

Spatiality considered in an anthropological sense, the main issue of my research, is a specific theme I have dealt with in different fields. After the presentation held in Venice (Ca' Foscari, 2005), I begun a collaboration with the Center for American Studies "Circolo Amerindiano", reporting of my researches on the relationship between community and territory at the international meetings organized annually. Through a reading of the landscape I have tried to highlight to what extent the inhabited environment, the techniques of primitive astronomy and the ceremonial structures can represent for the communities the *locus* of relationships and cultural memory. A whole of "lived experiences", able to invest the inhabited space with meaning, to make it a spatiality which is active and also partaking in our everyday problems. The research on space I am thinking about is not simply one that only considers its connection with the native environment, but that also pays attention to the importance of the new social dynamics and to the revaluation of the built environment, in order to take the community's needs into account and develop new urbanistic strategies. Issues handled in the seminar "Space and identity: native american models and contemporary cues" (Padua, 2007) and in the presentations made at the University of New Mexico (UNM, 2007).

The *acequias* case, for instance, represents an interesting community-land relationship: a model of traditional irrigation, which I am continuing to dwell into in the North American area, also interesting in the reflection on the meanings places have for people and on participative landscaping (seminar "Places: problems of other civilizations and peoples", Ingegneri senza frontiere ISF, Trieste, 2007), on the occasion of conferences dedicated to energy (International Institute for the Study on Human Rights - Trieste, 2008) and as an example of photographic documentation in field research (University of New Mexico, 2008).