Questioning the urban myths
In search of coexistence and integration in Athens
Graduation studio theme

Fear and loaning in Athens

historical analysis:

GLOBAL
- Global Events
- Global Technological Events
- European Union

POLITICS
- Political Systems
- State-Church Relations
- Crucial Political Events, Constitutions and Referendums
- Bankruptcies and Shift of the Political Forces
- Political Parties
- Voting in Greece
- Political Scandals and Transparency

ECONOMICS
- Economic Events and Figures in Greece
- Loans

SOCIAL
- Education/Political Decisions and Policies
- Social Movements in Europe
- Social Movements in Greece
- Defence and Order
- Migration/Immigration and Emigration, Events and Policies
- Human Trafficking/Drug addiction/Homeless
- Media_Press
- Media_Television Channels
- Cultural events

PHYSICAL SPACE
- Legal Framework/Policies
- Plan for Athens
- Urban Development and Big Projects
- Urban Projects-Regeneration Process

urban analysis in ATHENS:

• regional scale (Attica)
• city scale (Municipality of Athens)

Conclusive Statements

a sample of the city
graduation studio theme

• Invisible Boundaries - Socio - Spatial Segregation

• Redefinition of Public Realm/Gap between public & private

• Top-down decisions not responding to reality

• New actors/inhabitants not included in the decision making/Bad implementation

• New ways of 'Formal & Informal' uses

• Shifting role of the centre / Uneven development between centre-periphery
Motivation
A “chaos” in the centre of Athens is being unfolded.

Trends
a. authorities fail to see reality
b. fragmentation in planning process
c. image of the city: fragments as threats

Problem Statement
The lack of tolerance prevails the integration of specific social groups and determines spatial clusters.

Aim
Re-connect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation through public space.
Question the image of the city.

Research Question B
How can we achieve a synergetic co-existance “Gerani” cluster?

Proposal
Socio-spatial activation of Gerani’s fragment through an actor relational approach.

Review of the regeneration plans for the area by counter proposing a strategy that recognises the existing actors and their daily systems.

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1. How has the informality aroused in Athens and what is its form?
2. How do informal networks influence the evolution of the city and the daily practices of the people?
3. Which is the relationship and the dependency of informal networks with the built environment?

Context
“Gerani” cluster

Spatial issues to reconsider
- street width
- building height
- pedways
- abandoned property
- ground floor

FunctionCriterion
- human flows-mobility
- connectivity in an urban level
- land uses
- activities in public space

Local-actor related transformations for the four subclusters

Theoretical Framework
Urban fragmentation
Spatial and/or social clusters
Ghettos and segregation
Urban myths

Analytical Framework
Functional fragmentation
Cultural fragmentation
Flows and connectivity

Principles
A. activation of public space
B. multifunctionality
C. regional integration

Methodology

Strategic Planning Framework
A. Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
B. Recognition of the daily systems
C. Recognition of the role of the fragment
D. Review existing instruments and tools

Strategy
Goals
- corelate the multiple systems
- strengthen the existing systems
- find new systems relating to the existing

Set of actions
- _corelate the daily systems
- _correlate the diverse networks
- _use the potentialities of the vulnerable groups to show the necessity of their participation
- _promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
- _create the conditions to corelate the diverse networks
- _use the urban environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub centres
- _improve accessibility to the market
- _activate the areas between the clusters
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Actor-relational accord upon the core action plan:
1. review inside the block arcades
2. activate existing public space
3. housing in abandoned buildings and units
4. setback of building lines
5. activate empty plots

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From the polycentric model for Athens, the interests shift to the city centre. Plans and projects see the new reality **only as a temporary problem.** Fast decisions under short-term visions.

- high concentration of legal and illegal immigrants
  - informal markets
  - abandoned buildings
- offices, businesses and public services leave the centre
  - lack of residence in central parts of the city
    - homeless
  - extensive drug trafficking
    - etc.

**problem statement**

1. Authorities fail to see reality
Actions and activities that have to do with these uses (or the absence of them) seem to exclude others. Entire parts of the city centre frighten, alienate or discourage groups of people.

Unequal geography in the city, based in the distinction of secure-insecure.

Areas-clusters in the city regarded as “ghettos”
The lack of tolerance prevails the integration of specific social groups in the centre of the city. Authorities fail to see reality and public opinion is based on the fear of the “other.” Lack of tolerance and integration of specific social groups determines spatial clusters.
A "chaos" in the centre of the Athens is being unfolded.

Motivation
A "chaos" in the centre of the Athens is being unfolded.

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Problem Statement
The lack of tolerance prevails, not dissociate it from its networks with the built environment?

Research Question A
How has the informality by socio-spatial activation determined spatial clusters?

Research Question B
How can we achieve a synergetic co-existence "Gerani" cluster?

