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Abstract. In exploring a project named Vesta, which aims at giving a temporary ‘home’ to the unaccompanied minors migrants involving committed Italian families, we shed light on the ideas and representations of ‘living together’ by autochthonous and migrants. Yet, considering the current pandemic measures of containment – social distancing and isolation at home – we analysed how the lockdown challenged the cohabitation among young migrants and their recipient’s families. Observing domestic spaces and family ideas we investigated how the lockdown and sickness representations contributed to mould and re-elaborate symbolic and social meanings given to ‘the living together’.

Keywords. Temporariness; Unaccompanied minor migrants; COVID-19’s lockdown; cohabitation.

Introduzione

Miriam Ticktin (2017) nel numero monografico di *Social Research* sulle forme di alterità invasiva, discute le rappresentazioni mediatiche, politiche e scientifiche di un mondo sempre più in pericolo. Il pericolo di invasione da parte di agenti patogeni e virus che, con la complicità di salti di specie e riscaldamento globale, producono e diffondono idee sulla necessità, da parte degli stati nazione di sorvegliare, isolare, frenare, combattere