LIFELINES
RESEARCH PROJECT
Politics, ethics, and the affective economy of inhabiting

Resisting negligence and carelessness
When a radical health crisis is converging with an equally radical ecological crisis:

What defines inhabitation today within the plurality of conditions, geographies and politics that connote it?

This question calls for an expansion and provincialization of the discourse and a break with the framework provided by established investigations.
The choice pursued in this research is not to follow the phenomenology of the various forms of dwelling but to look for a category that manages to transversally cut through even very different situations, experiences, and modalities:

The category identified is that one of Lifelines.
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Lifelines brings together within a single horizon of meaning the many (and not all necessarily good) protective responses to the conditions in which we, human and non-human, live.
How the Lifelines can help to redefine a course on contemporary inhabitation?

Three main dimensions:

A dimension of an increased precariousness that puts life at the center and therefore affirms the centrality of the body as a fundamental junction of the relationship that links space to politics.

A dimension of vulnerability that is no longer just of the individual, but of all species and all spaces.

A dimension of defense, protection, and care, not without critical implications of subjugation and increasing medicalization of social interactions involving distances, practices and mobilities.
What defines inhabitation today?

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Precariousness
Vulnerability
Defense, protection, and care

Thanatopolitics
Race – Colonialism
Future (the lack of)
Immunitarian
Defence – Protection

Nature
Governmentality
Capital
Sovereignty
Life
Lifelines
Vulnerabilities

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The research is developed through the empirical exploration of around fifteen territories and experience located in different countries and continents from the little occupied space in Borgo Mezzanone in southern Italy, to the Tena Canton in the Ecuadorian Amazonas, passing from the crisis ridden streets of Beirut in Lebanon.