Context
"Gerani" cluster

Spatial issues to reconsider
- street width
- building height
- pedestrian width
- dead end arcades
- urban equipment

local-actor related transformations for the four subclusters
- functional criteria
  - human
  - flows-mobility
  - connectivity in an urban level
  - land uses
  - activities in public space

- spatial criteria
  - public squares
  - inside the block
  - arcades
  - pedestrian
  - abandoned property

Proposition
Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation

Principles
A. activation of public space
B. multifunctionality
C. review the image of the city
D. regional integration

Goals
- strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- find new systems relating to the existing groups
- create the conditions to activate the areas
- corelate the diverse networks
- improve accessibility to the market
- activate the areas between the clusters
- use urban environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub-centre
- give incentives to owners to rent their places for the existing groups
- foster activities in public space through abandoned property
- evaluate ownership: private land for public use restrictions in buildings

Set of actions
- improved daily systems and variety of urban existing and new in the whole area
- offer adequate space to informal activities
- use urban environment and public space
- deal with criminality
- secure the stay of vulnerable groups to show their presence
- promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
- formalise activities in space
- stimulate the market
- deal with abandonment
- restrictions in buildings
- flexibility in building regulations
- give incentives to owners

Strategy
A. Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
B. Recognition of the daily systems
C. Recognition of the role of the fragment
D. Review existing instruments and tools

Action plan:
1. review inside the block arcades
2. activate existing public space
3. housing in abandoned buildings and units
4. setback of building lines
5. activate empty plots

C. regional integration

Review of the regeneration plans for the area by counter proposing socio-spatial activation of Gerani's fragment
Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation
- Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation through public space: Question the image of the city

- Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation: Aim

- Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation

- Question the image of the city
Research Question A
How can we address the issues of fragmentation and lack of tolerance towards otherness?

Theoretical framework
“Urban fragmentation implies an organization of space in which impermeable boundaries have a central role. It is a state of disjointing and separation” (Daniel Kozak 2008)

Fragmentation as a phenomenon directly connected to vulnerability in a specific sector. “conditions of the urban environment and housing, connectivity, accessibility to public goods and services, etc.” (Michelutti 2010)

1 “Culture divisions” have to do with ethnicity, religion and life-style differences; “divisions by functional role” concern the separation of uses (residential, industrial, service etc); “differences in hierarchical status” refer to relationships of power and domination. (Marcuse 2001)
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**principles for the approach**

1. Cultural identity
2. Functions
3. Role in the city

- Activate public aspace
- The "ghetto" myth
- Monofunctionality
- Multifunctionality
- Regional integration
- Fragmented centralities
How can we achieve a synergetic co-existence in “Gerani” cluster?

Define the fragment

 spatial issues to reconsider
 functional criteria
 _street width
 _building height
 _pedestrian
 _activities in public space

 spatial criteria
 _human
 _mobility
 _connectivity in an urban level
 _land uses
 _activities in public space

Define the fragment

existing planning framework
fragmentation process
actors and formal/informal systems

Proposal
Socio-spatial activation of Gerani's fragment through an actor relational approach

Review of the regeneration plans for the area proposing a strategy that recognises the existing actors and their demands.

Research Question B

How can we achieve a synergetic co-existence in “Gerani” cluster?

Who are the actors of each network? (formal and informal)

Which are the potentials of each group and the possible links between them in space and program?

How can we use the existing abandoned property (plots and buildings) in order to reactivate the area?

Which are the policies (spatial and social) that could be applied in order to make visible the informal existing network and not dissociate it from its environment?

Research Question A

How can we address the issues of fragmentation and lack of tolerance towards the “otherness” in the centre?

1. How has the informally owned units evolved in Athens and what is the role of the fragment?
2. How do informal networks influence the evolution of the city and the daily practices of the people?
3. Which is the relationship and the dependency of informal networks with the built environment?

Theoretical Framework

Urban fragmentation
Spatial and social clusters
Shifting and stagnation
Urban myths

Analytical Framework

Functional fragmentation
Cultural fragmentation
Flows and connections

Context

“Gerani” cluster

Aim

Re-connect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation through public space
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Motivation

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HOW?
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plans for the palace to Omonoia / military / services / Pireus axis

zone of production/ zone of upper social classes + services

craftsmen and commerce develop towards the West

land use “Athinas” dividing uses/ the role of the city

fragmentation process
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2004: Remodeling of Athinas Street
(EAXA - Unification of the Archaeological Sites of Athens S.A)

2010: Research for "Gerani" CCR
(City Common Resource) Athens Gerani
2010 pilot study (NGO: SARCHA)

2011: European competition Re-Think Athens
(EU-funded operation, 70-90% EU funding)

2012: European competition Re-Think Athens
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2013: Competition Athens 4x4
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2013+: Operation "Xenios Zeus" (Greek Police operation, 70-90% EU funding)

2012: Tax incentives for the city centre
(ex. fair market value of the property dropped by 50%
ground floors and 30% upper floors) (YPEKA, YPOIK)

Program Athens - Attica 2014
(YPEKA - Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate change)

Competition for preliminary designs for the
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2004-2013:
Projects, plans, competitions

fragmentation: ongoing process

projects/ plans/ competitions 2004-2013

fragmentation: on going process

projects/ plans/ competitions 2004-2013

define the fragment I
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define the fragment II

elements of the fragment
the role of the fragment in the city

define the fragment II

- review the conditions of the built environment and its connectivity to the rest of the city
- question-reply to the pressure of the official plans
- answer to homeless needs for the whole city
Proposition: Socio-spatial activation of Gerani’s fragment through an actor relational approach.

