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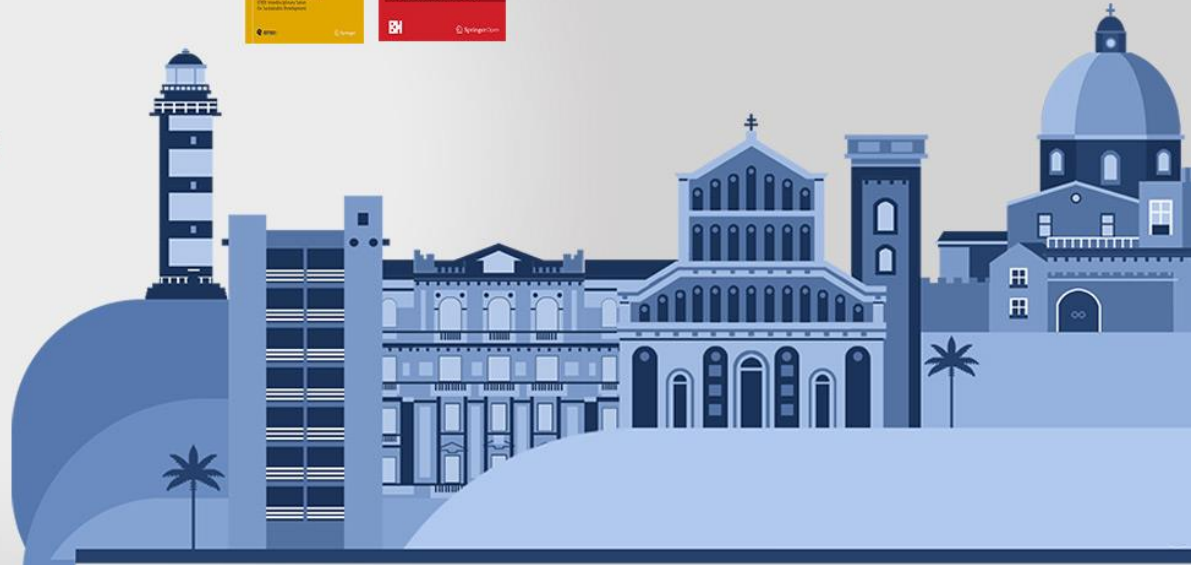
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Abandoned Villages Revisited: the Dilemma of Adaptive Reuse. Case studies from Cyprus

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Introduction.



Filani, Nicosia-Abandoned due to urbanism

Focus of Research

Abandoned villages & Adaptive reuse; 30 years ago.

Aim

Why were these abandoned?

Why these abandoned villages were significant?

Motivation

How can strategies could be implemented to secure their future ?

What happened since 1994?

Contents.

Background: **Research 30-years (1994): outcome & proposals**

Adaptive reuse: **lessons learned, new perspectives.**

Conclusion: **Future strategies; local listing, UNESCO framework.**



Ayios Sozomenos-Potamia, Nicosia, abandoned due to conflict

Background: Research 30-years.

Why are these significant?

History: Origins, development, reasons of abandonment

- Designation of area & Definition of abandonment
- Unspoiled Authenticity:
 - Village-scape:
 - location, geology, earthquake, climate,
 - morphology, typology, density
 - Vernacular Architecture:
 - building typology (private & public)
 - materials & techniques
 - Landscape
 - Built structures
 - Natural features

