

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR NEXT MOVES #2

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With the devastating breakout of the pandemic, we are realizing that everything should change. But how? Wise attitudes and good intentions abound everywhere, but they remain fairly general, wishing for a reversal of lifestyle in the cities, for adding more technological devices, and so on. From within this chaos, Petreschi believes the right step is to identify the facts that brought to the failure of certain rationalist ideals which have unknowingly become instruments of urban speculation. One example could be the notion of Existenzminimum, "minimum" or "subsistence dwelling", that has often justified the use of narrow spaces while contributing to claustrophobia and aggression.

For many years, no one has dealt with the actual problems of homes and urban planning, including in universities and political administration. Too many ideas, too little planning. Therefore, Petreschi suggests we should go back to the grassroots, reforming home standards for both old and new residential building in order to improve the quality of life and thus make the first step toward an innovative future urban order.