Review of the regeneration plans for the area by counterproposing a strategy that recognizes the existing actors and their daily systems.

Research Question A
How has the informality emerged in the centre of the Athens?
1. Has the informality aroused in Athens and what is its form?
2. How do informal networks influence the evolution of the city and the daily practices of the people?
3. What relationship and dependency of informal networks with the built environment?

Research Question B
How can we achieve a synergetic co-existence “Gerani” cluster?
• Who are the actors of each network (formal and informal)?
• Which are the potentials of each group and the possible links between them in space + program?
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• Which are the policies (spatial and not) that could be applied in order to make visible the informal existing network and not dissociate it from its environment?

Context
“Gerani” cluster

Proposal
Strategic planning framework
A. Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
B. Recognition of the daily systems
C. Recognition of the role of the fragment
D. Review existing instruments and tools

Function
local-actor related transformations for the four subclusters

Spatial issues to reconsider

Functional criteria
- human flows - mobility - connectivity in an urban level
- land uses - activities in public space

Spatial criteria
- public squares - inside the block arcades - pedestrian - abandoned property

Motivation
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Trends
a. authorities fail to see reality
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- streets: the core action plan concept
- dead end arcades: the clusters
- activate empty plots: the clusters

Problem Statement
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Aim
Reconnect the urban fragments by socio-spatial activation through public space
Question the image of the city

Goals
- strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- maintain the multiple systems of the existing groups
- find new systems relating to the existing systems
- deal with waste management
- improve accessibility to the market
- activate the areas between the clusters
- use urban environment and public space to promote associations and give cooperative perspectives

Set of actions
- improved systems and variety of actors existing and new in the whole area
- public squares and new in the whole area
- activate empty plots
- activate dead end arcades
- activate building lines
- urban level legislature
- formalise activities in space
- flexible building regulations
- use urban environment
- activate dead end arcades
- highlight the character of the sub centres

Principles
A. activation of public space
B. multifunctionality
C. regional integration
D. review the image of the city
We aim in a socio-spatial activation of Gerani’s fragment through an actor relational approach.

Review of the regeneration plans for the area by counter proposing a strategy that recognises the existing actors and their daily systems and evaluates the role of the fragment in the city.
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**Strategic Planning Framework Policies**

1. **Recognition of the Actors**
   - Needs and demands
     - Municipality (safety, density, economic attractor)
     - Homeless (housing, hygiene facilities, employment-participation)
     - Vendors (safety, more space)
     - Inhabitants (better living conditions, safety, space to practice their religions)
     - NGOs (support, housing, coordination)
     - Students and young people

2. **Recognition of the Daily Systems**
   - Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
     - Homelessness system (daily support-dependent in NGO's, associations and religions)
     - Citizens and vendors (selling and buying in the market, in streets and small shops daily)
     - Inhabitants (they spend most of their day in streets-market looking for job opportunities or trading)

3. **Recognition of the Role of the Fragment in the City**
   - 3 different subclusters:
     - Homeless cluster, market cluster, arriving point cluster
   - Recognition of the daily systems
     - Multiculture
     - Dense urban environment, urban structure allows criminality

4. **Review Existing Instruments and Tools**
   - Abandoned buildings change property if squatted more than 20 years
   - Permission for outdoor ambulant (itinerant) trade does not apply to the inhabitants
   - Tax exemptions for buildings' restoration
   - Inside-the-block arcades should always be open to public

**Goals**

- Cohabitation of groups in space and time
- Secure the stay of the existing groups

**Set of Actions**

- Expand daily systems and variety of actors existing and new in the whole area
- Formalise informal activities and offer adequate space
- Create the conditions to correlate the diverse networks
- Promote associations and give cooperative perspectives

**Dynamic Function/Spatial Programming**

- Students associations activities
- Vendors may engage homeless or immigrants in their system
- Coordinating between the associations offering support to poor or homeless
- Exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills in construction, commerce etc.

