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URBAN APPARATUSEQUENCE AS EVENT

considering the nature of the social-cultural public domain

thesis statement

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1 INTRODUCTION

Thesis proposal: SITE- BASED

CONTENTION

If architecture is able to engage and activate two distinct and underutilized urban conditions, then the city and public life of the area would mutually benefit by their interaction. My thesis intends to explore this idea thru the intervention of a new cross programming urban fabric. Intersecting the urban paths and spaces with the isolated built condition is the opportunity to reconsider the singular identity of each as the device to reconstruct social activities and to initiate the idea of "sequence as event." Implementing new urban connections can initiate conditions of transition sequence that address the complex synthesis of various problems in space and time, thus become a social- cultural apparatus of urbanism that can effectively blur the visual disengagement of city section and respond to changed architectural conditions.



Glossary

Apparatus [ap-uh-rat-uhs, -rey-tuhs] :

-noun , pl -ratus , -ratuses

- 1. a collection of instruments, machines, tools, parts, or other equipment used for a particular purpose
- 2. a group or system of organs that collectively performs a specific function or process

Catwalk [kat-wawk] :

-noun

1. 1885, "long, narrow footway," from cat + walk; in ref. to such narrowness of passage one has to cross carefully, as a cat walks. Originally of ships and theatrical back-stages. Application to fashion show runways is mid-20c.

Event [ih-vent] :

-noun

- 1. something that happens or is regarded as happening; an occurrence, esp. one of some importance.
- 2. something that occurs in a certain place during a particular interval of time.

Hybrid [hahy-brid] :

-noun

- 1. a person or group of persons produced by the interaction or crossbreeding of two unlike cultures, traditions, etc.
- 2. anything derived from heterogeneous sources, or composed of elements of different or incongruous kinds: a hybrid of the academic and business worlds

Synthesize [sin-thuh-sahyz]:

-verb

- 1. to form (a material or abstract entity) by combining parts or elements (opposed to analyze): to synthesize a state ment.
- 2. Chemistry . to combine (constituent elements) into a single or unified entity

Typology [tahy-pol-uh-jee] :

-noun

1. a systematic classification or study of types

HISTORY/BACKGROUND/SITUATION





In 1950, only five years after Korea was freed from the control of Japan, it was split into two by the 38th Parallel. Despite that time of oppression, Korea has become one of the world leaders in design. The most well-known area of fashion in Seoul, Korea, is called 'Dongdaemun,' where the famous fashion district is and has always been packed with young shoppers.¹ Pyoung-Hwa market in Dongdaemun has been the landmark of this area since it was formed in 1953 by North Korean refugees after the Korean War. The first garments sold were made from US army uniforms. The establishment of this market space was the first architectural manifestation of historical and economical change in a freed Korea.²

However, this market has been threatened by modern shopping malls. People have become ignorant to the historical value of this space. The market mostly runs as a wholesaler and serves as a supplier to local shopping malls. There are retail shops in the market as well. Due to the inadequate conditions of the space, such as narrow walkways between stores and poor lighting, people choose to shop at malls. With technological improvement, many wholesale buyers want to contact wholesalers online to order the merchandise in order to save time and avoid traffic jams in Dongdaemun.





These phenomena naturally reduce the physical interaction between buyer and seller. Moreover, most malls in this fashion district run for 24 hours. It is easy to see bright neon signs and is common place to go shopping late at night. Many foreign visitors are surprised by this unusual experience as a result, but most stores on the street level of Pyoung-Hwa market close early. Therefore the pedestrian road next to the stores becomes inactive and lightless in night. People only come to the site to park cars. Its long linear shape parallel to Chunggye stream is treated as an unapproachable object and the stream draws attention away from the market.

I believe that architecture has an opportunity to challenge this dormant public area to re-connect and re-activate it by connecting the fashion district and people. The market should respond to two main conditions of the site which are Chyunggyechon Stream and changed fashion district. The stream used to be a road with a highway above. After the road was turned into the stream, the existing market had lost its major means of communication with current surroundings.





Architecturally, the main program of the market was stores which consisted of retail and wholesale spaces and need to be reconsidered with new programs to create better circulation in the space and interaction between people. The market needs to catch up with the fast-moving fashion trends by means of the cat walk zone to highlight the program of the new market and invite people to inform them of these new trends. By creating internal connection to the fashion market, people will naturally permeate to the site allowing it to serve as a threshold to connect the upper and lower level. The street level will be turned into public space which corresponds to the recent aim for Dongdaemun's diet on car road. As a result the new fashion market will become an apparatus to welcome people to the Dongdaemun fashion district in a pleasant manner.

Transition of Chunggyecheon Stream



а. 64 View of the Sewoon Plaza which had built in 1962 One of the first modern plaza in Seoul which connected between two districts, Jongro-3 and Thaegae-3. It is under demolition process to replace the area as park

Republic of Korea

-Capital: Seoul

-Government type: republic

- -Gross domestic product (GDP): \$983.3 billion on a
- purchasing-power-parity
- -GDP per capita: \$20,300 on a PPP basis (2005)
- -Population: App. 48.4 million (2005)
- -Poulation growth rate: 0.38% (2005)
- -Median age: 34.51 years
- -Labor force: 23.65 million (2005)
- -Total area: 98,480 km2

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-Land use: arable land 17.18%, permanent crops 1.95%, other 80.87% (2001)

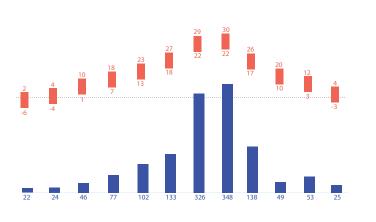
-Natural resources: coal, tungsten, graphite, molybdenum,lead,hydropower potential -Exports:\$277.6 billion free on board (2005)

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-Export partners: China 19.7%, U.S. 17%, Japan 8.6%, Hong Kong 7.2% (2004)



