

T4 – Emergence – Johnson

The extract of the book of Johnson deals with the connection between the human society and the society created by ants. Practically thinking ants are in number more than humans, and produce a lot (the 30 percent of biomass in Amazon forest is produced by them). But what is more important is that they don't understand the complexity of their society, they just cooperate. Their complex chemical system gives them the understanding of what to do in order to have success as a society. Even if some of them lives just for one day each single anthill needs 50 years to be built. This means that each member of this larger group needs to cooperate with the others to create such a long term construction for all the following generations. On the other hand humans act in the opposite way. We act like we live only for ourselves, as our actions are not going to affect others or the following generations. It's just the contrary. We are selfish and even if we can see the global situation in which we live, differently from the ants, we act like there is nobody else except us.

Architecture and human kind in general should consider its position in this small planet. We should use the digital world to understand better what link us to the others, and not what divide us from them.

In my future research I would like to understand if it's possible to live a better society through the reach of a less materiality world. I think that what makes us so individual and selfish is the desire to obtain things for us, not sharing them. Even if the ideal of the communism didn't work, because behind it there were corruption and private interests, I think that a society in which socialism is the base can actually work. In contraposition to the western society where individualism and self-success are pursued, a socialist state can be the answer. Changing the way of living, using less resources and cooperating more are the key factors if we really want to leave something good in this planet for the next generations.

