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Redaelli has an intensive activity of applied research and since 2012 she is member of the Research Group “Contemporary City, Architecture and Heritage” of the University of Sevilla. She is researcher of the “Digital Practices for the Study of Urban Heritage group” in Dariah, European Research Infrastructure Consortium and took part in many European funds as researcher with public and private institutions.

From 2012 until 2015, Redaelli has been **General Director of Building and Urban Renewal and Architecture** of the Ministry of Public Infrastructures and Housing of the Regional Government in Andalusia (Spain). The experience allowed the practical application in a public institution of the knowledge developed in her academical and professional experiences on a regional scale in Andalucía, the most populous region in the South of Spain (9 million inhabitants and 772 cities). Urban Renewal and Public Space, Architectural Renovation of Public Buildings, Energetic renovation of Housing (public and private) are the main objectives of the Department. She promoted different instruments to transform the existent city, within an innovative governance to promote a change of productive model towards the renovation of the existing city and the local resilience to the new global conditions.

In order to improve a new consciousness in public administration’s technicians within citizens on the importance of Public Space for an Inclusive City, as General Director promoted the program “The Friendly City” (La ciudad amable). The purpose of the program is to raise awareness, teach and spread the values and intervention techniques on public space, sustainable mobility, and in general, about improvement in the quality of the urban space and its social, cultural and economic activation. The relationship within the 400 cities that subscribed the program is the guideline to foster coherent projects of urban landscape and the habitability of our public space and cities.

The Friendly City also opens a dialogue with other social actors, as an exchange platform to promote participatory projects, involving schools and colleges in educational activities and those groups that are especially sensitive to the search of a more liveable city, more human and ultimately, more friendly. The program was recognized as Best Practice (Short List) by UN-Habitat for Urban Sustainable Development in 2014 and Finalist of the Biennale Española de Arquitectura y Urbanismo in 2016. (www.juntadeandalucia.es)

From 2003 to 2012 she is **Director of Contemporary Architectural Foundation** (Fundación Arquitectura Contemporánea), a no-profit institute based in Córdoba (Spain) and dedicated to the practical investigation about urban transformations and contemporary architecture. During this period, she directed many research programs for public and private institutions, as the “Equipment and Cultural Infrastructures Plan in Córdoba”, a renovated strategy for the municipality of Córdoba for programming urban and architectural activations related to the geographical dimension of the city and its public space within the social participation. The Plan is first prize of the European Union Prize “PAYS.MED.URBAN: high quality of the landscape as a key element in the sustainability and the competitiveness of the Mediterranean urban areas” (2011) and it is Best Practice in UN-Habitat Prize in 2014 (www.arquitecturacontemporanea.org).

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- _Architectural and urban design and construction site management.
- _Design and management for public spaces, urban furniture and landscapes.
- _Coordination of urban projects between operators and agreement protocols.
- _Housing and Interior design.
- _Scientific research for university and competitions.
- _Organization of cultural exhibitions and events.

The firm has done several realizations, public spaces, urban design and architectures, obtained many international urban competition prizes and has been published in many international magazines like Casabella, Domus, Abitare. She applies European funding in urban regeneration of city and vulnerable suburbs and special attention is paid to urban transformations and public space, contemporary architectural, school and residential buildings. The office collaborates with an international network of professional offices in Spain, England, Portugal, South America. (www.srsarch.it)

From 2018 Redaelli is co-founder and **President of the PAX – Patios de la Axerquia Association**, an initiative experimented in Córdoba, of Social Innovation applied to Urban Regeneration in Heritage contexts. The initiative opens a new gateway of Sustainable Urban Renovation concept for urban historical places based on the empowerment of citizens as managers of their own habitat, within the cooperative model and social and solidarity economy as driving forces. This path of a multilevel co-management between public administration, social economy and inclusive community is the basis of a multilevel governance that looks for a change of urban model consistent with the aim of a Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive City and as an anti-gentrification bottom-up strategy. That means acting through an integrated approach that combines updating historic heritage, urban ecology, responses to social and ecological emergencies for local community and the creation of local employment. PAX has been presented in the XV International Biennale di Architettura di Venezia (June 2016), published in Abitare magazine (n. 558 October 2016). It is part of the Faro Convention Network of the Council of Europe as a Best Practice and collaborates with the World Monument Fund, a no profit institutions settled in NY and dedicated to the implementation and restoration of Heritage all over the world. (www.patiosaxerquia.eu)