

# MADE IN ITALY: CONTEMPORARY ARCHAEOLOGIES OF AGRIBUSINESS' ENCAMPMENT ARCHIPELAGO

THE SEMINAR WILL SKETCH OUT THE MAIN OUTLINE OF MY MANUSCRIPT PROJECT: STARTING FROM THE FARMWORKERS' ENCAMPMENTS THAT TODAY DOT ITALY'S AGRIBUSINESS ENCLAVES, BY MEANS OF MATERIAL AND/AS ARCHIVAL CLUES I TRACE THEIR GENEALOGIES THROUGHOUT THE (CONTEMPORARY) HISTORY OF AGROCAPITALISM. SINCE THE LATE 18TH CENTURY, IN SEVERAL REGIONS OF SOUTHERN ITALY THE ONGOING PRIMITIVE ACCUMULATION THAT WAS OFFSET BY THE TRANSITION FROM FEUDAL TO CAPITALIST FARMING HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY PROCESSES OF EXPULSION AND CONTAINMENT THAT RECUR IN OFTEN UNCANNY WAYS. THEIR SPATIAL DIMENSION IS PARTICULARLY STRIKING, AND THE FOCUS OF MY WORK. IF FARM WORKERS' "SLUMS" IN ALL THEIR VARIATIONS HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT OF PUBLIC CONCERN, PLANNING AND INTERVENTION ACROSS THE CONTEMPORARY ERA, PUTATIVE SPATIAL SOLUTIONS AGAINST THEIR BIOPOLITICAL DANGERS HAVE DISPLAYED FEATURES THAT STRADDLE CARCERAL, SETTLER-COLONIAL AND CAMP DIMENSIONS. BY MEANS OF CASE STUDIES FROM TWO SUCH ENCLAVES, THE APULIAN TAVOLIERE AND THE PLAIN OF GIOIA TAURO, I ENGAGE IN A DETAILED RECONSTRUCTION OF SUCH FRAGMENTED AND OFTEN OCCLUDED HISTORIES OF CONTAINMENT AND RESISTANCE.

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