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**Lotus 149** I rapporti della città con la campagna presentano alcuni fenomeni inaspettati. Da un lato si osserva un desiderio della città di diventare campagna, dall'altro le tematiche paesaggistiche tendono a privilegiare la campagna come ambito in cui realizzare quegli ideali pragmatici che il recente predominio del visivo ha finito per trascurare. **Lotus in the fields**

The city's relations with the countryside present a number of unexpected phenomena. On the one hand we see almost a desire of the city to turn into countryside, while on the other the themes of landscaping tend to favor the country as an area in which to realize those pragmatic ideals that the recent predominance of the visual has ended up neglecting.

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Out of the Myth

# The 900 Km Nile City

La ricerca, iniziata all'interno di un laboratorio presso il Berlage Institute e ancora in via di sviluppo, indaga i rapporti tra agricoltura e insediamenti urbani partendo dallo studio di un caso limite: la fascia di campagna densamente abitata che solca il deserto lungo la valle del Nilo tra Assuan e Il Cairo. Grandi stecche residenziali e campi coltivati si sviluppano su un terreno di oltre 900 km costruendo un tessuto con una densità abitativa tipico di una megalopoli e le infrastrutture di un villaggio rurale. Una mappa di pittogrammi che alludono ai geroglifici egizi descrivono questo territorio come un campo isotropo dove sia possibile immaginare una condizione ibrida tra città e campagna in grado di introdurre processi di sviluppo alternativi a quelli delle megalopoli industriali.

The research, begun at a workshop held at the Berlage Institute and still under development, investigates the relations between agriculture and urban settlements by starting out from the study of an extreme case: the belt of densely inhabited countryside that runs through the desert along the valley of the Nile between Aswan and Cairo. Large ribs of housing and cultivated fields are located on a strip of land stretching for over 900 km, creating a fabric with a density of population typical of a megalopolis and the infrastructure of a rural village. A map of pictograms that allude to the Egyptian hieroglyphs describe this territory as an isotropic field where it is possible to imagine a hybrid state between town and country capable of introducing alternative processes of development to those of the big industrial cities.

## Abstract Map: Key

existing elements


proposed new elements




Pier Paolo Tamburelli, Oliver Thill  
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**The 900 Km Nile City**

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Vesna Jovanovic, Zhiwei Lu, Ivan Nasution, Rober to Soundy,  
Ji Hyun Woo, and Lingxiao Zhang (Postgraduate Researchers  
from September 2009 to February 2010)

[http://www.berlage-institute.nl/galleries/projects/details/the\\_900\\_km\\_nile\\_city](http://www.berlage-institute.nl/galleries/projects/details/the_900_km_nile_city)  
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