**Tested into Space**

- Find a tool to apply a system of squatting abandoned
- Revise traffic control system and parking
- Revise the legal framework for re-using abandoned property
- Set back of the buildings lines
- Activate private and semi-private land to act as buffer zones
- Use empty plots
- Use the potentialities of the vulnerable groups to show the necessity of their participation
- Promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
- Use the environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub centres
- Strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- New functions and sub centres
- New systems relating to the existing systems
- Strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- Improve accessibility to the market
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**Strategic planning framework**

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**Dynamic function/spatial programming**

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- Vendors may engage homeless or immigrants in their system (exchange)
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- Exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc)
- Transportation nodes and pedestrian axis related to the market area
- Exchange abandoned plots and urban form to host activities
- Low rent for a certain period - restoration
- Demolish buildings in advanced decay
- Use empty plots
- Regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property
- Evaluate ownership - private land for public use
- Restrictions in buildings lines, heights, street widths and uses

**Tested into space**

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Strategic planning framework policies

1. Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
   - municipality (safety, density, economic attractor)
   - homeless (housing, hygiene facilities, employment-participation)
   - vendors (safety, more space)
   - inhabitants (better living conditions, safety, space to practice their religions)
   - NGO’s (support, housing, coordination)
   - students and young people

2. Recognition of the daily systems
   - homeless system (daily support-dependent in NGO’S, associations and religious institutions)
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1. Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)

- cohabitation of groups in space and time
- secure the stay of the existing groups

2. Recognition of the daily systems

- create the conditions to correlate the diverse networks
- promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
- use the potentialities of the vulnerable groups to show the necessity of their participation
- relate the multiple systems in space and time to others
- strengthen the existing systems
- find new systems relating to the existing

3. Recognition of the role of the fragment in the city

- strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- new functions and sub centres
- question the urban myths and deal with criminality
- improve accessibility to the market
- use urban environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub centres
- activate the areas between the clusters

4. Review existing instruments and tools

- flexibility in building regulation
- evaluate the urban structure in the street level
- formalise activities in space
- give motives to owners to rent their places to the existing groups
- activate abandoned plots and urban form to host activities
- activate the areas between the clusters
- promote associations and give cooperative perspectives

Dynammick function/ spatial programming

1. students associations activities
   - recognise street vendors activities and offer them space

2. vendors may engage homeless or immigrants in their system (exchange)
   - coordination between the associations offering support to poor or homeless
   - exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc)
   - transportation nodes and pedestrian axis related to the market area
   - ex. use public space to give the transition zones functions and role
   - ex. activate abandoned plots and urban form to host activities
   - ex. use low rent for a certain period restoration
   - ex. use empty plots
   - ex. activate the areas between the clusters
   - ex. find a tool to apply a system of squatting abandoned
   - ex. recognise street vendors activities and offer them space
   - ex. places of cultural practices
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4. Review existing instruments and tools
   - expand daily systems and variety of actors existing and new in the whole area
   - formalize informal activities and offer adequate space
   - promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
   - use the potentialities of the vulnerable groups to show the necessity of their participation

Goals

- cohabitation of groups in space and time
- secure the stay of the existing groups

Set of actions

- create the conditions to correlate the diverse networks
- relate the multiple systems in space and time to others
- strengthen the existing systems
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Dynamic function/spatial programming

- exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc)
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Tested into space

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- use urban environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub centres
- give motives to owners to rent their places to the existing groups
- regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property
- restrictions in buildings lines, heights, street widths and uses

STRATEGY

rewriting

- revitalize the traffic control system and parking
- revitalize the building lines
- demolish buildings in advanced decay
- use empty plots
- regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property

Regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property

- flexibility in building regulation
- deal with abandonment to house the “otherness”
- formalise activities in space

- give motives to owners to rent their places to the existing groups
- regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property
- restrictions in buildings lines, heights, street widths and uses
1. Recognise the actors

Recognition of the actors (needs and demands)
- government (safety, densify, economic attractor)
- homeless (housing, hygiene facilities, employment-participation)
- vendors (safety, more space)
- inhabitants (better living conditions, safety, space to practice their religions)
- NGO’s (support, housing, coordination)
- students’ support, housing, coordination

AUTHORITIES DEMANDS
- safety
- living residents “back to the city”

HOMELESS DEMANDS
- shelter
- medical care
- employment + participation
- sanitation

85.6%

VENDORS NEEDS + DEMANDS
- safety
- ease of access
- more space + space to street vendors

RESIDENTS NEEDS
- safety
- adequate space
- employment + participation

ASSOCIATIONS DEMANDS
- adequate space
- coordination of functions

associations offering support or culture related
- authorities + reference points
- homeless
- citizens (vendors + customers)
1_recognise the actors

strategic goal_1

_cohabitation of groups in space and time
_secure the stay of the existing groups

HOW

Expand daily systems and variety of actors existing and new in the whole area

Formalize informal activities and offer adequate space

students and young people

new associations + support system

shelter to homeless and associations

coordination of actions, participation

space to street vendors, workshops, cultural activities

STRATEGIC GOAL. Recognition of the actors

_cohabitation of groups in space and time
_secure the stay of the existing groups

associations offering support or culture related

authorities + reference points

homeless

citizens (vendors + customers)
2_recognise the daily systems

Recognition of the daily systems

- homeless system (daily support-dependent in NGO’S, associations and religious institutions)
- citizens and vendors (selling and buying in the market, in the streets and in small shops daily)
- inhabitants (they spend the most of their day in the streets+market looking for job opportunities or trading)

strategic planning framework
2. Recognize the daily systems

**Strategic Goal 2**

- Relate the multiple systems in space and time to others
- Strengthen the existing systems
- Find new systems relating to the existings

