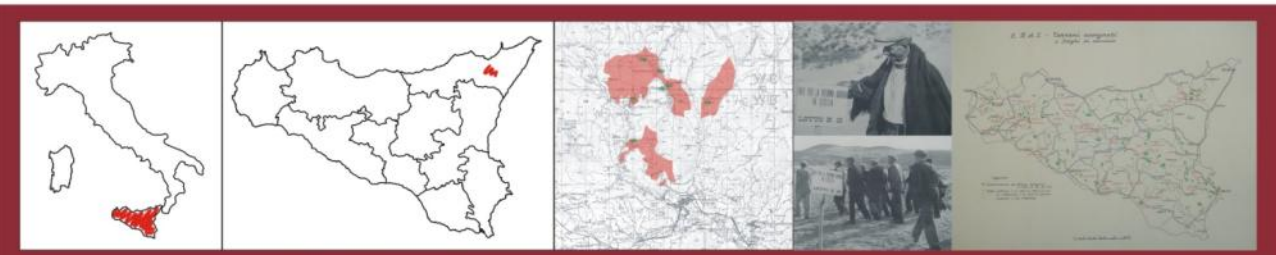
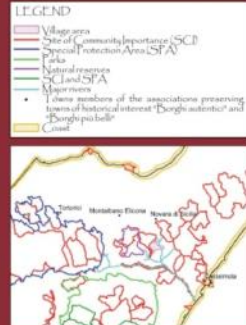


BORGO SCHISINA IN FRANCAVILLA DI SICILIA: THE DESIGN, THE BUILDING AND THE REFURBISHMENT



The northern part of Sicily that leans out to Calabria is occupied by the Pelicciolo hill-chain. To cross it, it is necessary to climb up the Tortella Mountain pass and then to descend the slope, toward the Torrens area. The road that gains altitude through barren ravines, at the middle of its route goes through some spectacular villages. They are rural towns built by the Agency for agricultural reform of Sicily (ERAS) in the 1950s to carry out a plan of regeneration of rural areas that, for a variety of historical, social reasons, were not used. Nevertheless, and perhaps just for this reason, the location of the built villages, that are always in remarkable sites, where you can know and understand the real aspects of the Sicily, has presented untouched the architectural characteristics. From this point of view, Borgo Schisina is one of most interesting place of this kind. The eleven buildings, that cover it, fill the bare patch in the second area, where they were built. An interlacement of entrances and of windows of different levels and of stairs, enclosed between the buildings, blend the difference of altitude between the main street, that runs along the crest, and the Borgo's square, placed in a hill loop. The lean, essential design, respectful of local architectural building traditions, evokes the idea of "architecture without architects", that inspired many Modern Movement masters. If the success of refurbishment activities depends on the harmony between the new destination and the location of the site, for Borgo Schisina its role is clearly shown by the group who live in this area. In fact they frequently choose it as their favorite place for social gathering with its soft gull and LARK (Line Action Role-Fusing) you can know more about it through some videos on internet and some popular blogs. Therefore its tourist/agonistic destination comes from a spontaneous expressions of its inhabitants. Moreover the other rural villages of the local system (Cava Iorica, San Giovanni, Morfa...) might all be refurbished, will become attractive resorts of a big Adventure Park. The present time is the right time to act because Sicily has the opportunity of getting from the structural funds from the European Community, for this type of works. The author, who for several years has been conducting scientific research on topics related to the present theme, will have his suggestions on unpublished documents, found in the historical archives of ERAS.



Here is the proposal to refurbish Borgo Schisina, to make best use of the resources of the area. The design has two objectives:

- to regenerate the area, in the respect of the local identity and traditions;
- to refurbish the buildings that have a historical and documental value.

Around Borgo Schisina there are areas of important environmental heritage and very well known touristic places. Also this area is also known for typical agricultural productions. Currently all that is not adequately appreciated.

LEGEND

1. Agency for the Agricultural Reform house
2. Store of local agricultural products
3. Anthropological museum
4. Synagogue's Synagogue
5. Art school deposit
6. Depot
7. Church
8. Local
9. Restaurant
10. Restaurant deposit
11. Art school
12. Riding school
13. Vegetable garden
14. Soil
15. Parking area



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