SOME ASPECTS OF THE SOCIALIST LIVING ARCHITECTURE IN BUCHAREST

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Abstract

Bucharest, the largest city of the country today, has a population of more than two million inhabitants. Most of them live in buildings erected during the socialist regime as a result of the intensive program developed with the declared purpose of solving the housing needs of the people.

Large scale mass housing, very criticized at present, was a program developed under full political control with a national character and it was planned in all its aspects in order to solve the housing problem of those times. The typological uniformity of the residential buildings of the period represented the principles of equality among the members of society. Everybody lived there and the absence of the private property on the land meant the creation of a truly open city where any open space was public space.

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