**How**

- Give motives to the networks to support each other
- Promote associations and give cooperative perspectives
- Use the potentialities of the vulnerable groups to show the necessity of their participation

**strategic planning framework**

[Diagram showing the strategic planning framework with various nodes and lines indicating connections between different systems and actors.]
3_recognise the role of the fragment

Recognition of the role of the fragment in the city

_3 different subclusters:
homeless cluster, market cluster, arriving point cluster

_1 common characteristic:
multiculture
_dense urban environment, urban structure allows criminality
3_recognise the role of the fragment

strategic planning framework

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strategic goal _3

- strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- new functions and sub centres
- question the urban myths and deal with criminality

HOW

- Improve accessibility to the market
- Activate the areas between the clusters
- Use urban environment and public space to highlight the character of the sub centres

new associations + support system

- shelter to homeless and associations
- coordination of actions, participation
- space to street vendors, workshops, cultural activities

students and young people cluster

- use public space to give the transition zones functions
- ex.
- activate abandoned plots and urban form to host activities
- ex.
- transportation nodes and pedestrian axis related to the market area

STRATEGIC GOAL. Recognition of the role of fragment in the city

- strengthen the role of the market cluster in the city
- new functions and sub centres
- question the urban myths and deal with criminality

concentration related to commerce in time

concentration related to inhabitants, homeless and poor population in time

associations offering support or culture related

authorities + reference points
4_review existing instruments and tools

Review existing instruments and tools

- abandoned buildings change property if squatted more than 20 years
- permission for outdoor ambulant (itinerant) trade does not apply to the inhabitants
- tax exemptions for buildings’ restoration
- inside-the-block arcades should always be open to public
4. **Review existing instruments and tools**

**strategic goal_4**

- _ex._ demolish buildings in advanced decay
- _ex._ use empty plots
- _ex._ private and semi-private land to act as buffer zones to host daily activities
- _ex._ evaluate ownership-private land for public use

- _flexibility in building regulation
- _evaluate the urban structure in the street level
- _deal with abandonment to house the “otherness”
- _formalise activities in space

- _regulatory framework for re-using abandoned property
- _ex._ setback of the buildings lines
- _ex._ low rent for a certain period restoration
- _gives motives to owners to rent their places to the existing groups

**restrictions in buildings lines, heights, street widths and uses**
total of actions

- **abandoned property**
  - activate abandoned plots and urban form to host activities that refer to the whole city

- **existing public space**
  - use public space to give the transition zones functions and role to the public space network
  - recognise street vendors activities and offer them space using already existing public squares and pedways

- **shared spaces**
  - find a tool to apply a system of squatting abandoned property

- **infrastructure and regulations**
  - revise the car traffic control system and parking and create transportation nodes and pedestrian axis related to the market area
  - setback of the buildings lines and increase the width of the sidewalk
  - exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc) by using the inside and around
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**strategic planning framework**

**consolidation abandoned property**
- activate abandoned plots and urban form to host activities that refer to the whole city

**consolidation existing public space**
- use public space to give the transition zones functions and role to the public space network
- recognise street vendors activities and offer them space using already existing public squares and pedways

**consolidation shared spaces**
- use empty/abandoned plots and private and semi-private land to act as buffer zones to host activities
- find a tool to apply a system of squatting abandoned property

**re-integration infrastructure and regulations**
- revise the car traffic control system and parking and create transportation nodes and pedestrian axis related to the market area
- setback of the buildings lines and increase the width of the sidewalk
- exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc) by using the inside and around

**functions and role to the semi-private land to act**
- host activities that refer to the whole city
- payment/food/clothing/hygiene

**permission to use the space**
- permission to use land
- property (temporary)
- pro/fit (money/publicity)

**stakeholders**
- consolidation
- actions
- residents homeless
- homeless
- municipality
- property
- pro/fit (money/publicity)

**homeless or immigrants**
- owners
- municipality associations
- transportation nodes and increase the width of the sidewalk

**market vendors**
- exchange knowledge, workshops, use their skills (construction, commerce etc) by using the inside and around

**setback of the buildings lines and increase the width of the sidewalk**
How do we achieve the goals and actions proposed?

Actor relational accord

International associations  Greek ministries  Municipality of Athens  NGO’s and associations  students  activists  homeless  street vendors  property owners
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**Municipality of Athens**

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**Levels of involvement**
- **International**
- **National**
- **Municipal**
- **Intermediate corporations**
- **Local actors**

**Actors involved**
- Homeless
- Vendors
- Residents
- Students
- Associations (NGOs + support)
- Land/building/unit owners
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Main actions

Action #1: Permit to practice outdoors commerce (1-3 years)

Action #2: a. Shelter to homeless (1 year)

b. Sub-let (low rent) to residents (1-3 years)

c. House NGOs and associations (1-3 years)

