

I N T E R I O R S

Culture of interiors has been often forced to coincide with the architecture history or with the furniture one, misunderstanding that the specificity of inner-space is shared among both of them. My work aims to contribute to the definition of the discipline of interiors and proposes an interpretation of its specific character, establishing and grounding its ethic and methodology of design, by discussing some topic issues. Main focus has been addressed to those human inhabiting activities, like relations between objects, their use and space, which are basic for the creation of the meaning of places and therefore central in a so called 'interior design approach'. The centrality of the subject[ive] experience is relevant (both in the teaching strategy and in the professional practice) because it becomes the parameter to design uses and shapes and determinates those cultural meanings where objects can be properly set. The interiors approach in fact, stresses the importance of these cultural relations between objects and context as possibility of really using and understanding the places, and therefore to design or re-design them, like in the intervention on the existent.

H U M A N D I M E N S I O N

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S E L F - D I M E N S I O N

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A C T I O N S & P L A C E

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O B J E C T S & F U R N I T U R E

The character and the quality of an ambient is defined by the system of objects and of actions this system can give rise to: they construct precise settings, suggest models and lifestyles, support cultural endeavors.

T H E E X I S T E N T

The practice of interiors, in this view, is addressed and suitable both to new design and to intervention on/around existent since it takes care of relationship between gesture and space, with the help of objects. However, "working on the existing" is paradigmatic for the discipline: the already existing constructions are the place where space has to be thought around the subject, where new gestures need to "find home".

H O S P I T A L I T Y

It is the place where hospitality investigation between actions and shapes are more deeply developed because of the reduced freedom connected with the existing boundaries.