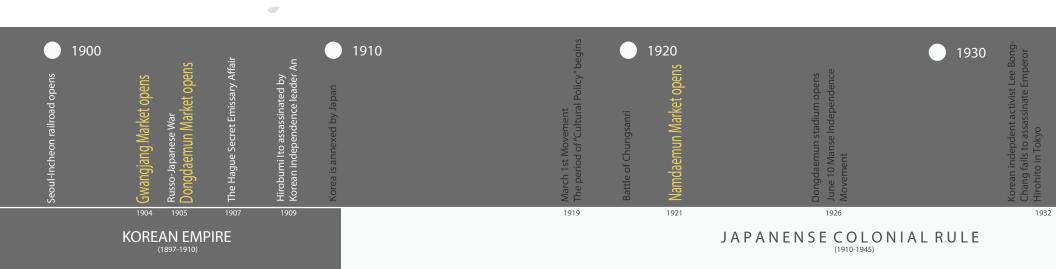
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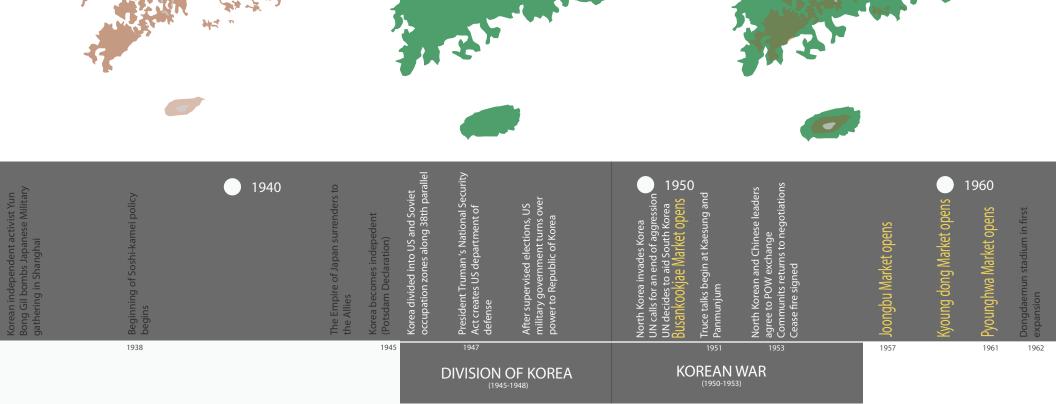
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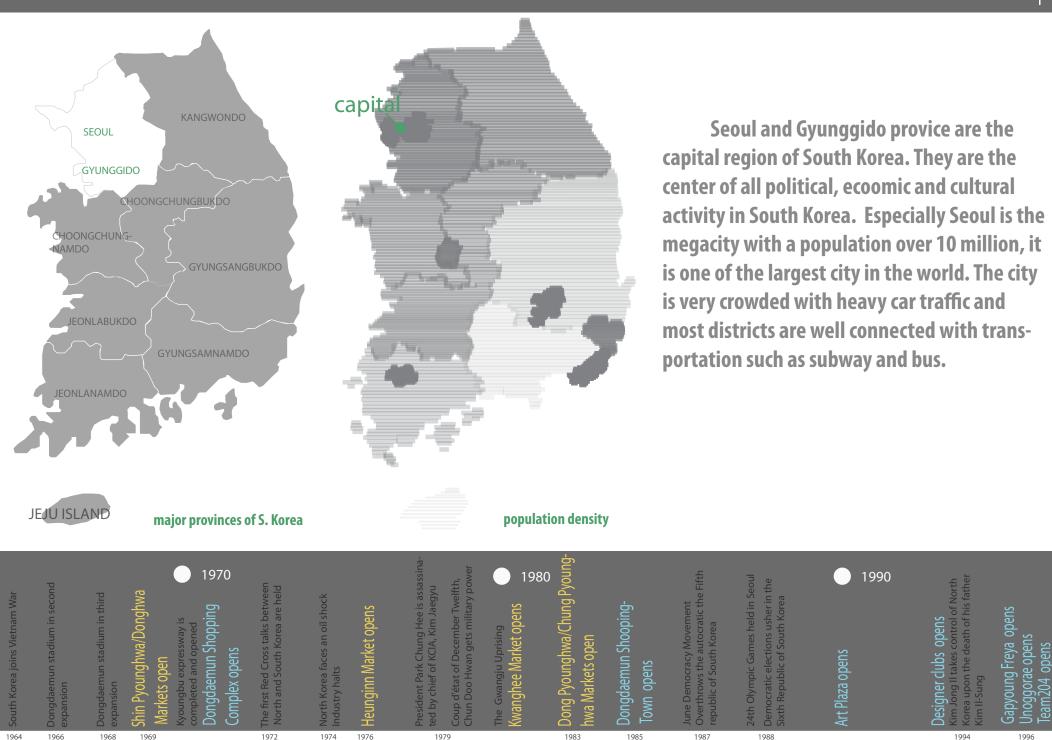
precipitation totals in mm



"The total area of the peninsula, including the islands, is 22,154 square kilometers of which about 45 percent (99,313 square kilometers), excluding the area in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), constitutes the territory of South Korea. Mountain ranges have traditionally served as natural boundary markers between regions. Because these natural boundaries inhibited frequent interactions between people living on either side of the range, subtle, and sometimes substantial, regional differences developed in both the spoken language and customs of the people."

