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**VUOTI A PERDERE? The linear Sile landscape.**

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**Abstract:**

Sile river can be considered one of the most important water infrastructures of the central Veneto region. Through the centuries, natural processes and anthropic transformations strongly modified its structure creating a unique landscape, in which the different traces of the past are still visible. In fact, due to the conclusions of several economical cycles, the river slowly lost his infrastructural role not only from the productive perspective but also from the spatial one. Consequently, as an unpleasant legacy, some industrial sites, such as mines, furnaces, potteries, granaries lost their functions or/and their relations with the watercourse.

Nowadays, the Sile River constitutes one of the richest ecological environments, creating a biological continuity across different landscapes in which wastelands are perceived as obstacles.

Based on this assumption, firstly the paper explores the paradoxical relationships between wastelands and water landscape, secondly, through a research by design investigation and observation of the systemic territorial dynamics it aims to give new values to wastelands. Therefore Sile river is not be seen as line across the territory but as thick bound, in which the complexity of the ecological dynamics are deeply intertwined with the social and the productive one.

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