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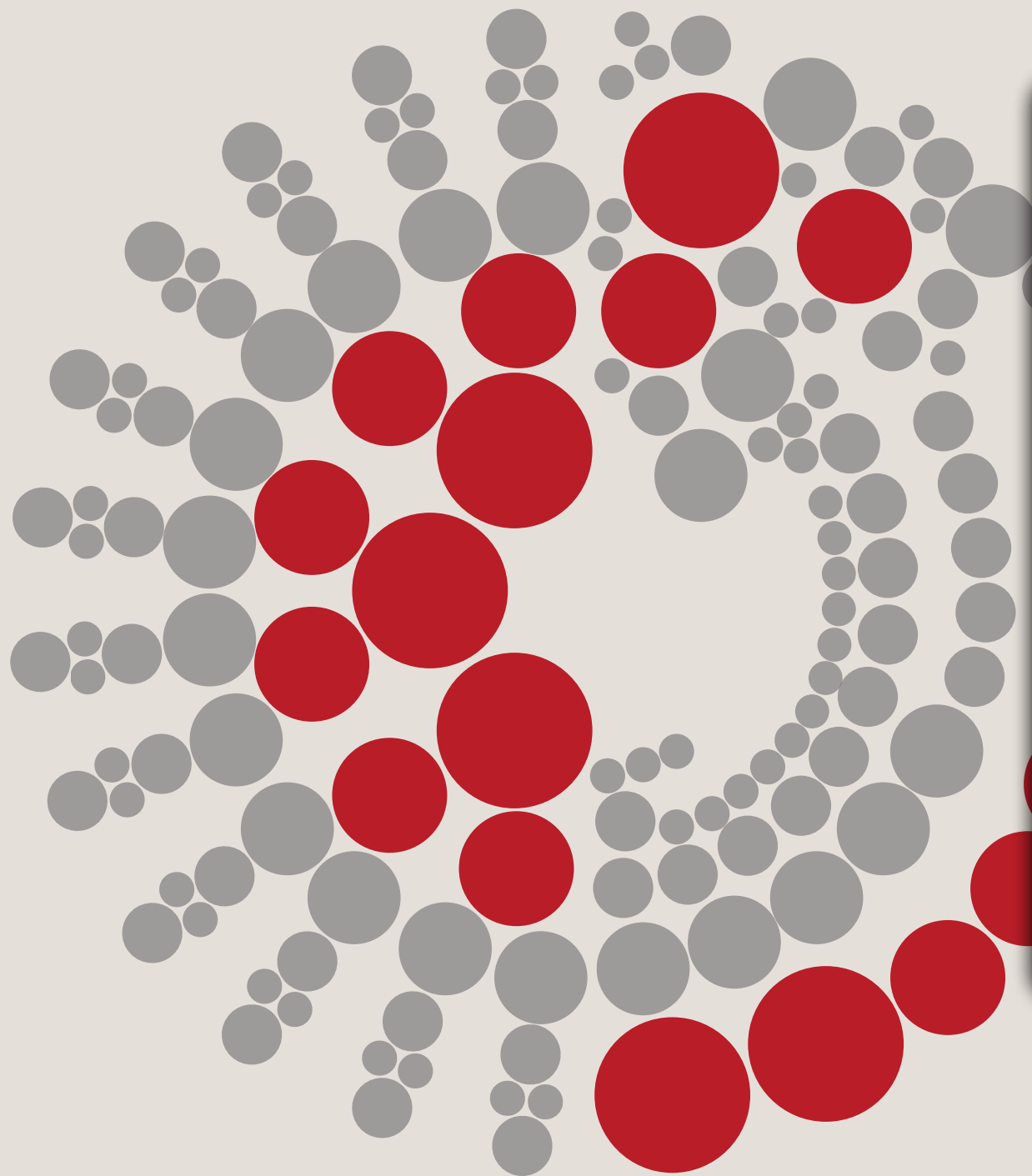
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### PROGRAMME

## Day 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016

### I Education and Publishing

● Registration 9.00–10.00

● **Welcome to Ljubljana** 10.00–10.20

Dr. Mimi Urbanc, Deputy Director of ZRC SAZU

Doc. dr. Helena Seražin, MoMoWo Slovenia

Prof. dr. Emilia Garda, MoMoWo Project Leader,

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

● **Women Equal to Men** 10.20-11.00

*Florence Hobson Fulton. Architect* - Tanja Poppelreuter and Ryan McBride,  
University of Ulster, Belfast