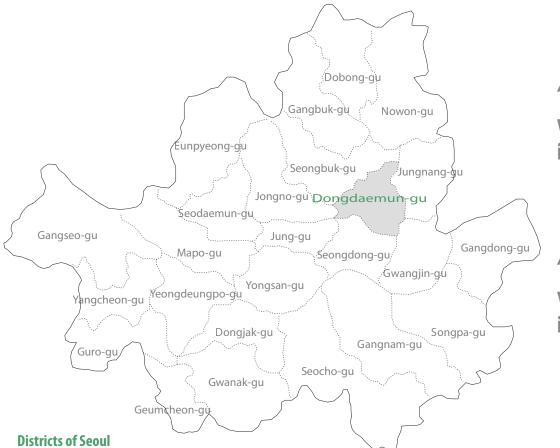






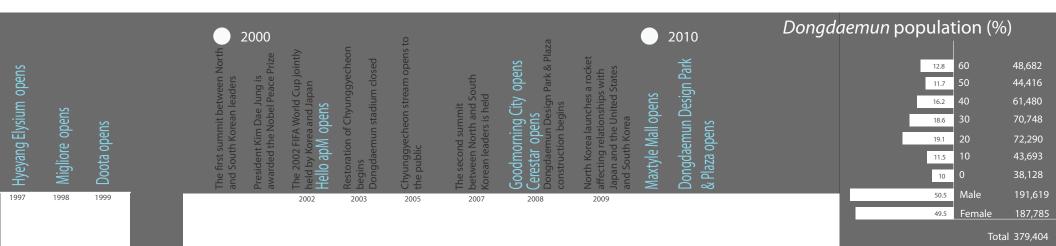
KOREA DIVIDED INTO SOUTH/NORTH

(1950~)



"Seoul is currently transforming itself into a "soft city" where culture and design play equally pivotal roles in its identity."

"While the early of Seoul's design journey focused on the visual aspects of design, now the focus is on "livability"improving people's lives through design."



DEOKSU PALACE



CHUNGGYE PLAZA:

OPEN SPACE FOR DIFFERENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PROTEST, DEMONSTRATION, EVENT, AND PERFORMANCE.

STARTING POINT OF CHUNGGYE STREAM





HEUNGINJIMUN (DONGDAEMOON):

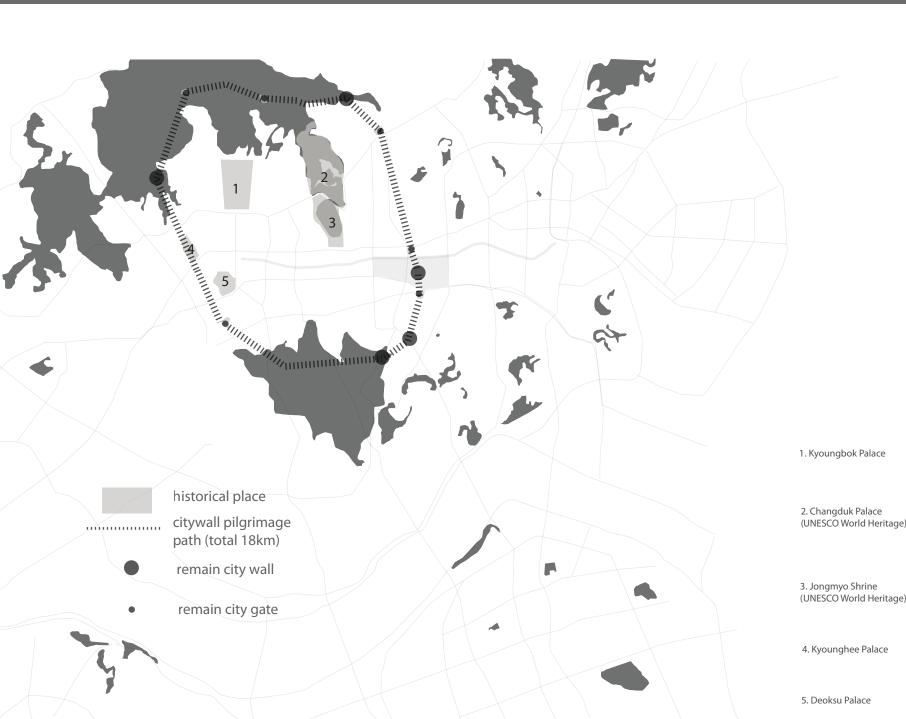
"GREAT EAST GATE," IS A LANDMARK IN CETNRAL SEOUL. IT WAS THE MAJOR EASTERN GATE IN THE WAR THAT SURROUNDED SEOUL DURING THE JOSUN DYNASTY

SEOUL CITY HALL AND PLAZA:

THIS ANOTHER PUBLIC SPACE IN FRONT OF CITY HALL IS COVERED WITH GRASS. FOUNTAINS ARE INSTALLED AND DURING THE WINTER PLAZA IS USED FOR ICE SKATING. DIFFERENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES LIKE CHUYGGYE PLAZA TAKE PLACE HERE BUT MORE FOR CULTURAL AND ART.