no	Villages -	date of desertion	no	Villages	date of desertion	no	Villages	date of desertion
<i>in Pafos district</i>								
1	ANDROLYKOU	1974	35	PITRAGOU	1975	66	AGIOI ILIOFOTOI	1960's, 1975, 1977*
2	FASLI	1975	36	POTMA	1940's	67	PANO KOUTRAFAS	1964, 1980*
3	PITTOKOPOS	1980	37	MORO NERO	1955	68	MANDRES-ASINOU	1946, 1980's, 1990's
4	TERA	1975	38	Old ELEDHO	1953	69	AGROLADOU	1975
5	Old THELETRA	1982	39	Old AXILOU	1953	70	AGIOS EPIFANIOS	1975
6	LOUKROUNOU	1975	40	Old CHOLETRIA	1975	71	VROSSIA	1964-76
7	EVRETOU	1980	41	FONIKAS	1980's	72	AGIOS IOANNIS TOU SELEMANI	1975
8	TRIMITHOUSA	1975	42	SOUSKIOU	1976	73	KHALERI	1964
9	AGIOS ISIDOROS	1975	43	LIZATA	1940's-1980's*	74	AGIOS THEODOROS	1964
10	MIRAIKOPOU	1946-75	44	KATO ARXIMANDRITA	1963-66	75	MANSURA	1964
11	Old PELATHIOUSA	1971-76	45	MOUSERE	1980's	76	AGION GIORGOUDI	1930's, 1964
12	MELADEIA	1975	46	MARONAS	1975	77	SELLADI TOU APPI	1975
13	ISTINCO-KIO	1975	47	Old PRASTIO	1960's	78	ALEVGA	1964
14	SARAMA	1975	48	Old KIDASI	1953	*Origins of the population: GREEK, TURKISH, GREEK-TURKISH The first date indicates when the village started to decline and the last its desertion or *demolition.		
15	ZACHARIA	1975	<i>in Limassol district</i>					
16	MELANDRA	1975	49	GEROVASA	1964-80's	Desertion Date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek • Turkish • Greek-Turkish 		
17	AGIOS MERKOURIOS	1950	50	TROZINA	1930's-70's			
18	DIMMATA	1950	51	KISSOUSA	1980's	Figure 1.2 The index to the Abandoned Villages		
19	PALIAMPELA	1980	52	STERAKOVU	1946-82			
20	LIVADI	1954	53	Old PANO KIVIDES	1972	Districts: Paphos(48) Limassol(10) Larnaca (4) Nicosia(16)		
21	AGYIA	1940	54	KATO KIVIDES	1975			
22	ANADIORI	1964-74	55	Old ALASSA	1984-86	INDEX TO DISTRICTS		
23	MELAMIDU	1980	56	Old KORPI	1970's			
24	LAPTHOU	1953	57	ATIRAKOS	1980's			
25	MAMOUNTALI	1964-75	58	VIKLA	1982			
26	STATOS	1960's	<i>in Larnaca district</i>					
27	VRETSIA	1975	59	PARSADA	1980's			
28	PERA VASA	1950's, 1962, 1968	60	DRAPEIA	1980's			
29	MALOUNTA	1953	61	SOFTADES	1977	0 20km		
30	LAGOUDIA	1920's-30's	62	PETROFANI	1975			
31	AGIOS FOTIOS	1940's	<i>in Nicosia district</i>					
32	FALEIA	1953	63	AGIOS SOZOMENOS	1964-75, 1980	0 20 40km		
33	KOURDARA	1964	64	KATALIONTAS	1960-77*			
34	KATO PAMAGIA	1930's-60's	65	FILANI	1946-1975			

Reasons of abandonment.

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- Social** Remote setting.
- Financial** Urbanism. Tourist resorts.
- Political** 1974 conflict.
- Environmental & Natural Disaster** Geological fault & Heavy rainfall. Earthquake
- Rural Planning** Re-afforestation. Reservoirs



Old Theletra, Paphos, abandoned due to geological fault

Evaluation & Enhancement

- **Use value:**

Accessibility, Vicinity, Adaptability

- **Economic Value:**

Structural & Social restrictive factors

- **Cultural value:**

Historic, Aesthetic (Natural & Built),
Architectural, Unspoiled Authenticity

- **Environmental Value:**

Biodiversity, Natural beauty

Adaptive reuse-proposals

- Rural Tourism, Residential
- Health holiday resorts, Medical rehab centres
- Small industries, Craftmanship, workshops
- Remote working hubs (online)
- Museums of Agriculture, Flora & Fauna, Marine
- Research centres, archaeological



Foinikas, Paphos, abandoned to construct a reservoir

Research (1994)

What were the Conservation issues?

Conservation Issues, Principles, Ethics:

- Engineering Issues, causes of destruction & decay;
 - natural or manmade
 - earthquakes, landslides, heavy rainfall
 - vandalism
 - disappeared under water
- Functional issues-sustainable development
- Legislative framework & ownership
- Planning-Management-Implementation-Funding
- Benefits & Impact (economic, cultural)

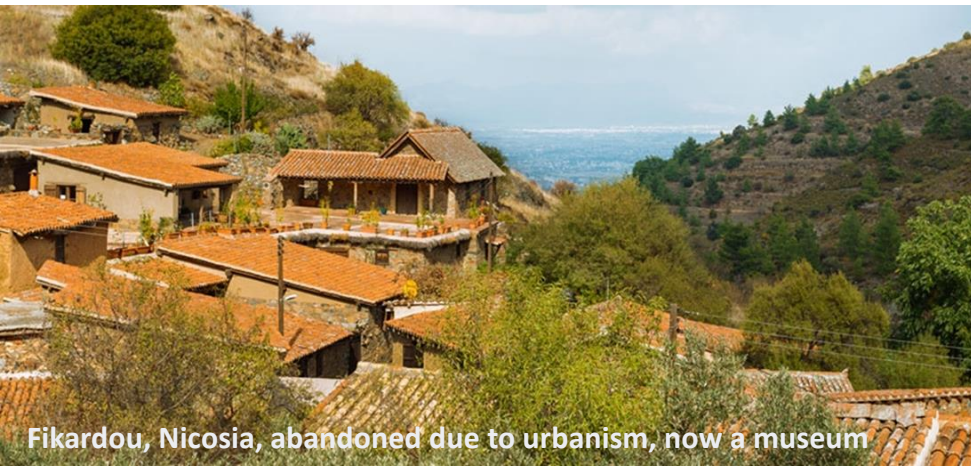
My conclusion (1994-5) was: “**CHARTER specifically related to the needs of unspoiled vernacular architecture**”.