*Elena Luzzatto Valentini, the First Italian Woman Architect* -

Monica Prencipe, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Ancona

Discussion 11.00-11.15: MoMoWo – Caterina Franchini

● Coffee 11.15-11.30

### I Education and Publishing

● **Leafing Through the Pages of Specialized Magazines**

**Seeking for Women Architects and Designers** 11.30-12.30

*Women Contribution through the Pages of "Domus" (1946-1968):*

Design - Caterina Franchini, Politecnico di Torino, DIST

*Women Contribution through the Pages of "Domus" (1946-1968):*

Architecture and Urban Planning - Emilia Garda, Chiara Serra

and Annalisa Stella, Politecnico di Torino, DISEG

*Design and Women through the Pioneering Magazine "Stile industria"*

(1954-1963) - Annalisa Barbara Pesando, Politecnico di Torino, DAD

*A Portrait of the Female Mind as a Young Girl* - Iva Maria Jurić,

independent architect

Discussion 12.30-12.45: MoMoWo – Maria Helena Souto

● Lunch 12.45-14.00

● **Education** 14.00-14.20

*First Generations of Women in Architecture and Design*

at University of Ljubljana – Helena Seražin, ZRC SAZU,

France Stele Institute of Art History

Discussion 14.20-14.30: MoMoWo – Ana Mária Fernández García

● **Presentation and Perception of Women Architects and Designers**

14.30-15.30

*A Storytelling Overlooked: Feminisms, Modernity and Dissemination* -

Daniela Arias Laurino, Universidad Politécnica de Cataluña, PhD candidate

*Exclusion and Inclusion in Dutch Design History. Female*

*Designers in the Goed Wonen (Good Living) Foundation 1946-*

*1968* - Ilja S.Meijer, VU University, Amsterdam, PhD candidate

*AMS. The Work of Alison Margaret Smithson (1928-1993)* -

Alessandra Como and Luisa Smeragliuolo Perrotta,

University of Salerno

Discussion 15.30-15.45: MoMoWo - Marjan Groot

● Tea 15.45-16.00

● **Presentation of WPS Project** 16.00-16.15

*Supporting Women in Urban Development. WPS Prague* -

Milota Sidorova

● **Documentary** 16.15

*The Makeable Landscape and Society. Gender, Representation,*

*and the Male Architect as Post-war Hero* - Marjan Groot, VU

University, Amsterdam

Discussion 16.40-17.00: MoMoWo – Marjan Groot

● **Opening of the Exhibition** 19.00

*To the Fore. Female Pioneers in Slovenian Architecture and*

*Design* – ZRC SAZU, France Stele Institute of Art History

and Slovene Centre of Architecture

● Dinner 20.00

## Day 2. 4<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### II Politics, Policies and Political Regimes

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##### ● **Position of Women Architects in Socialist Countries of Eastern Europe** 10.00-11.15

*Women's Contribution in Architectural History of Rijeka during the 1950s and 1960s* - Lidija Butković Mićin, University of Rijeka, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

*Role of Women in Architecture after WW2 in Slovenia. Olga Rusanova* - Andreja Benko and Larisa Brojan, independent architects and researchers

*Exploring Female Contribution to Slovenian Conservation in the 1950s and 1960s. Case Study of Cistercian Abbey of Kostanjevica na Krki Reconstruction* - Barbara Vodopivec, ZRC SAZU, France Stele Institute of Art History

Discussion 11.00-11.15: MoMoWo – Helena Seražin

● Coffee 11.15-11.30

##### ● **Position of Women Architects in Western Europe** 11.30-12.45

*Marion Tournon Branly and Eliane Castelnau Tastemain. Two Leading Figures in French Architecture* - Stéphanie Mesnage, Université de Strasbourg, ARCHE

*Juana Ontañón. An Architect Woman in Asturias* - Esther Rodriguez Ortiz, University of Oviedo

*(Re)discovering the Objects and Actions of Lina Bo Bardi* - Mara Sanchez Llorens, University Nebrija, Madrid

Discussion 12.30-12.45: MoMoWo – Caterina Franchini

● Lunch 12.45 -14.00

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#### III Research and Industries

##### ● **Developing Industrial Design** 14.00-15.15

*An Improbable Woman. Portuguese New State's Dictatorship and Design Leadership* - Maria Helena Souto, IADE – Universidade Europeia

*Gaby Schreiber and the British Overseas Airway Corporation (BOAC)* - Paddy O'Shea, Kingston University Modern Interiors Research Centre

*Stanka Knez, m. Lozar – A Slovenian Textile Designer in the Early Socialist Yugoslavia* - Maja Lozar Štamcar, National Museum, Ljubljana