3. Jongmyo Shrine (UNESCO World Heritage)



4. Kyounghee Palace



5. Deoksu Palace



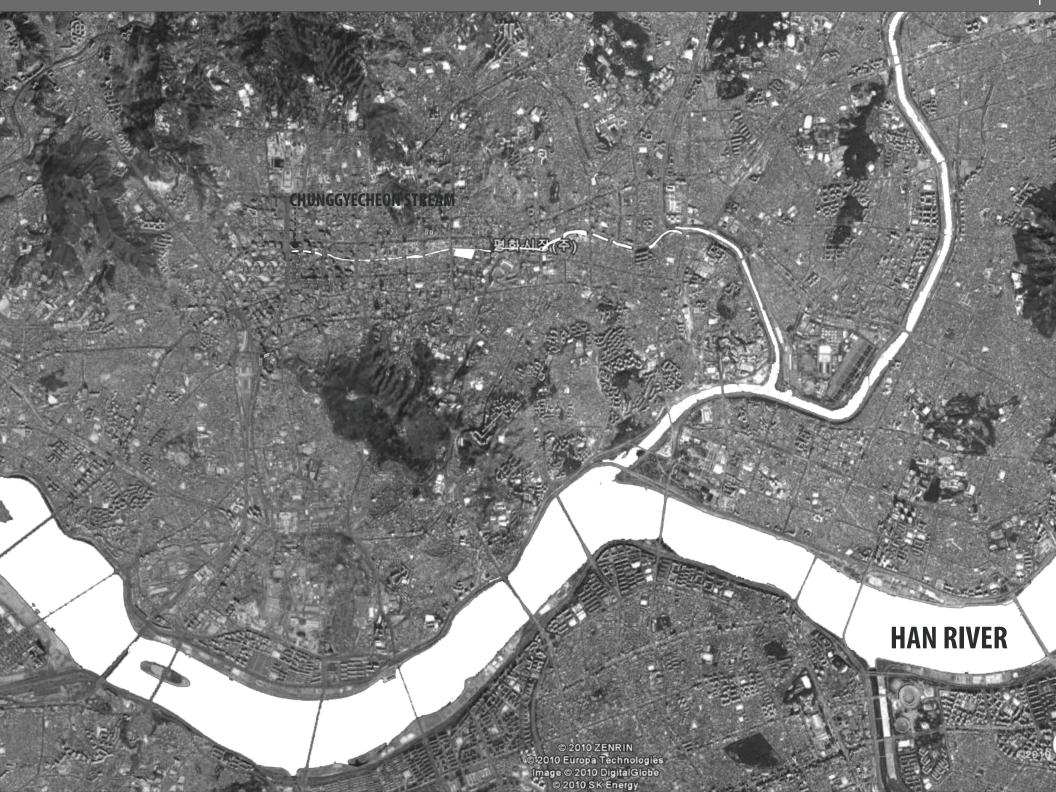
2 SITE

SITE AND (F)

Seoul 수 서울특별시

HAN RIVER

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Despite of the dynamic aspects, the site is underutilized and does not effectively interact with current urban conditions. Henri Lefebvre noted that "rhythms are not simply those we can see, smell and feel, but also others which 'present themselves without being present."" ³ Amin states that the rhythms of the city can highlight neglected temporalities. A relationship between the site and the stream is socially disconnected and visually disengaged. After the highway next to the site was demolished, the wide road has shrunk with two one way streets and the stream has constructed for friendly urban public space on the lower level.

However, this bold action aggravated the traffic problems of the district and people's attention had shifted to the stream from the market. Especially the U.S. army base currently share the lands with the site. This creates unfriendly atmosphere to people. The spatial activities of the site is not formulated functionally in subject to time as well. Most shops on street level close at night so people avoid exploring around it. In contrast to the mall area where tons of people still occupy the streets till late night. Malls and the site are only far away from each other in 10-15 minute by walking. Major transportations such as bus and subway are also in walkable distance.

