



Title: The Territoriality and Rural Houses of the Torres Vedras Region between April 25 and Contemporary Democracy

Abstract

Interpretation of the historical and social conditions that determined the territoriality and transformation of rural houses in Torres Vedras after April 25, 1974. This period was marked by the stabilization of a new democratic regime, which will entail effective socio-territorial transformations. Specifically, the changes caused by the new European and democratic conjuncture will lead to a new dispersion of the houses, together with a loss of value of the former agricultural realities. This context is also related to the ambivalent transformations that will re-characterize the territory – a real transformation of the traditional housing, the devaluation of agricultural activities, and an apparent disorder of the landscape. Finally, an attempt is made to understand the current state of territory, including the impact of new planning instruments and the progressive conversion of agricultural and housing realities, looking forward to the sustainability of possibilities that are presented today as valid for the future.

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