



THE ACCADEMIA NAZIONALE DI SAN LUCA
IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE
OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION

Housing for everyone
FRANCO MARESCOTTI (1908-1991)
One-day exhibition

CONFERENCE OF MARISTELLA CASCIATO
Living Architecture

Monday, 23 May 2016 - 17:00

On Monday 23 May 2016, starting at 17:00, as part of the initiatives planned for the VI National Day of Architecture Archives organised by AAAItalia, the Accademia Nazionale di San Luca will present to the public the archive projects of Franco Marescotti (1908-1991) donated to the Academy in November 2015. After the conference of Maristella Casciato entitled *Living Architecture*, there will be the opening of the exhibition *Housing for everyone. Franco Marescotti 1908-1991*, an exhibition of designs and models from the Marescotti archive, centred on the theme of housing which was central to the project research conducted during his entire professional life, starting from the 1930s. A "one-day exhibition", which does not expect to offer an exhaustive survey of the complex thought of Marescotti on housing, but is "only" intended to show, through a small sample, the wealth of stored materials, their importance and the extraordinary relevance today of Marescotti's reflections on housing.

By Ireneo D'Allevi and Franco Marescotti, *The city of the sun. First exhibition of the national housing problem*, Catania 1945: "Many other things we can still understand and listen to, but what we will not remain silent about is that next to the greatest civilisations that have ended, there are the poverty and sacrifices of the current one, the disorganisation of our national body, the pretentiousness of new city neighbourhoods and new monumental buildings, the shame of public housing, the infected hovels of the poor people.

We no longer want to be constructive participants in this criminal activity which, while solving in record time the building of mansions, denies any valuable contribution to the solution of the national problem of housing for everyone. We are tired of the marble mountains raised by the vanity of government bodies and rich stock companies, we are tired of the rhetoric and squandering that has taken place and still takes place in the reconstruction of the Italian architectural heritage. We want our cities to be truly the cities of our time, healthy and dynamic organisms, simple in their construction design, clear in their content and human significance.

We want the cities of the sun.

The city of the sun is a home for one and infinite men".

The Accademia Nazionale di San Luca is a founding partner of AAAItalia, National Association for Contemporary Architecture Archives, and since 2015 it has been a member of the Organising Scientific Technical Committee.

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