’My cities were born of encounters, both my own encounters with given corners of the earth and the conjunction of my plans as emperor with the incidents of my personal life.’ (Marguerite Yourcenar, Memoirs of Hadrian)

It’s interesting and difficult to understand and reflect about the physical and mental limits of a city, where it begins and where it ends, where the territory becomes city and where the city borders on the territory, our middle-hearth, our being at the center of the city, in the middle of a place, inside the place. It’s necessary to come back to live the city in a physical and real way, try to imagine that the time is matter, try to solve the contradiction between the fast time of everyday life and the slow time of reflection and stratification. The city hides in itself the concept of beauty, beauty in the meaning of sublime’s term. Beauty is not a closed element, its strength is in sharing, in overcoming the boundaries.

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