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Addressing the ‘problem of the city’ and progressing urban socio-spatial knowledge of our ever more complex living environments requires the engagement of urban scholars with new concepts and ideas. The setting of a theoretical framework, largely based on Manuel DeLanda’s conceptualisation of cities as social assemblages, leads us to the development or a relational analytical approach to the study of the urban form. Various methodological tools commonly used by different urban morphological or urban sociological approaches are combined to match our theoretical and analytical framework. These are then applied to the case study of Limassol through a diachronic analysis which embeds the historical context as a core element to cities’ growth and change, provides the capability of understanding the different scales involved in the transformation of cities and the interrelationship between human and material components. The research focuses on the development of Limassol’s street network, built form and social features to identify the key mechanisms operating in the emergence of Limassol and its contemporary characteristics.

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Ilaria Geddes trained as an archaeologist at King’s College London and holds two MScs from University College London, one in GIS and Spatial Analysis in Archaeology and one in Housing Futures. She has worked as a consultant in the private sector and as a researcher in the non-profit and academic sectors. Her consultancy work focused on spatial analysis of urban developments and included chapters in the Environmental Impact Assessments of Walbrook Square and Tate Modern 2 in London. She has published on housing, health inequalities, the spatial distribution of social factors and the relationship between health and the built environment in independent reports, as well as in academic journals. Her publications include Making Spatial Sense of Historical Social Data (Journal of Space Syntax, 2015), The Health Impacts of Cold Homes and Fuel Poverty (Friends of the Earth, 2011) and Urban Form and Deprivation: a Contemporary Proxy for Charles Booth’s Analysis of Poverty (Radical Statistics, 2009). She was an honorary research assistant at UCL from 2005 to 2010. Ilaria is also the current Treasurer of the Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM) and an Editorial Advisor to the Taylor & Francis journal Cities & Health launching in September 2017.