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Landscapes are dynamic, they are always in transformation, they are indeed "open works", but if we want to respect, preserve and transmit the specific characters of places and the identity of people, there are some "limits" to these transformations: integrity vs. innovation; preservation, conservation, protection vs. transformation; innovation as contrast, opposition,... or as relation with the inherited identity characters of places; preservation as (re)construction of ideal assets, etc...

Some questions are to be explored:

What is the concept of "limit"?: theoretical and methodological questions, historical references, juridical references, operational references,...

What are the limits of the physical innovations to preserve the specificity of places and the identity of people?

The limits come from a respectful attitude towards the specific physical characters of places and innovation requirements: in order to meet these objectives how must we read the specificity of places? By which tools?

What have been the dynamics of the *sustainability* concept in the physical transformation of places, for instance in juridical documents??

Compatibility and/or suitability of practical interventions? What relation between ecological and cultural points of views? What relation between preservation of cultural and historical characters and innovation point of view (criteria, methods, tools, examples)?

Is it possible to define the parameters of the limits of physical innovations?

What contributions from different disciplines (like sociology, preservation of historic and cultural heritage, ecology, history, geography, juridical studies, architecture and planning, agronomy,...) with an interdisciplinary perspective and a strong relation between theory and practice?