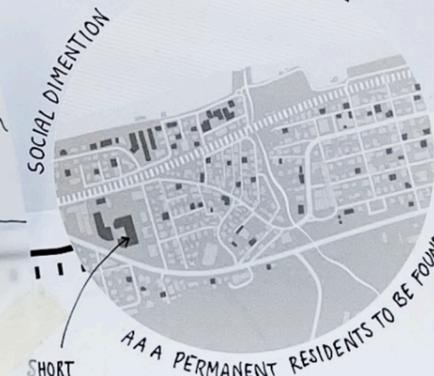
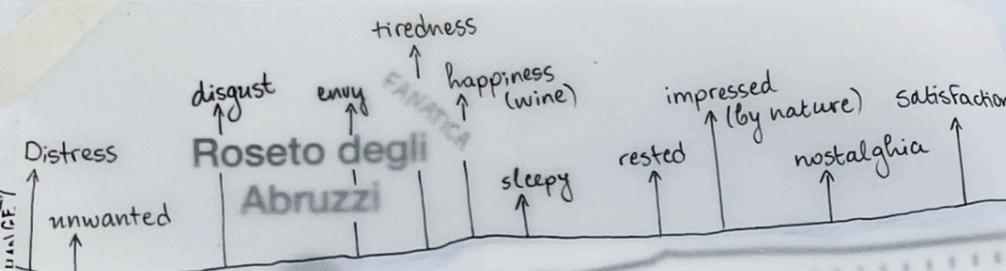


Pineto



Pescara

Montesilvano



At the end of my journey, I encountered another type of intermittency: the use of second houses in the Via Date residential complex of Montesilvano. There, most second houses were used in summertime by their owners, while during the off-season some apartments were informally rented for prostitution activities.

...the two sides of tourism: the elite and luxurious one and the mainstream one. This city was really characterized by the presence of several fancy bars and restaurants along its promenade. It really felt very different from all the other cities I crossed before.

I could notice the profusion of short-term renting options for tourists which strongly affect the rhythm of the city: from what I heard from residents, Pineto appears lifeless in winter, while in the high season it is livelier and more eventful.

HOW ARE THE COMMUNITIES RESPONDING TO TERRITORIAL FRAGILITIES? WILL THEY DISAPPEAR?