INTERIORS

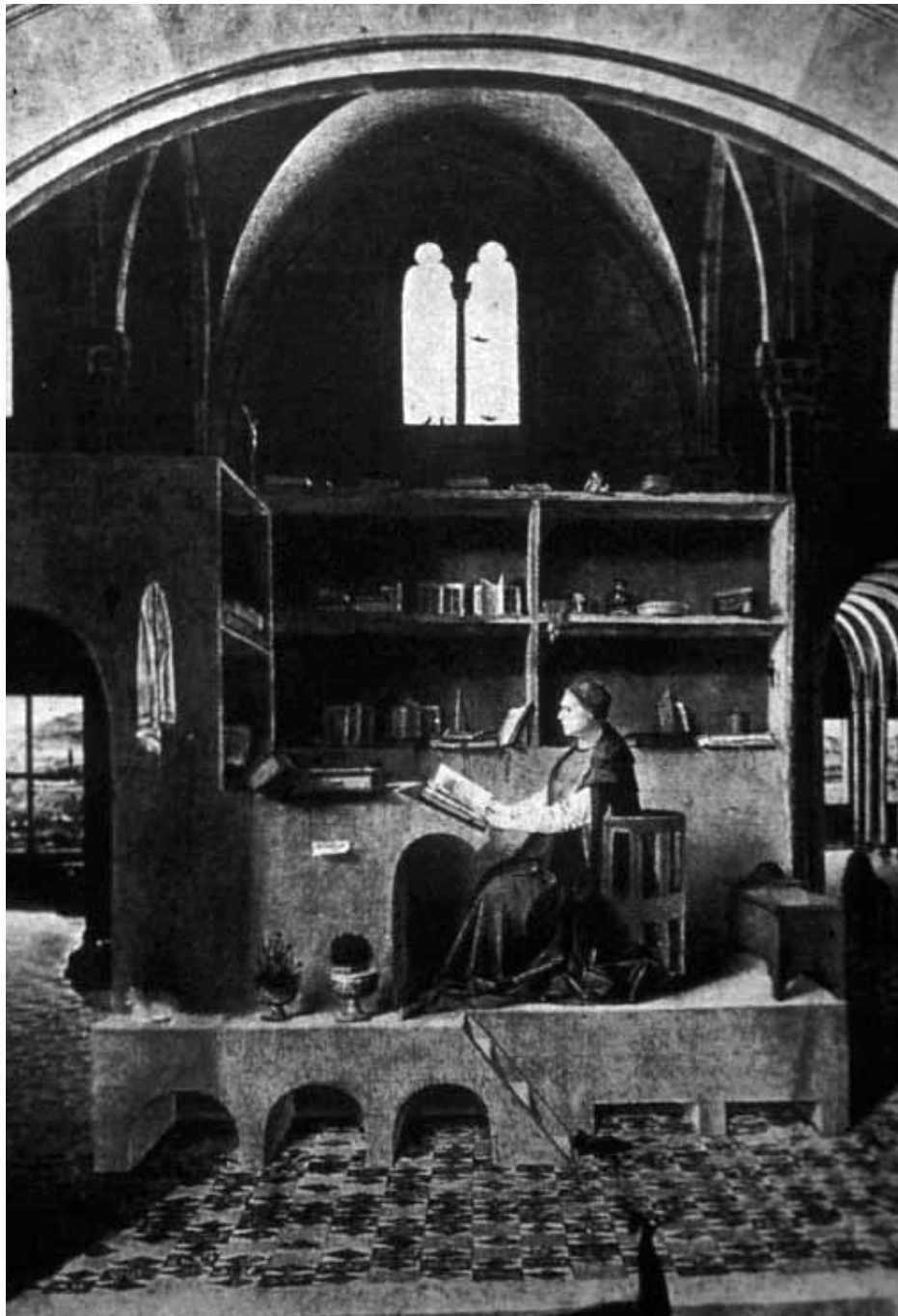


architettura & abitare: HUMAN DIMENSION

place-gesture-use-meaning

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Giotto, l'annuncio ad Anna, 1303-04

