Sidi Moumen “scar”
/ the healing process

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What is a scar?

What creates a scar?

Types of scars

- Conflict: political, socioeconomic, differences, territorial dispute, religion
- Transitional spaces
- Natural disasters

Meaning / Connotation of scar

Keywords: Boundary, Border, Buffer zone, Edge, Segregation, Division, Space Syntax, Territory, Control, Limitation, Exclusion, Transitional space, Discontinuity

Ways of Healing a “scar”

5 principles:
1. Restore to original condition
2. Demolish/ build something new
3. Create new from damaged old
4. Museification / preservation
5. Original condition + add new

The Process of healing

Results:
SIDI MOUMEN analogy
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The walls of Nicosia
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Nicosia’s Buffer Zone
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Division of Berlin
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Comparison - Berlin / Nicosia

**Berlin Before 1949**

**Nicosia Before 1963**
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Comparison - Nicosia / Sidi Moumen
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Types of borders / Nicosia
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Types of borders / Sidi Moumen
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Mental barrier / Nicosia
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Mental barrier / Berlin
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Mental barrier / Sidi Moumen
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First Principle: Restore what has been lost to its original condition

Munich, Germany / in 1945, 60% of the Old Town was heavily damaged or destroyed
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Second Principle: Demolish the disturbed space and build something entirely new

original building

Disturbed

entirely new

Potsdamer Platz crossing, Berlin, Germany

/ marks the point where the old road from Potsdam passed through the city wall of Berlin at the Potsdam Gate
Third Principle: Reconstruct a disturbed city, by creating the new from the damaged old.

Lebbeus Woods

/ Most of such ordinary buildings are damaged only in part and can be salvaged by reconstruction.
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Fourth Principle: Museumification / a complete preservation of the ruins as a memory

original building
damaged

Oradour-sur-Glane village, France / destroyed in 1944
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Fifth Principle: Restore what has been lost to its original condition and add new elements.
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Research Question:

What is the most appropriate intervention which could be implemented in this “buffer zone”, in order to eradicate the “scar” which it creates, with the purpose of joining or unifying functionally as well as visually, the two districts establishments on either side of it?
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