We don't need any more buildings

Entire skyscrapers, like the Shard in London, are empty. Ancient villages in the rural landscape have been abandoned. Industrial enclaves sit vacant. Meanwhile the population of Europe is quite stable. Do we need to keep building? Milan is surrounded by hundreds of thousands of square meters that could be either turned into forest or rehabbed for social uses. We shall consider the cost to the environment of demolitions, the irrational nature of the market, the inequity in the politics of social distribution, and then propose some examples of how to reduce, reuse, and recycle in a liberal society. This does not mean, by the way, that there should not be architecture, but that the priorities should be geared to the Green New Deal. If cities would stop demolishing and start retrofitting, they could bring their contribution of 6% of Global Warming down to an acceptable level. If there are only 11 years left before reaching the critical point of no return in the Climate Crisis, what is the responsible direction for municipalities, which prepare the permits, developers, who borrow the capital, and designers, who prepare the scenario of how to live?

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