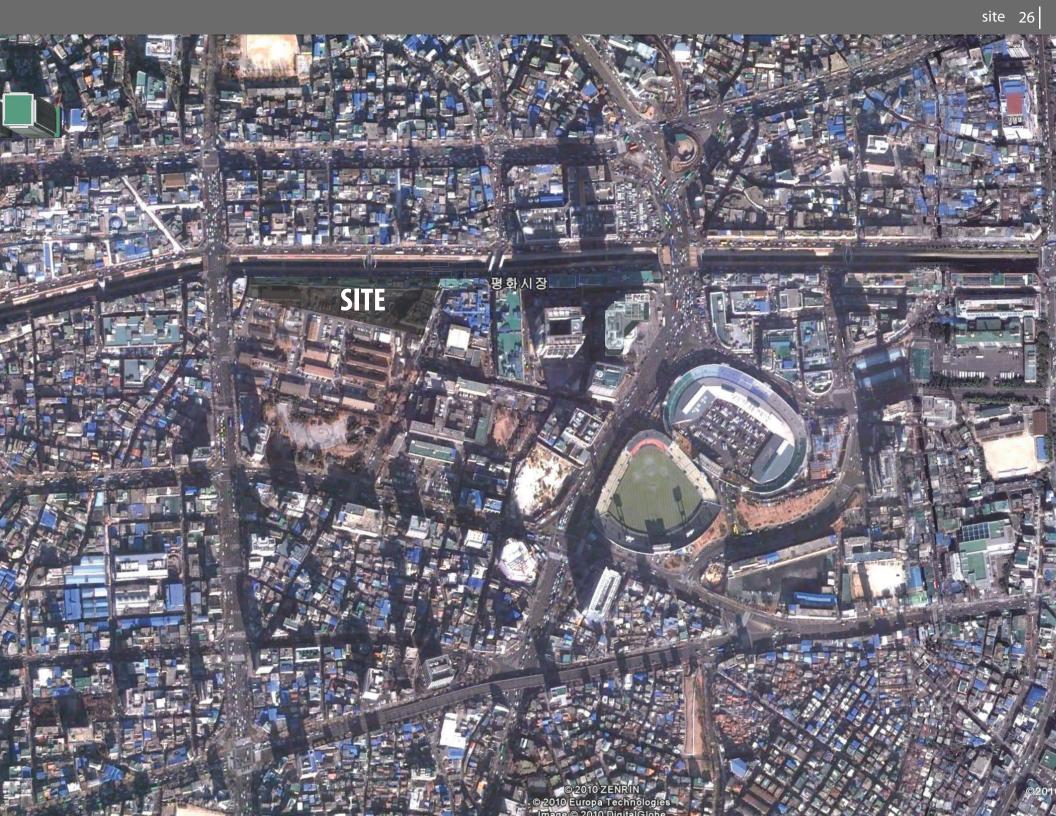


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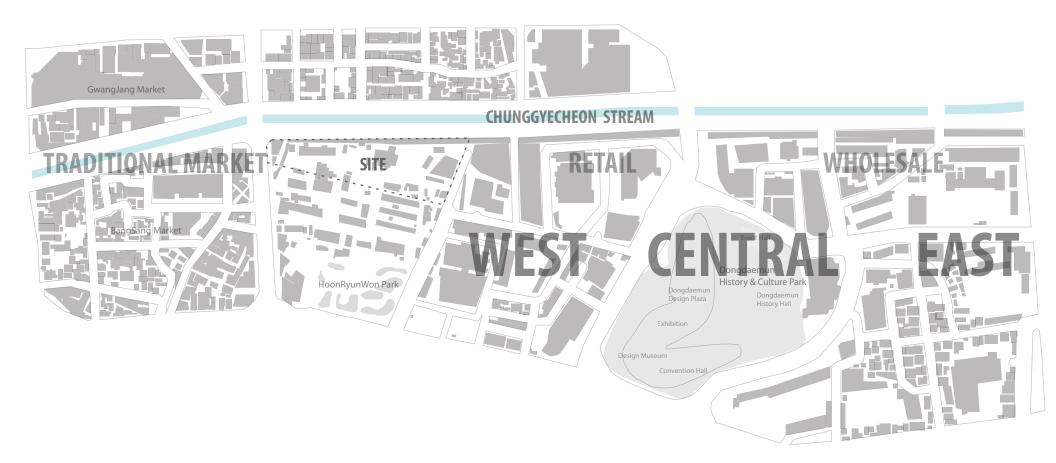
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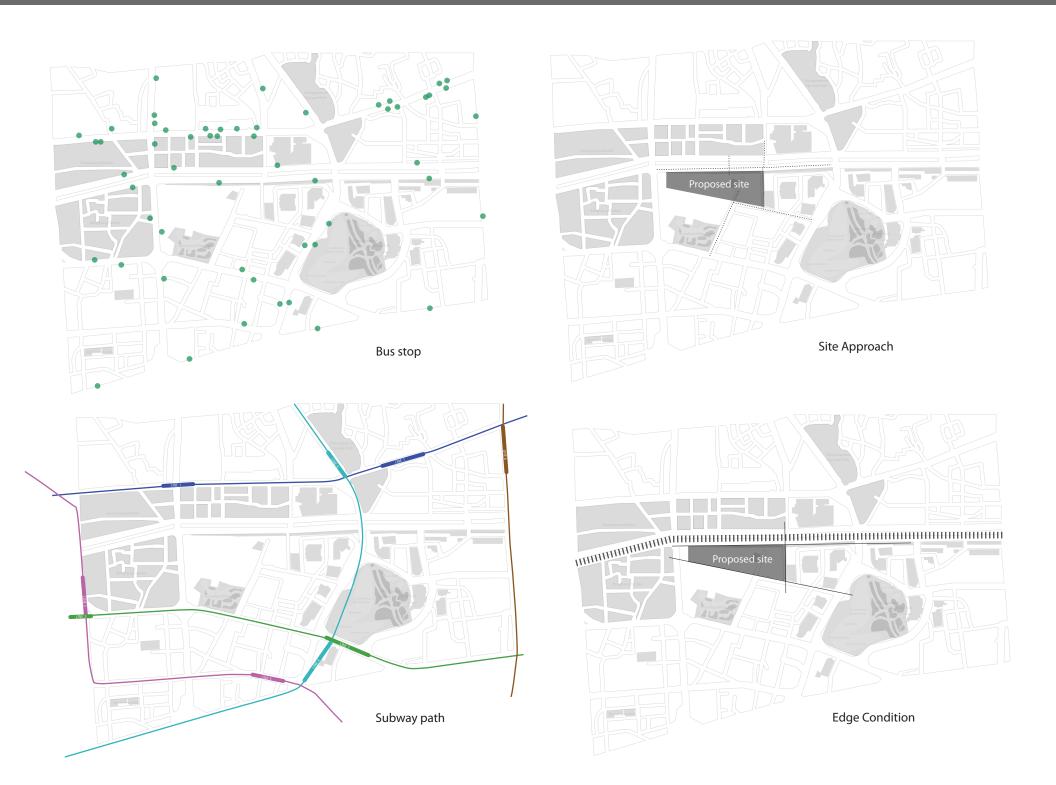


WEST ZONE: FOCUS ON DOSAN TOWER, MIGLIORE WHICH OPENED IN 90s, AREAS FOR RETAIL

CENTRAL ZONE: FOCUS ON HEUNGIN/DEOKUN MARKET(NOW REPLACED WITH MAXSTYLE MALL), NAM PYOUNGHWA/SHIN PYOUNGHWA,JAIL PYOUNGHWA MARKET WHICH OPENED IN 70-80s, AREA FOR RETAIL/WHOLESALE

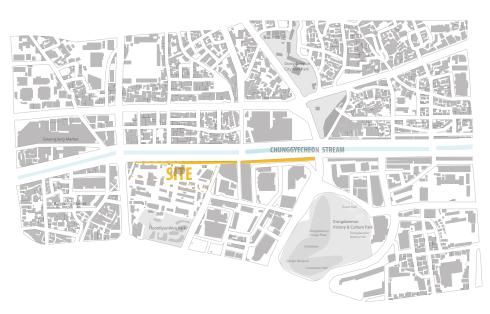
EAST ZONE: MODERN STYLE BUILDINGS WITH DESIGNER SHOPS, AREA FOR WHOLESALE





3 ISSUE/PROBLEM

URBAN CONDITIONS







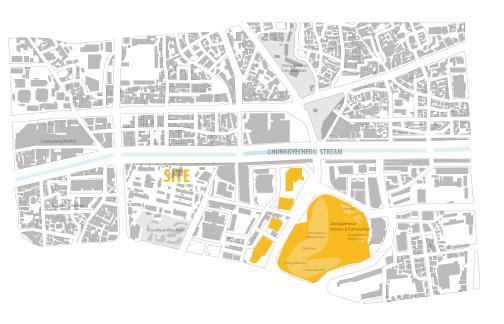
Narrow street in front of stores

- Street becomes inactive and lightless at night
- Lack of parking spots and green space
- Cramped space inside the building
- Poor lighing and circulation





