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SUPRARURAL, ARCHITECTURAL ATLAS OF RURAL PROTOCOLS OF THE AMERICAN MIDWEST AND THE ARGENTINE PAMPAS

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Suprarural, Architectural Atlas of Rural Protocols of the American Midwest and the Argentine Pampas, presents an alternative approach to existing models of relationship between the urban and the natural based on palliative, decorative, or hygienist ethics. Against the grain of these models and overcoming their nostalgic frameworks, the notion of Suprarural seeks to reframe, systematize, and empower the architectural forces latent in rural organizations, focusing in particular on those relating to agricultural production and livestock farming. Rather than naturalizing nature from a functional perspective of the urban, the intention is to develop techniques to straightforwardly urbanize with and through the rural. The Atlas is structured along nine systems of organization: transport infrastructure, land subdivision, agricultural production, water management, irrigation and fumigation, inhabitation, cattle management, socialization, storage. Each of these systems possesses a number of organizational types, material components, normative relationships, and spectrums of performance, which become available through a manual of instructions for a Suprarural environment. The research is based on a realistic ethics towards design, which operates by abstracting and intensifying unexplored territorial phenomena with the purpose of developing new

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territorial models by nurturing them from currently operating ones.

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