Discussion 15.15-15.30: MoMoWo – Helena Seražin

● Tea 15.30-15.45

##### ● **Poster presentation** 15.45-16.05

*Female Design History in Croatia, 1930-1980: Context, Production, Influences* - Ana Bedenko, Maja Kolar and Maša Poljanec, Croatian Designers Association

##### ● **Interview** 16.15

*Interview with civil engineer prof. dr. Darinka Battelino* – Barbara Vodopivec and Katarina Mohar

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## Day 3. 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016

III Research and Industries

### ● **Developing Architecture and Interior Design** 10.00-12.30

#### **Typologies** 10.00-11.00

*Vera Cirkovic's Contribution to Educational Architecture in Yugoslavia* -  
Vladana Putnik, University of Belgrade, Faculty of Philosophy

#### **Remarkable Public Health Service Architecture by Architect**

*Zoja Dumengjić* - Zrinka Barišić Marenić, University of Zagreb,  
Faculty of architecture

*Feeling at Home. Elisabeth (Kaatje) de Lestrieux's Personal  
Housing Designs* - Florencia Fernandez Cardoso, Fatima Pombo and  
Hilde Heynen, ULB-KU Leuven

Discussion 11.00-11.15: MoMoWo – Maria Helena Souto

### ● Coffee 11.15-11.30

#### **Approaches** 11.30-12.30

*Three Projects for Council Houses by Lina Bo Bardi. From Virtual -*  
Vincenza Garofalo, University of Palermo

*Matilde Ucelay Maortua. Single-family House for Vincente Sebastian Llegat -*  
Starlight Vattano, University of Palermo

*Egle Renata Trincanato. Unbuilt* - Francesco Maggio,  
University of Palermo

Discussion 12.30-12.45: MoMoWo – Sara Levi

### ● Lunch 12.45-14.00

### ● **Innovation in Landscaping** 14.00-14.55

*Italy-England 1946-1954. Maria Teresa Parpagliolo, Landscape  
beyond Borders* - Lucia Krasovec Lucas, Politecnico di Milano,  
Scuola di architettura e società

*Architect Juta Krulc, Garden Designer* - Maja Kržišnik,  
independent researcher

Discussion 14.40-14.55: MoMoWo - Ana Mária Fernández García

### ● Tea 14.55-15.10

### ● **Presentation of the MoMoWo Publications** 15.10-15.30

*MoMoWo · Women · Architecture & Design Itineraries across Europe* -  
Sara Levi Sacerdotti, Helena Seražin, Emilia Garda and Caterina Franchini,  
editors

*MoMoWo · Women · 100 Works in 100 Years. European Women  
in Architecture and Design · 1918-2018* - Ana Mária Fernández  
García, Helena Seražin, Caterina Franchini and Emilia Garda, editors

Closure 15.30-15.45: next MoMoWo activities - Emilia Garda and Helena Seražin

### ● Drinks



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ABSTRACTS



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- **Women Contribution through the Pages of «Domus» (1946-1968)**
- **Design**

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These two papers present the results of a first systematic and critical survey on the representation of women in «Domus» between the resumed of the magazine in January 1946 (n. 205) and its 40th anniversary in 1968 (n. 459). Leafing through the pages of 255 magazine issues - published on a monthly and bi-monthly basis by the Editoriale Domus (Milan) - the first paper focuses mainly on articles dealing with product design and interior design, while the second on architecture and urban planning. «Domus» was founded in 1928 by architect Gio Ponti and Barnabite Father Giovanni Semeria in order to popularize modern lifestyle in home design. During its first period of publication (1928-1945), it also dealt with topics considered of interest to women, such as the art of homemaking, gardening and cooking. Over the years, through its various editors, this legendary architecture and design magazine has explored a wide range of fields including applied arts, industrial design, architecture and urban planning with an international perspective. It always promoted original and innovative works and soon became a reference magazine with its affiliated periodical «Casabella» (1933-1964) and «Stile Industria» (1954-1963). The publication of «Domus» ceased in 1945 due to the war and it was resumed with a new look in 1946 under the direction of architect Ernesto Nathan Rogers (member of the renowned firm BBPR), replaced by Gio Ponti from January 1948. The editorial staff saw the constant presence of Lisa Ponti Licitra (Milan, 1922) before and after the war. As an artist and writer, Gio Ponti's daughter played a prominent role in the history of «Domus» for many years and became its editor in January 1985. In the post-war period, the magazine embraced new cultural trends and other women joined the editorial staff, contributing articles about works designed by women. Taking into account that the 1950s and 1960s were marked in Italy by an extraordinary vitality in architecture and design, both papers aim to offer a comparison between the first period (1928-1945) and the second (1946-1968) of «Domus», in terms of quantity and quality of articles published about works by women.