INTERACTION











Mostly built after 90's

Uses streets as public space

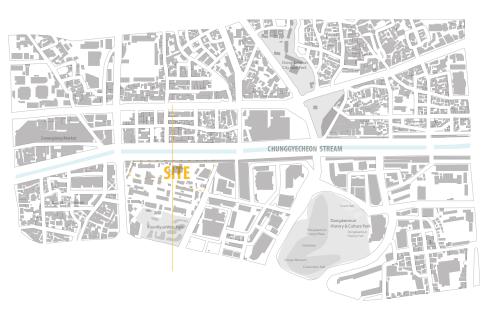
Vibrant social activities

Shopping /events - 24/7

BUT, the site losing social/economical interaction



CITY SECTION







Due to the city's aim to create friendly environmental public space, the overpass was demolished and Chunggyechun stream was constructed. Now the site sectionally faces to two urban conditions, the public walkway on the lower city level and the shopping zone on the city level. The communication with front faced buildings have visually disconnected as well.







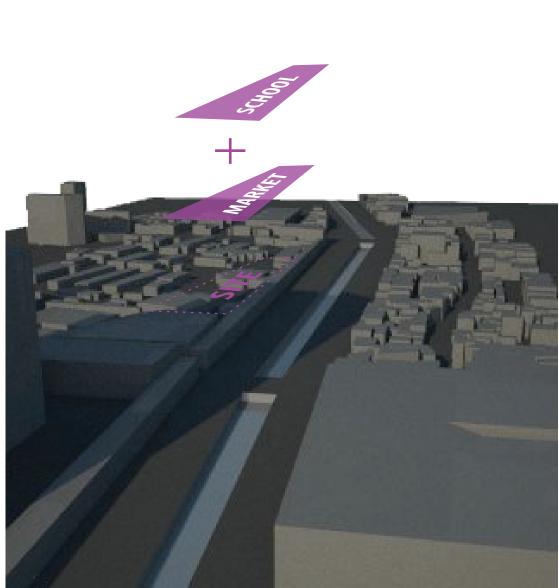


4 PROGRAMS/ APPROACH

PROGRMAS: Fashion school/ Market

Through the steps of unraveling site conditions, I propose a new typology that synthesizes conditions of school and market. Rafael Moneo describes an appearance of a new type as the most intense moments in architectural development. "One of the architect's greatest efforts, and thus the most deserving of admiration, is made when he gives up a known type and clearly sets out to formulate a new one."

Usually the notion of 'school' as an educational building is treated as individual element in the city and used by a defined group of people every day. People who come to school have clear intentions by learning. This educational space is meant to be inhabited mostly by the students and the instructors. Different types of activities also take place. Regulations and restrictions are applied in the school and the users are expected to behave in certain level. Market is one of the necessary places for people to get their basic needs and it is an infrastructure of the city and social life. People come to market not only for selling or buying but to interact with diverse people in many ways. It is delineated as an urban thread to unify people on different social status. Market and school are the economic and social image of the city.

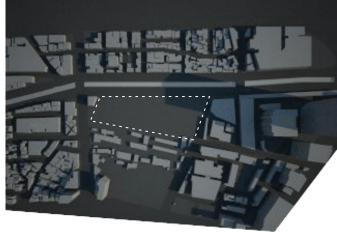


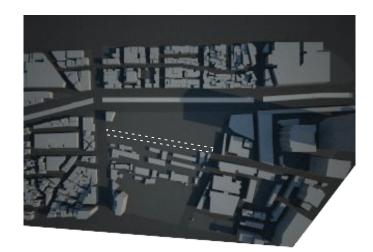
These two unlikely related programs intend to link disconnected city elements and refamiliarize urban environments. My site is surrounded by malls, tiny shops, and traditional markets. Residential and business areas embrace the fashion district. Architecture has the opportunity to vacate the site to reconsider and reconstruct it as a connective tissue of the city; the site fosters social interaction by attracting people through this new architectural fusion of market and school.

It is the second architectural manifestation in subject to time and urban change. Whoever on the site becomes an event who can gift spectacle to others by appealing their passion in fashion and the site becomes as an event maker which offers unexpected pleasure in the space. People achieve their desire and imagine of fashion through traveling the space.

According to Crawford, new approach to urbanism is "to domesticate urban space, making it more familiar, more like home. So the urban environment, instead of being a relatively brutal and not very pleasant place, becomes more like the interior; it becomes a softer place that is more in habitable."