Action #3: Free concession of shared spaces/per 6 months

Repair/maintenance/commercial activities attractor

Levels of involvement

International

National

Municipal

Intermediate corporations

Local actors

Actor-relational approach
action 1

tenancy of public space
use permits

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- General Directorate of Restoration, Museums & Technical Works

action #1:

permit to practise outdoors commerce (1-3 years)

tenancy of public space with no fees/ per 1 year

action #2:

a. shelter to homeless (1 year)
b. sub-let (low rent) to residents (1-3 years)
c. house NGOs and associations (1-3 years)

tax exemption (1-3 years)
or repair/ maintenance

action #2:

free concession of abandoned property for a limited period (1-3 years)

action #3:

free concession of shared spaces/ per 6 months

repair/ maintenance/ commercial activities attractor

Levels of involvement
- International
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- repair/maintenance/commercial activities attractor

Levels of involvement:
- International
- National
- Municipal
- Intermediate corporations
- Local actors
action 3
concession of shared spaces

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action #3:
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“Actor-relational planning focuses on concrete (not broad and general) issues between self-organising actors, in specific networks.”

“My suggestion would be to ‘follow the networks’ in order to deliver successful or sustainable actor-relational results”

Boelens 2011 - The Town Planning Review

“it bridges the gap between the state, civic society and the business community and transforms it into a situation that is actually more workable ... by offering an outside-in model of organisational selfefficiency.”

Cohen and Rogers, 1992; Hirst, 1994
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**Action 1**
- *permit to practise outdoors commerce (1-3 years)*

**Action 2**
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- *free concession of shared spaces/ per 6 months*
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**Syndicate of Peddlers in Greece**
- Union of Salesmen of "Varvakios" Public Market
- Street paper "Shedia" (part of the International Network of Street Papers)
- Cultural union "Panathinea"

**Independent Trade School Athens (TSA)**

**Cultural union "Panathinea"**

**Directorate of Social Work and Support**
- protect the interests of the peddlers + arrange the type of commerce per area (not conflicting with "Varvakios Market")

**Directorate of Social Security**

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**International, National, Municipal**

**Levels of involvement**
- International
- National
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- Intermediate corporations
- Local actors

**actor-relational approach**
action 3

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**Syndicate of Peddlers in Greece**

- Time Bank Union
- People coming in the area under an exchange economy

**NGO: “Klimaka”**

- set the conditions for short-term tenancy and offer reviews for relocations

**NGO: “PRAKSIS”**

- repairs/maintenance/commercial activities attractor

**NGO: “Monumenta”**

- set the conditions for short-term tenancy and offer reviews for relocations

**Municipality of Athens**

- Municipal Agency: City of Athens Homeless Shelter (KYADA)
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**Department of Social Policy and solidarity**

- Time Bank Union
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- protect the interests of the peddlers + arrange the type of commerce per area (that conflict with “Varvakios Market”)

**Directorate of Social Work and Support**

- action #1: permit to practise outdoors commerce (1-3 years)

**Directorate of Social Security**

- action #2: tax exemption (1-3 years) or repair/maintenance

**Directorate of reception and Support of the Vulnerable groups**

- action #2: free concession of abandoned property for a limited period (1-3 years)
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**Directorate of Fees for the Communal Spaces**

- action #2: free concession of abandoned property for a limited period (1-3 years)

**Municipal Agency: City of Athens Homeless Shelter (KYADA)**

- UN-HABITAT
- FEANTSA

**Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Networks**

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**Ministry of Environment and Climate Change**

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**Ministry for Health**

- Cultural union “Panathinea”

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**Local actors**

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Action #3:
- Free concession of abandoned property for a limited period (1-3 years)
- Free concession of shared spaces/per 6 months
- Temporary/light interventions in accordance with the owners
- Time Bank Union
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Actor-relational approach

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### Ownership / Tenancy

**Public Space**
- **Action #1:** Tenancy of public space with no fees

**Shared Spaces**
- **Action #2:** Free concession of abandoned property for a limited period
- **Action #3:** Free concession of shared spaces

**Private Space**
Ownership / tenancy

Types of lease:

a. Residential lease
b. Commercial lease to exercise commercial activities
c. Public lease to house services of public benefit

3-5 year contracts - tenancy of property by the municipality or the state

3 year permits for public space

No one will be deprived of his/her property except for public benefit that has been proven in an appropriate way, as and when required by law, and always preceded by full compensation, which corresponds to the value of the expropriated property at the time of discussion in court for a provisional determination of compensation.

(Greek Constitution 1975, article 17, par.2)
emerging tenancies

free concession of shared spaces to associations and unions. Workshops-lectures and occasional events may take place, activating the inside-the-block arcades. They simultaneously belong to the city and the building, linking the public to private.

1 week - 6 months
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emerging tenancies

tenancy of existing public space with no fees for outdoors commerce. Street vendors may occupy public squares and pedestrian areas to practice commerce which type does not come into conflict with the already existing.