Petrofani, Larnaca, abandoned due to conflict

ICOMOS CHARTER ON THE Built Vernacular Heritage (1999): “Vernacular building is the traditional and natural way by which communities house themselves”.

- UNESCO WHS case study; Matera-Italy, 1993
- Cyprus: Village restored; Fikardou. Churches and mosques (UNDP) were restored in some villages.



Future strategies & Incentives

Strategies & Incentives (current)

- UNESCO
 - Vernacular return to favour
<https://courier.unesco.org/en/articles/vernaculars-return-favour>
 - Characteristics of vernacular architecture
<https://www.unescoamalficoast.it/preserve-your-territory/the-characteristics-of-vernacular-architecture/?lang=en>
 - Traditional architecture
<https://www.unesco.org/en/tags/traditional-architecture>
- Council of Europe-Futuropa: Rural Vernacular Heritage and Landscape

Strategies & Incentives (proposed)

- Local communities involvement
- Funding incentives for investment
- Framework:
 - Listing abandoned vernacular villages
 - **UNESCO Convention..network**



Gerovasa & Trozena village, Limassol



Bridge connecting Gerovasa & Trozena Limassol, abandoned due to isolated location

Conclusions

- This study aimed to provide **the research outcome 30-years ago & After the villages were revisited**
- Results showed that **villages** still **remain abandoned; missed opportunities** for **adaptive reuse**.
- Based on the evidence, of successful restoration case studies, new perspectives were identified;
 - **Future strategies**
 - **Global Framework** (UNESCO Convention)
 - **Local incentives**
- Our study helped to better understand:
 - **complex issues** of the **reasons abandonment**
 - **opportunities** for enhancement.
- The impact of study highlights the importance:
 - **preserving the unspoiled vernacular villages**
 - make these **accessible** to the wider public.



Kelefos Bridge, Paphos



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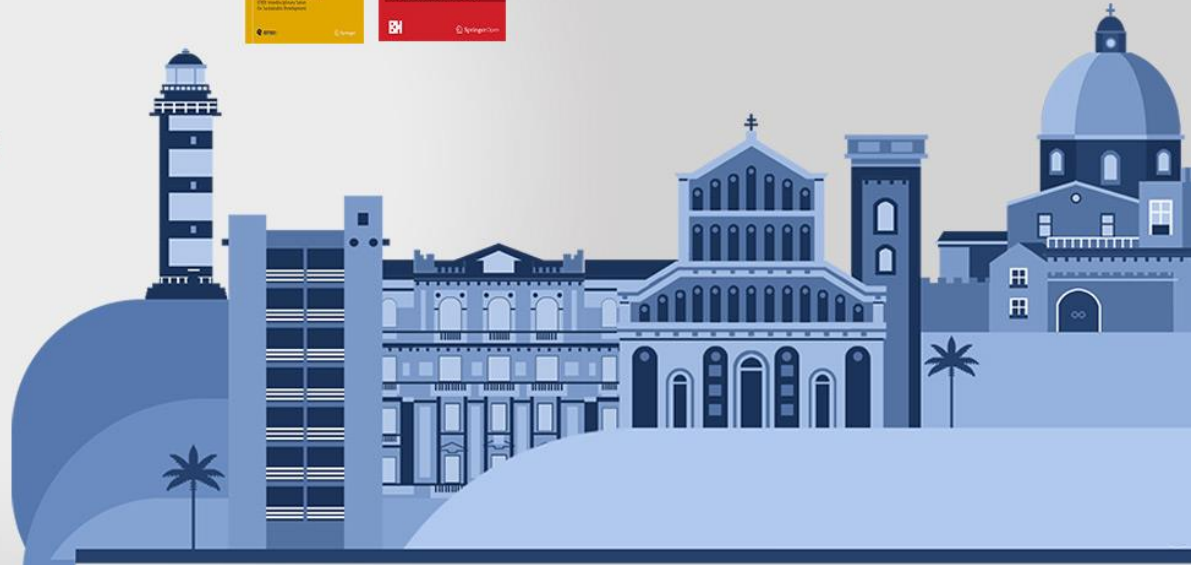
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