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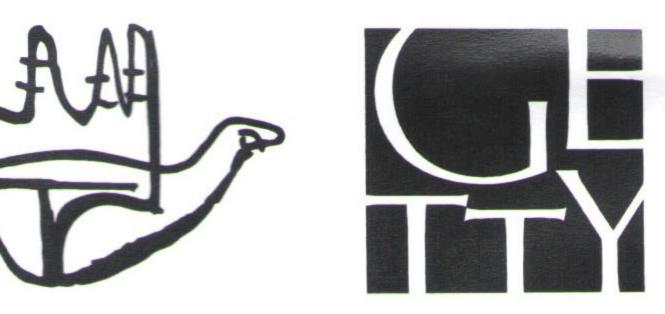
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20TH CENTURY HOUSING IN ANKARA: EVALUATING & DEVELOPING CONSERVATION CRITERIA FOR "EVERYDAY ARCHITECTURE"

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This paper will focus on modern housing experience of Turkey during the 20th century, by evaluating methodology of a project, which aims to research and document modern housing products in the capital city of Turkey. Architectural Heritage of Housing in Ankara Between the Years 1930 and 1980: Research, Documentation and Developing Conservation Criteria Project, developed by Baskent University and supported by the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey, aims not only to draw attention to modern architectural products designed for everyday life, but also to develop conservation criteria for 20th century non-canonical architectural products of Turkey.

Ankara, the capital city of Turkey, is the main focus of the study. After the foundation of Republic in 1923, new public buildings were constructed in Ankara, according to the needs of a new social life, which was formed as a result of the modernization program launched by the Republic. Such buildings, which were designed in a modernist manner and are considered to be the mainstream modern buildings in the historiography of modern architecture in Turkey, are mostly conserved. However, modern housing stock, which was designed and constructed whether as single houses or settlements, was neglected. Most of these buildings does not exist any more. The ones that could survive until today, are at risk of demolition.

In this frame, the project focuses on documentation of modern housing stock in Ankara; building an archive of modern housing and producing publications in order to draw attention to non-canonical modern products. Discussing the methodology and the end of the project is vital to define conservation criteria for such non-canonical works. Consequently, this paper aims not only to draw a panorama of the existing 20th century housing architecture of Ankara, but also form a discussion about the methodology of the project, which can be evaluated as a model for discussing various dimensions of conserving modern heritage