**Keywords:** Domus; women designers; women architects; women in editorial staff; Lisa Ponti Licitra

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## ● Three Projects for Council Houses by Lina Bo Bardi. From Virtual Reconstruction to Graphical Analysis

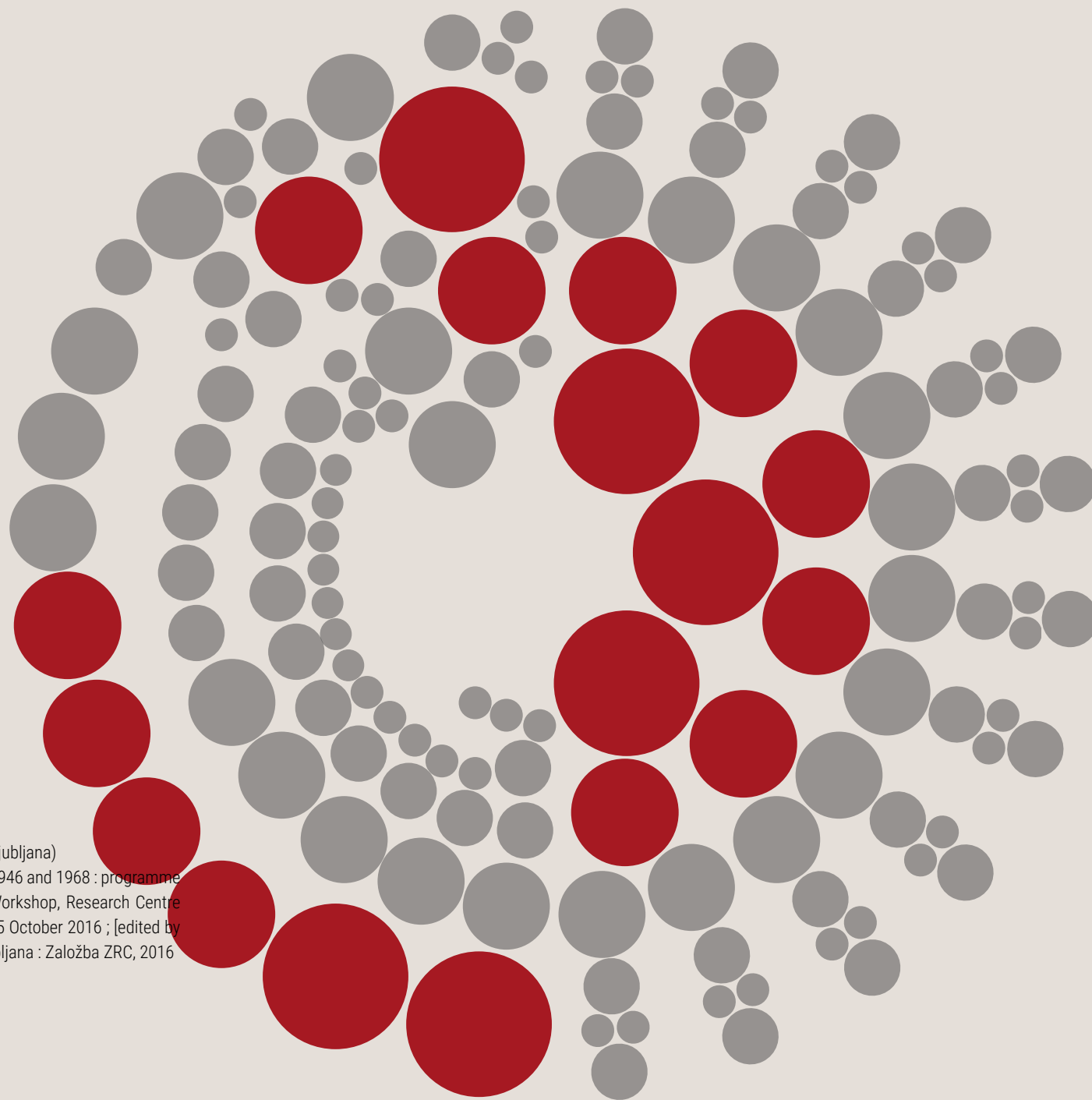
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The paper deals with the studies conducted in 1951 in Brazil by Lina Bo Bardi on the issue of council houses for the people. The three examples were never realized but help to describe the poetry of the architect to spread a "rational" way of living, from a small house until to an urban complex. The first project concerns a small house with a close relationship between architecture and nature. The second project concerns three housing units that embody the idea of the housing cell as a constituent piece of a community. The housing typologies to which the architect has referred are the indigenous Maloca, community house used by the Amazon natives, the Italian peasant house with its living and the domkommuna (communal house), settlement model realized in the Soviet Union between 1925 and 1932, modular cell designed for a full Community lifestyle. The third project concerns an urban complex which is based on a typology of economic houses on pilotis designed inside regular lots. Through the critical reading of the architect's sketches it was possible to virtually reconstruct the projects of the houses. Graphical analysis allowed to understand the geometric compositions and to highlight the relations between the parties.

