The presentation will address the liminality of what I have previously defined as “the encampment archipelago” of migrant dwellings that proliferate across agro-industrial enclaves in contemporary Italy. Straddling multiple conceptual divides – between the city and the countryside, the formal and the informal, the abject and the citizen, the excluded and the (differentially) included, the temporary and the permanent, the mobile and the fixed – these spaces further reconfigure received geographies and evoke buried genealogies across political borders. Reflecting also on the role and position of researchers in such processes, I will examine various forms of radical inhabitation as they emerge within those settings.

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