Prospective

Time perspectives in housing

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Romania, 1960s and 1970s, in context(s)
Jean Louis Cohen: "The Fordist concept of affordable standardized products is adopted in Eastern Europe, only with a ten to fifteen years time difference in respect to the most advanced areas of the West."

*Constructed Happiness. Domestic Environment in the Cold War Era, Tallinn, 2005*
Dan Cristescu, «Brașov, City of the Future?», 1971

Type project series 1013 (IPCT 1961), catalogue 1971
timescales / spatial scales
Mircea Alifanti, Type plans «for the near future» IPCT, 1963

Type plans «in perspective» [next 10 years] 1965

«supple apartment», «liberated plan»

Flexibility or variety

Apartment change vs. apartment exchange

«exhibition of graphic phantasies»

Prospective (1957)  
Groupe International d'Architecture Prospective (1965)
«habitat prospectif»

Martin Pinchis, «Villes, visions et prévisions», 1964
CITIES, INSIGHT AND FORESIGHT

by Martin Pinchis
«a drawing must not be a simple image, but rather a clear suggestion of the notion of the city.»
«the city drawing and the architectural drawing have as their objects cities with sometimes millions of inhabitants.»
Gheorgheni, Cluj, in construction, 1964
Gheorgheni, Cluj, photo 1965

Gheorgheni, Cluj, in construction, 1964
Mircea Lupu: the «research-habitat»
the future has evolved from ‘vision’ to ‘research’

Horia Maicu: «prospective urbanism and architecture
are 'more or less utopian'; we cannot judge them
unless we experience them»
«we should consider experiments of utopia,
to see if the spaces it creates are good for
human happiness».

academic research field: «PROSPECTIVE» (1970-1977)
(Mircea Malița, Mihai Botez [mathematics])

World Futures Studies Federation

3rd World Futures Conference
Bucharest, 3-10 September 1972
«Another Paris, a new one, above the old Paris?!»

huge megastructures suffocate the existing city

a city is not an apartment, its mobility matching the evolution of a family!

simplistically compares human society with the animal colectivity: which he calls still society?!

the economical factor is secondary, the plaisir du jeux determinant: but the mode of production is essential for the city

«we should review the concessions we have made to the "sickly utopianism"»

criticism

Cezar Lăzărescu:

these forms risk to be utopian, because:

cities evolve continually and slowly;

the coagulation of the housing ensembles needs a longer time;

there can be no radical changes in the perceivable future;

the new housing ensembles have to find local solutions and contribute to the character of the city.

(1975)
«Have you lived for long in this experimental housing project?»

«Looking for home exchange.»
Adrian Panaitescu:
«the specificity of our time is that only housing [locuirea] can solve the city problem; the problem of the city is the problem of mass habitation, which only technology can solve; therefore, the root of the problem is technology.»
Ignace Şerban, Ştefan Scafa-Udrişte, *Esterodomus* 1971
Moshe Safdie, Habitat 1967 Montréal

L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui no.130/1967
Architectura no.3/1971, 4/1971

prefabricated spatial cells

mass-produced modular design

Student diploma projects IAIM (Institutul de Arhitectură Ion Mincu București) 1970
Spatial elements fabricated in Brașov


Eugen Vernescu, Prefabricated spatial elements (1971-75)
Martin Pinchis, Plan d’aménagement du globe
Gustav Gusti, *Prospective study of macroterritorial systematization*, 1974

Gh. Sebestyen: the essence of systematization is the prospective character and the main task is the research of the future.

Peter Derer, «Prospective implications on the systematization activity» (*Arhitectura* 3-4/1972) [C. Doxiadis, Ecumenopolis 2060]
National Program of Systematization

systemic organization of the network of localities
"Prospective does not solve details, it is just an approximation" (Gaston Berger)

Conclusion

housing of the future / time horizon

housing as architecture / time as intentional project

habitat / open time