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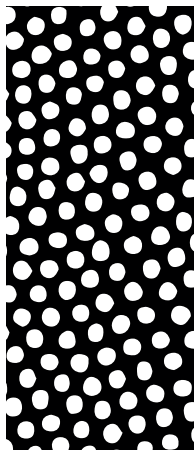
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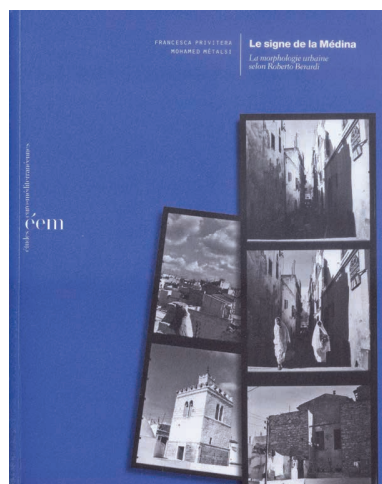


## Roberto Berardi's studies on the Medina of Tunis

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Through archival research, we were able to build an unprecedented portrait of Roberto Berardi (1937-2008), an architect and scholar of Arab-Muslim cities. The study focused on the years Berardi spent in Tunis, first at the Bureau Quaroni De Carlo (1964-1968), and then as director of the Atelier d'Urbanisme (1968-1969) at the Association Sauvegarde de la Medina (ASM). For ASM, Berardi made the first systematic study of the historical centre of Tunis and formulated an original method for analysing urban space in an Islamic setting. Berardi's architectural-urbanistic analysis was powerfully multidisciplinary, balancing between urban sociology and anthropology. The foundation of his analytical method, structural in orientation, was influenced first by Michel Foucault's philosophical perspectives and then by Pierre Bourdieu's ethno-sociological studies. The study was an opportunity to reflect more broadly on the conservation, improvement, transformation, and design of Arab-Muslim cities. Its publication was the first in the "Études Euro-Méditerranéennes" series from DIDAPRESS. The study uses unpublished iconographic and written sources: Archives of the Library of Technological Sciences-Architecture, University of Florence, Roberto Berardi collection.



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