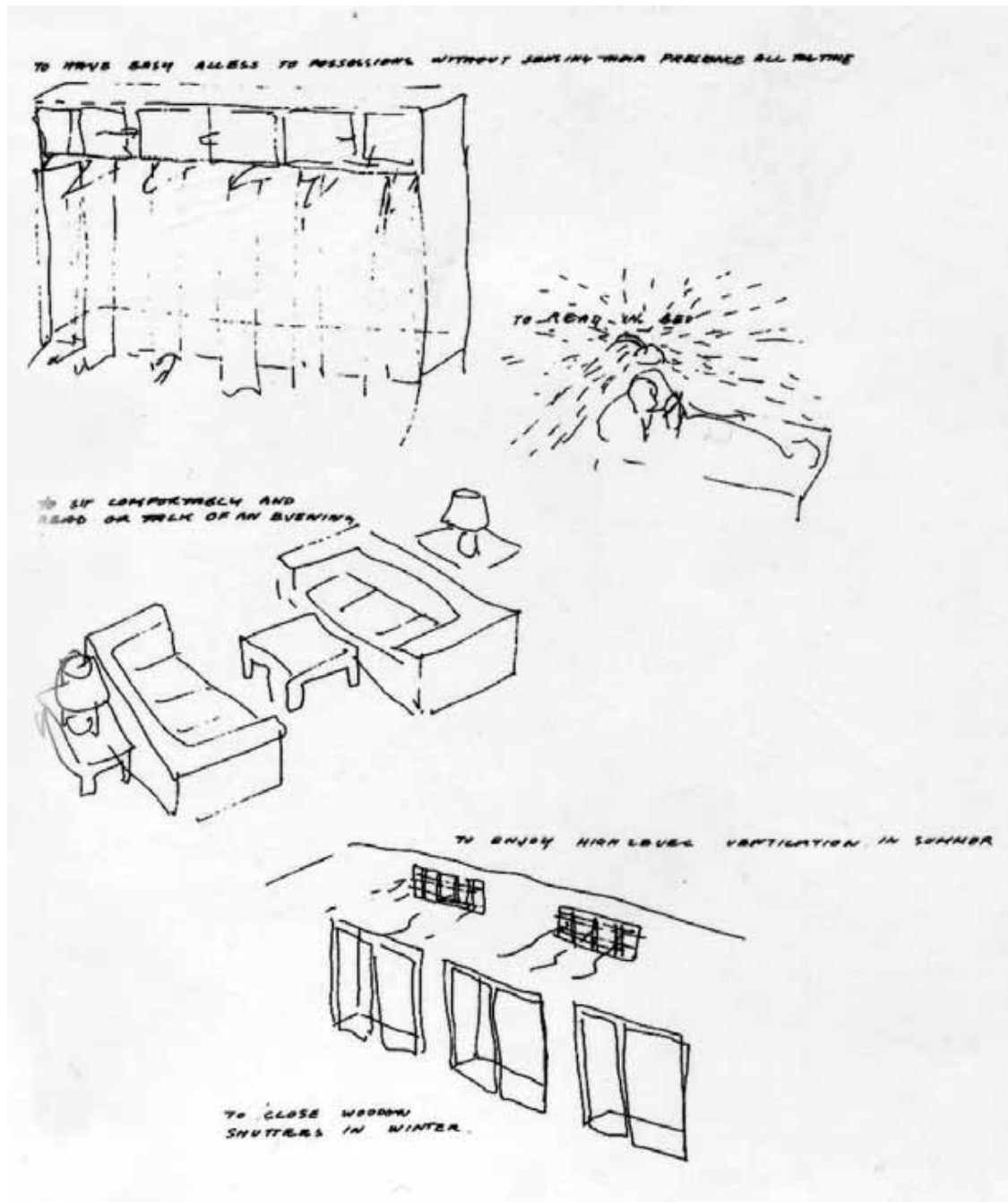


SELF DIMENSION

physical and metaphoric

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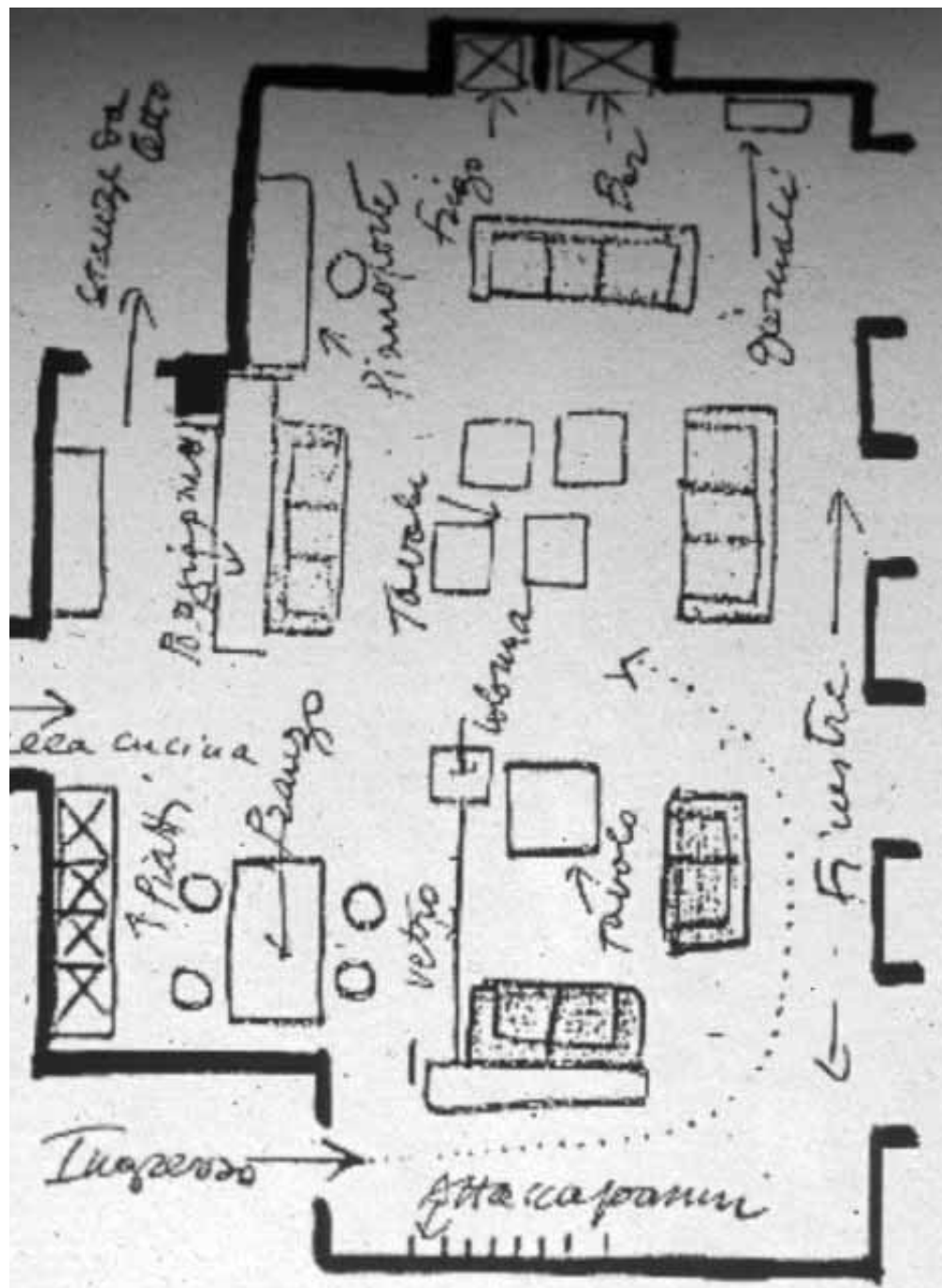
Antonello da Messina, S. Girolamo, 1434



AMBIENT-azioni

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A&P Smithson, Small pleasure of life, in Changing the art of inhabitation, 1993



FURNITURE

presence&role of objects

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Ettore Sottsass, schizzo di arredo, 1972



THE PARADIGM OF THE EXISTENT

interior/into-something
the querelle of the origin[al]
the querelle of the tradition[al]

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LC, Bestegui apartment, Paris 1929-31



HOSPITALITY

creating a-place-to-be

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Marcello Chiarenza, installazione, 1997

"There are even gods here"
[Heraclitus]

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