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Title: THE SPACE-TIME: Time of an action and action of time, application on living space.

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2) Communication summary:

Nobody can approach the notion of architectural space without referring to the time notion: time of conception, time of realization, time of occupation and time "t" of a taken action.

Through this communication, we focus on the lived architectural space; we try to express the relationship between the housings forms and the occupants' lifestyles on one hand, and the houses' dynamic and transformation, on the other.

The researches related to the notion of the usage of space and to those of "inhabitant practices" are numerous. Moreover, Jean-Paul FLAMAND asserts that language is always insufficient to translate the richness of the lived experience. Paul RICOEUR has approached the notion of dwelling place and defined "a reflective inhabited space" as being one living space "that remakes the memory of building". It also emphasizes that living space presupposes a relationship with geometric space.

In our research, we approach from the observation of « the inhabitant practices » to demonstrate that living is a dynamic action and that the space acquires significance only through the actions which take place there. In the same way, we demonstrate that every action draws from the roots of the cultural traditions, but transmutes by contact between users and according to the spatial context in which it takes place.

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