



The visual research of abandoned European Totalitarian architecture on exhibition

TOTALLY LOST 2016

**Ex-factories, party headquarters, military bases, bunkers, planned communities, memorials
for a total of over 2.600 photographs, 25 nations and 186 photographers**

What's left of the architecture of the Totalitarian Regimes of the 20th century in Europe? Totally Lost is the project curated by Spazi Indecisi for European Cultural Route ATRIUM that maps the remains of the architectural heritage of Totalitarian Regimes in Europe through photography. A visual tale that explores these architectural spaces as fragments to be reconnected as "democratic" places.

Totally Lost 2016 – an international research exhibition already available in an online archive

Totally Lost is a collective photographic research project that has involved 186 photographers from all over Europe and has mapped almost 300 "dissonant" places linked to Totalitarian Regimes, collecting over 2.600 photographs from over 25 nations. The online archive can be found at www.totallylost.eu, and the mapping is still ongoing. Here you can see the photos of the buildings, learn their stories, and consult the map for research on the types of buildings, the nations, the state of conservation of the buildings.

The result is an exhibition that, before being brought to other locations around Europe, will take place from the **9th to the 25th of September 2016 in Forlì and surroundings, spread among three locations linked to the architecture of the Fascist Regime**: Casa del Mutilato in Forlì, Acquedotto di Spinadello in Forlimpopoli and Casa del Fascio in Teodorano.

The European research, initiated by an open call, has investigated the relationship of these objects with the landscape, and the relationship with today's social context, collecting and bringing to light very diverse places: factories, mines, power stations, government buildings, homes, places of propaganda and power, bunkers, resorts, radar antennas, monuments, memorials, planned communities, entertainment venues, Fascist compounds, sanatoriums, hospitals, and watchtowers.

Totally Lost is a research project that has involved, in two editions, almost 400 photographers from all of Europe: the high number of **participation** represents the very meaning of the project and forces to wonder about how to envision these areas in the future.

Totally Lost – a territorial research project in the region that gave birth to Mussolini

Other than being an international research project, Totally Lost tells the story of Romagna, as the birthplace of Benito Mussolini, a region rich with evidence of abandoned Fascist architecture: seaside holiday camps, private villas, fascist compounds, aeronautical industries and churches.

Two cultural itineraries have been created in a territory that is set up like an open-air museum: "Totally Riviera", a voyage to the coast through what remains of eight Fascist-style colonies and "Totally Terra", an itinerary that connects to inland buildings such as Case del Fascio, military industries, etc. These two maps will inspire the visitor to explore and learn about an dissonant territory whose future must still be decided.

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Exhibition locations: Casa del Mutilato, Forlì - Acquedotto Spinadello, Forlimpopoli – ex Casa del Fascio di Teodorano, Meldola

Exhibition dates: 9 - 11, 16 - 18 and 23 - 25 September 2016

Biography of Spazi Indecisi

Spazi Indecisi, the creator of this project, is a multidisciplinary collective that, since 2010, has operated to give value to abandoned spaces. Initiating minor urban regeneration processes by means of renovations that encompass and hybridize different contemporary styles, Spazi Indecisi transforms abandoned places into a field of inquiry and subjects of research for artists, photographers, architects, urban planners, landscape architects and citizens.

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