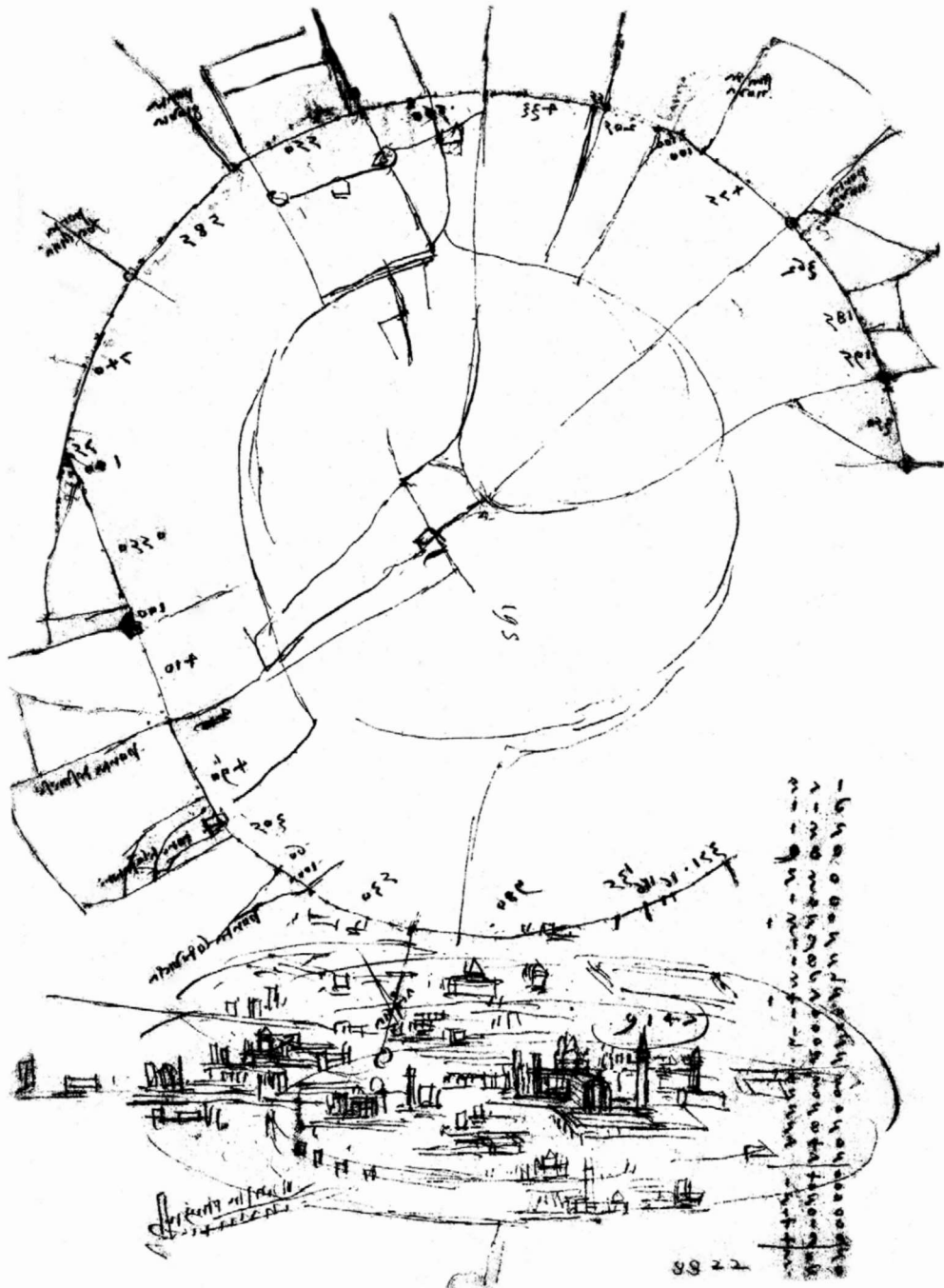FEDERICO
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Urban Fragilities and prospects in the 21st century

Towards (R)evolving Cities: Urban Fragilities and Prospects in the 21ˢᵗ century first questions how we perceive the 'intelligence' of a city. The *New Frontier* of development for urban civilisations certainly includes digital and technological evolution, but it does not consider technology to be the final answer to all contemporary cities' problems. The formidable challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic have thrown existing urban fragilities into stark relief. At the same time however they have highlighted the potential of digital solutions for reaching a new level of interconnected civility.

(R)evolving cities evolve by adopting the principles of the circular economy in the higher interest of their citizens' well-being: they consume therefore without devouring, recycle as much as possible what they metabolize, limit the effects of their ecological footprint and ultimately lead their inhabitants, with maternal guidance and care, to a new idea of citizenship.

As protagonists of this evolutionary leap, the citizens of (R)*evolving* cities will abandon their predatory approach, reaching a higher stage of integration in the ecosystem and becoming more respectful of reciprocal relationships. *(R)evolving cities* are above all 'polite' cities, or rather cities whose citizens are consciously educated in the principles of sustainable development, the essential basis for contemporary civil coexistence.

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