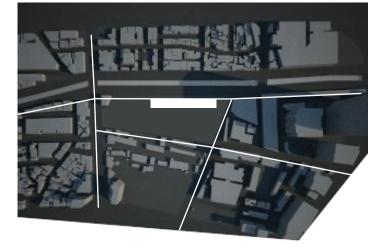


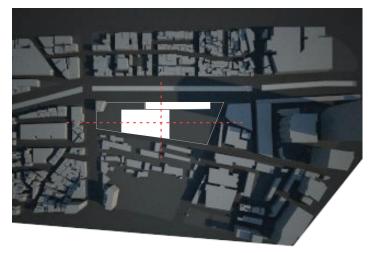




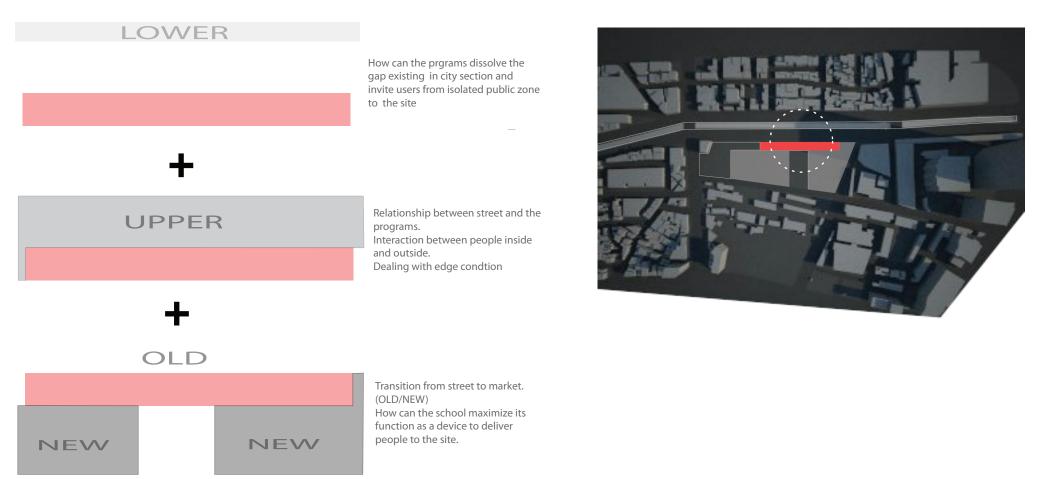
Currently the traditional market is enclosed by surrounding building blocks and people reach through narrow streets. Bringing along the idea of market to the site, the huge vacant square turns to new social-friendly market space where I anticipate diverse people to mingle.

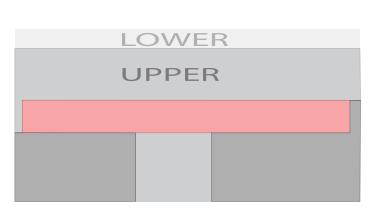
Synthesizing commercial and academic programs initiates new hybrid condition of city section by inviting people on the lower level to city level. Circulation interweave separated two urban conditions with programs and assist people to perceive a language of fashion in the city by their own terms and to react through interacting with spaces.