1 year
emerging tenancies

Free concession of abandoned units (17% at 2008) for the homeless population. The intermediate NGOs related to homelessness will provide the terms under which each homeless person can be provided shelter.
emerging tenancies

concession of abandoned buildings to residents that live currently under bad housing conditions and associations that need space. The time of tenancy goes along with the needs restorations of the entire buildings. 3-5 years
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specify to the location

photo: ksalonikidi 2013
main areas of concentration and points of reference
how to activate the rest of the area?
re-connecting/activating the area through actors, daily systems and roles

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STRATEGY_Dealing with the intermediate

authorities + reference points
associations offering support or culture related
existing cluster-area of concentration
students + young people
associations offering support
citizens (vendors+consumers)
homeless and poor

specify to the location
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**STRATEGY Dealing with the inthermediate authorities + reference points associations offering support or culture related buildings around the area of focus**

- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- building passage
- students + young people
- associations offering support or cultural related
- citizens (vendors+consumers)
- homeless and poor

Specify to the location

**spatial characteristics**

- building passage
- occupied plot/building
- students + young people
- associations offering support or cultural related
- citizens (vendors+consumers)
- homeless and poor

**subclusters in the cluster**
subclusters in the cluster

strategy: Dealing with the intermediate

spatial characteristics

- authorities + reference points
- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- associations offering support or culture related opportunities
- job opportunities
- support
- commerce
- culture
- building passage
- arcades/covered passages
- buildings around the area of focus
- connecting (through functions and activities)

specify to the location
subclusters in the cluster, functions and actors
subcluster 1
existing

actions in space - subcluster # 1

existing

spatial characteristics
- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- arcades/covered passages
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actions in space - subcluster # 1

proposed

spatial characteristics
- public space/ squares+ pedways
- use abandoned buildings for housing and various associations
- activate arcades-entrances to passages - existing public space
subcluster 1 proposed

abandoned - listed buildings temporary uses (3-5 years):
housing to associations (NGO’s, culture/student associations)

entrances and exits as attractors
students day+night workshops
and activities along with the homeless and inhabitants

existing general hospital of Athens: “Polykliniki”

abandoned buildings temporary uses (3-5 years):
housing to vulnerable groups (homeless population, immigrants - residents of the area)

passages connecting buildings of temporary uses with the arcades-backbones

organisation of shop-keepers to reform the arcades/thematic passage
specify to the location

scenario #1a

high concentration of homeless (need for shelter)
re-activation of closed shops + abandoned arcades

INFLUENCING / CAUSING FLOWS

subcluster 1
proposed

COMMERCe/SHOPS
COMMERCe in the passage
HOMElESS'S TEMPORARY RESIDENCES
DISTINCTIVE CENTRAL CORE shelter's administration
HOMELESS SHELTER
subcluster 1
proposed

scenario #1b

_concentration of homeless (need for shelter)
_homeless + student common activities/ workshops
_students concentration activating arcades
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**scenario #1c**

- Concentration of homeless (need for shelter)
- Homeless + associations related to commerce, common activities/workshops
- Commerce related seminars/lectures activating shared spaces and shops

**subcluster 1**

proposed
subcluster 2
existing

actions in space - subcluster # 2
existing

spatial characteristics
- public space/squares + pedways
- building passage
- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- arcades/covered passages

specify to the location
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**subcluster 2**

proposed

**actions in space - subcluster # 2**

proposed

spatial characteristics

- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- use abandoned buildings for housing and various associations
- activate arcades-entrances to passages - existing public space

- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- pedestrian flows/ connecting to the city
- arcades/covered passages
- interconnections (buildings+passages)
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**subcluster 2**
proposed

- passages/arcades penetrating the blocks, facilitating the flows of the residents and the inhabitants activated around the market

- market area/exchange of goods/commercial practices (everyday use objects, recycled material, craftwork, peddlers)

- area serving the purposes of the market (parking, cargo loading, passages)

- abandoned buildings
  - temporary uses (3-5 years): housing to vulnerable groups (homeless population, immigrants - residents of the area)
  - temporary uses (3-5 years): housing to associations, NGO's and unions related to commerce, storage, and handcrafts

- Athens City Hall
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scenario #2a

_needed for commercial practices
_permit to peddlers to practise commerce in the square
_type of commerce differ from that of the public market "Varvakeios"

subcluster 2

proposed
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**scenario #2b**

proposal

_need for commercial practices
_cultural events bringing more citizens in the area during day/night, weeks, periods

**specify to the location**

subcluster 2

COMMERCIAL SHOPS
PEDESTRIAN ZONE
MARKET AREA / EXCHANGE OF GOODS / COMMERCIAL PRACTICES
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS
MAIN EQUIPMENT/STRUCTURE PROVIDED TO THE PEDDLERS TO SHELTER THEIR STANDS
MARKET AREA

**INFLUENCING / CAUSING FLOWS**
subcluster 3
existing

actions in space - subcluster # 3

existing

spatial characteristics

- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- arcades/covered passages
subcluster 3
proposed

actions in space - subcluster # 3
proposed

spatial characteristics
- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- use abandoned buildings for housing and various associations
- activate arcades-entrances to passages - existing public space

specify to the location
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**subcluster 3 proposed**

