returned to her home country with the deeply ingrained notion of pursuing architecture as a vocation rather than as a commercial enterprise. She settled in Karachi, trying to discover her roots. While exploring old towns, she wound up unlearning much of what she had learnt and relearning her country’s heritage. In 1973, Lari designed the Anguri Bagh housing project in Lahore, the first public housing scheme on a large scale in Pakistan and taken up by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto’s heritage of rural earth buildings’ and, in 1980, she designed the Lines Area Resettlement, consisting of self-built, incremental housing for the residents of the largest informal settlement spread over more than 200 acres in the heart of Karachi. Using her land-sharing, self-financing concept, the project aimed to resettle 13,000 households. The urban design was once again based on Pakistan’s old towns, with narrow streets and semi-public squares. Importantly, it avoided displacement of the