

# YIORGOS HADJICHRISTOU

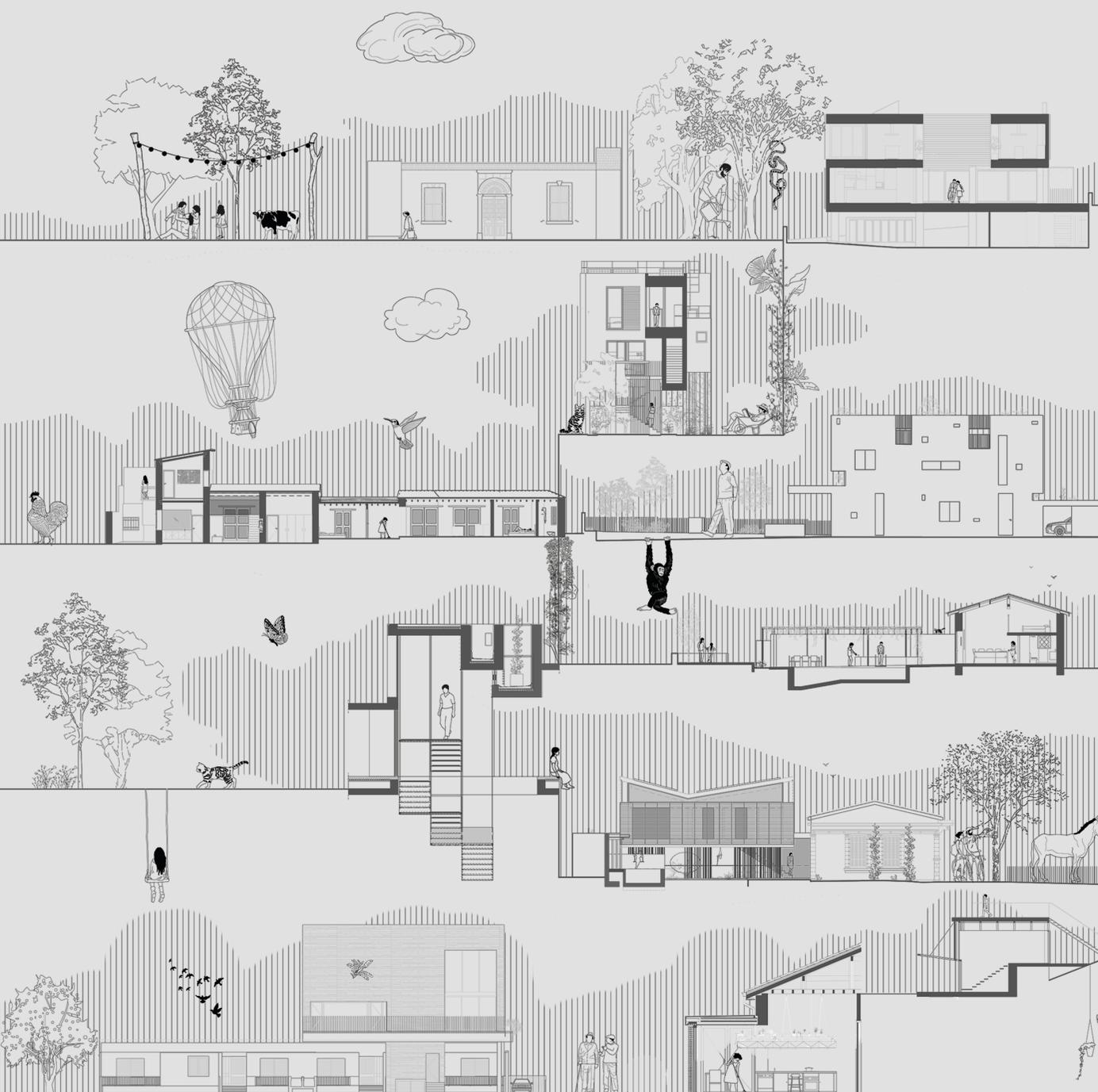
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## 'Constructing Narratives' in Malleable Courtyards



Courtyard typology was exterminated by the British Colonization. It expresses the gist of the wisdom of the tradition of the island of Cyprus forged in its history throughout more than ten thousand years. All the social and environmental, sustainable ways of living that were developed in relation to the topography, the culture, the climate, to all these conditions that comprise the identity of the island of Cyprus were aggressively attacked and by the detrimental impact of the colonization. It was deleted from the modern face of Cyprus. The urban regulations that were implemented for the sake of modernization by the British were never questioned since the island's independence until today. The presentation will try to 'construct narratives' as local voices of resistance through an evolution of this spatial typology, the 'malleable courtyard'. It will attempt to stitch the terminated stories with new ones of a social and environmental, sustainable future.

Yiorgos Hadjichristou shares his time between academy, teaching, designing, activism and cultural events. He is an architect, professor at the University of Nicosia and member of the NGO Urban Gorillas. He is the recipient of a number of national and international awards including the Golden Prize of the UIA for the project "Athienou Town Hall and Museums". The Architects Council of Europe selected the 'Kaimakli house' for the European Sustainable Architecture events and exhibitions. The 'Architecture Research Center' was selected by the Italian Union of Architecture and Criticism for 'the state of committed architecture in Europe'. His projects represented Cyprus in the Mies Van Der Rohe Awards seven times. He is co-editor of four books and author of the book 'Reverberating in the DormantLands'. He co-curated the Cyprus Pavilion of the Milan Triennale-2016 and of the Venice Architecture Biennale-2018. The 'Smalto' project was awarded the State Architecture Award.



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