- **setback of the building lines** - increase the sidewalk width and review on the parking by the street
- **empty plots to be used for outdoor activities for the residents (cultural, religious etc)**
- **informal mosque**
- **abandoned buildings**
  - temporary uses (3-5 years):
  - housing to vulnerable groups (homeless population, immigrants - residents of the area)
- **passages/arcades penetrating the blocks**, facilitating the flows of the residents and promoting common activities (meals, laundry etc)
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**subcluster 3**
proposed

**scenario #3a**

- need for adequate housing for existing residents
- shared spaces for the residents promoting common activities (laundry, common meals, storage)

**INFLUENCING / CAUSING FLOWS**

- PASSAGED USED FROM THE RESIDENTS AS STORAGE, LAUNDRY AND GATHERINGS
- COMMON SPACES FOR THE RESIDENTS
- TEMPORARY RESIDENCE
- EMPTY POLTS USED AS COMMON SPACES
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**scenario #3b**

- Need for adequate housing for existing residents
- Shared spaces for the residents promoting common activities (laundry, common meals, storage, religious practices)
- Setbacks of the building lines

**subcluster 3** proposed

- Passaged used from the residents as storage, laundry and gatherings
- Common spaces for the residents
- Setback of the building lines
- Temporary residence
- Empty polts used as common spaces

**Influencing / Causing Flows**

![Diagram of urban scenarios](image)
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**subcluster 3**

*proposed*

**scenario #3c**

- Need for adequate housing for existing residents
- Shared spaces for the residents promoting common activities (laundry, common meals, storage, religious practices)
- Setbacks of the building lines/car parking need

**specify to the location**

- **PASSAGED USED FROM THE RESIDENTS AS STORAGE, LAUNDRY AND GATHERINGS**
- **COMMON SPACES FOR THE RESIDENTS**
- **PEDWAY WIDTH, MORE SPACE TO PEDESTRIAN FLOWS**
- **SETBACK OF THE BUILDING LINES**
- **TEMPORARY RESIDENCE**
- **EMPTY POLTS USED AS COMMON SPACES**
subcluster 4
existing

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actions in space - subcluster # 4

existing

spatial characteristics

- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- abandoned property (plots/buildings)
- arcades/covered passages

specify to the location

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0m 50m 100m 200m
subcluster 4
proposed

actions in space - subcluster # 4

proposed

spatial characteristics
- public space/ squares+ pedways
- building passage
- use abandoned buildings for housing and various associations
- activate arcades-entries to passages - existing public space

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subcluster 4
proposed

- passages/arcades penetrating the blocks, facilitating the flows of the inhabitants
- pedestrian zone to facilitate flows and exchange activities between "Varvakios" public market and the street commerce
- market area/exchange of goods/commercial practices (everyday use objects, recycled material, craftwork, peddlers)
- reactivation of arcades/entrances through workshops and commerce oriented events
- School "Diplarios": cultural activities/workshops + seminars
- abandoned - listed buildings temporary uses (3-5 years): housing to associations, NGO's and unions offering support to vulnerable groups
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**Influencing / Causing Flows**

- NGO’s + Supporting Associations Space
- "Varvakios" Public Food Market

**Scenario #4a**

- Need for adequate housing space to associations offering support
- Pedestrian zone-market coordinating with “Varvakios” public food market

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scenario #4b

_need for adequate housing space to associations offering support_
_pedestrian zone-market coordinating with “Varvakios” public food market_
cultural events bringing more citizens in the area during day/night, weeks, periods

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- Athens City Hall
- Market area serving the purposes of the market (parking, cargo loading, passages)
- Abandoned building/temporary housing homeless population
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- Abandoned - listed buildings temporary uses: housing to associations, NGO's and unions offering support to vulnerable groups
- Reactivation of arcades/entrances through workshops and commerce oriented events
- Pedestrian zone to facilitate flows and exchange activities between "Varvakios" public market and the street commerce
- Setback of the building lines - increase the sidewalk width
- Informal mosque
- School "Diplarios"
- Cultural activities/workshops + seminars
- Existing general hospital of Athens: "Polykliniki"
- Organisation of shop keepers/thematic passages
- Empty plots to be used for outdoor activities for the residents
- Passages/arcades facilitating the flows of the residents
- Passages connecting buildings of temporary uses with the arcades - backbones
- Entrances and exits as attractors/day + night workshops and activities

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Operability

- Strategic planning framework locally
- Actor-relational approach
- Pressure from official plans
- Ownership + tenure
- People
- The ghetto myth
- Emerging tenancies
- Existing and new actors under the framework proposed
- "Connect" the fragment / question the urban myth

Materiality

- Urban acupuncture
- Collective process
- Local potentialities
- Abandonment
- Fragmented space
- People
- Strengthen identity through quality
- Activate the subclusters
- Argument based on necessity and quality

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**subclusters in the cluster**

**cluster scale**

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subclusters in the cluster
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“Questioning urban myths” + official city plans influencing the surroundings

“Agios Konstantinos” empty public buildings and plots

“Metaxurgio” official plan

“Psyri” initiatives

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