**Keywords:** representation; Lina Bo Bardi; redrawing; graphical analysis

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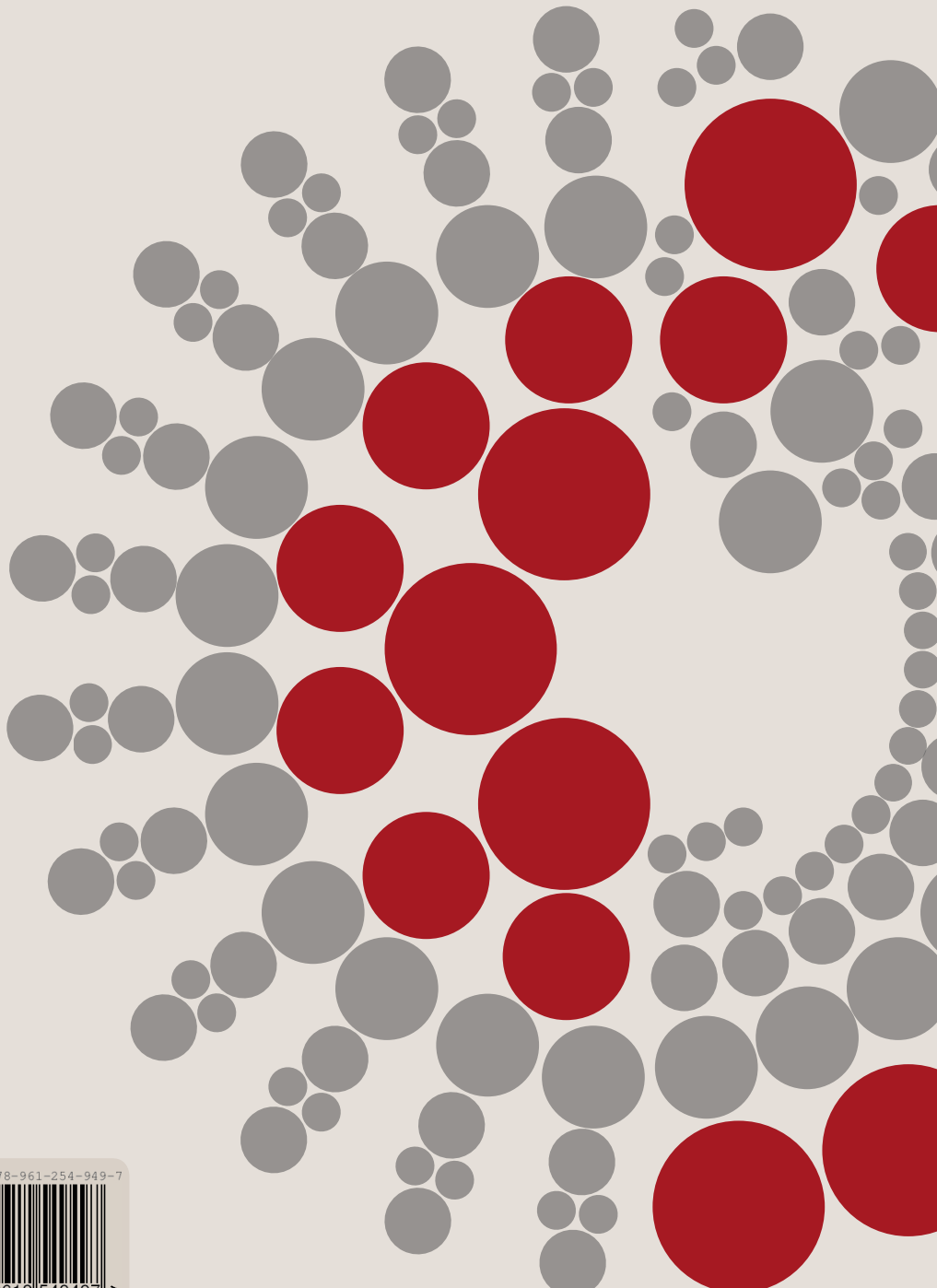
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