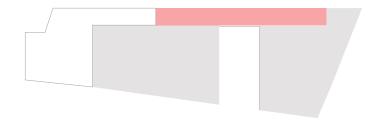


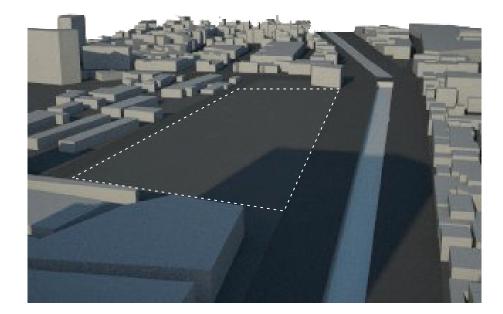


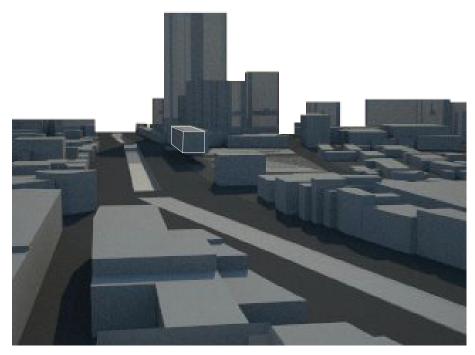


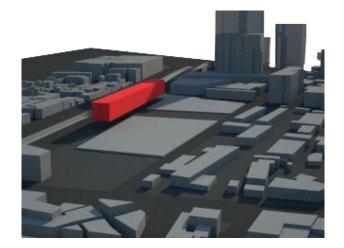


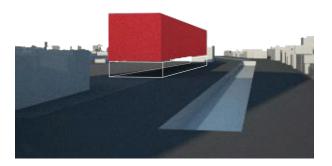


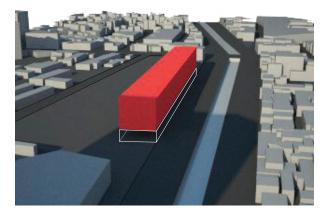


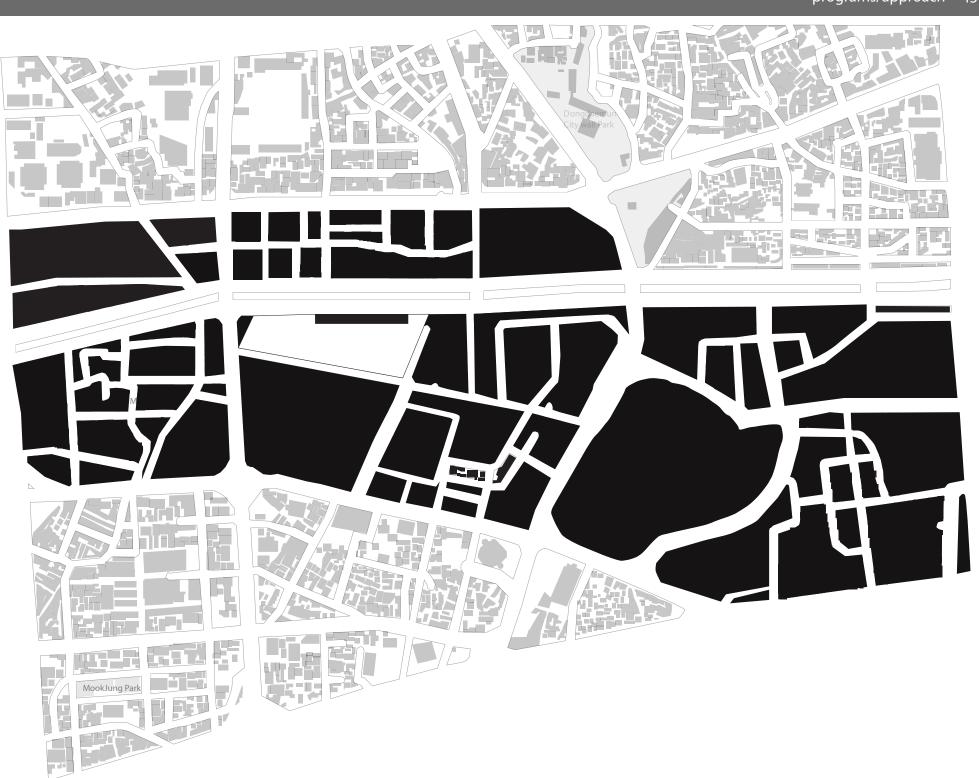


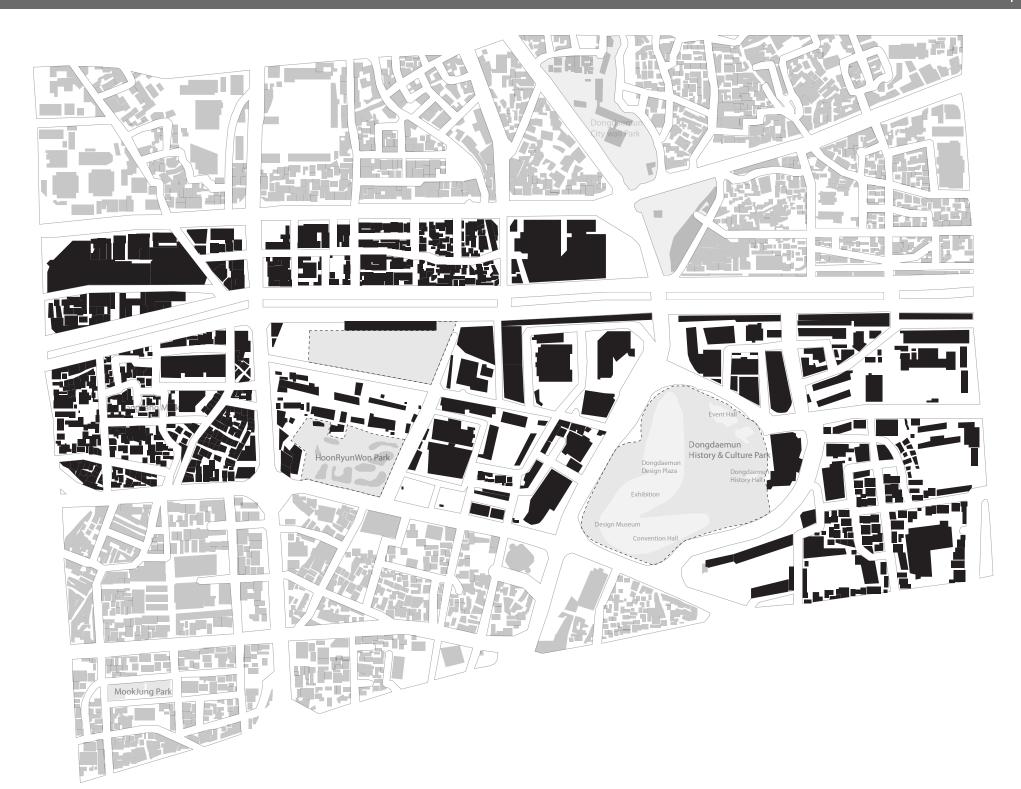


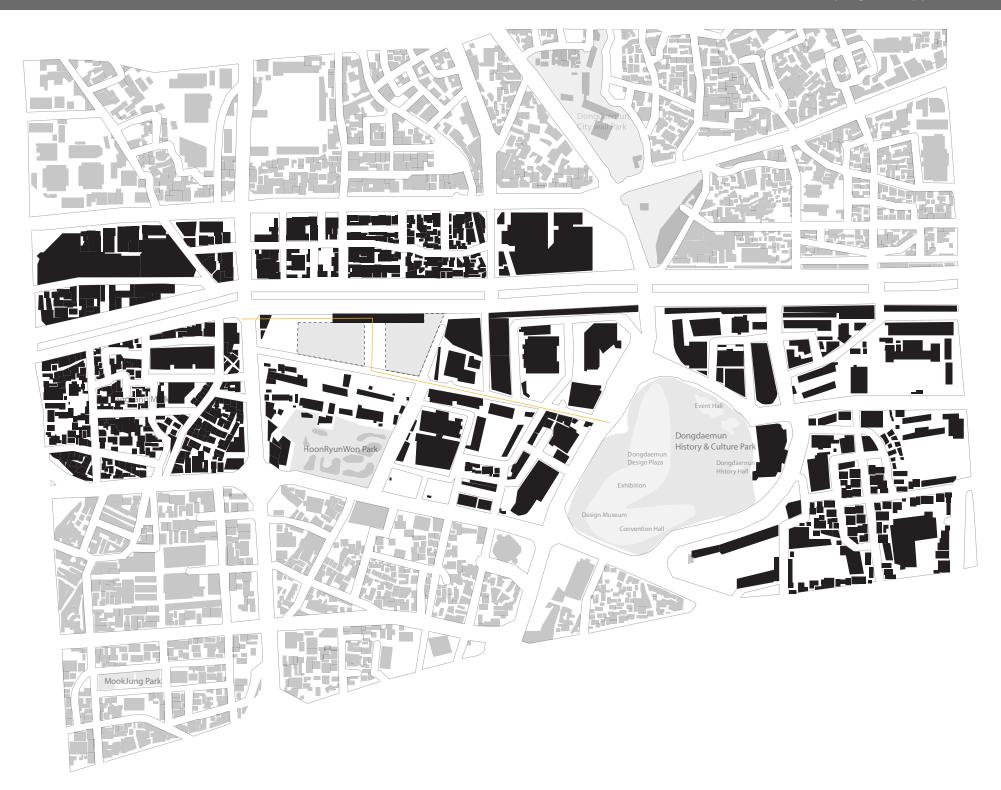






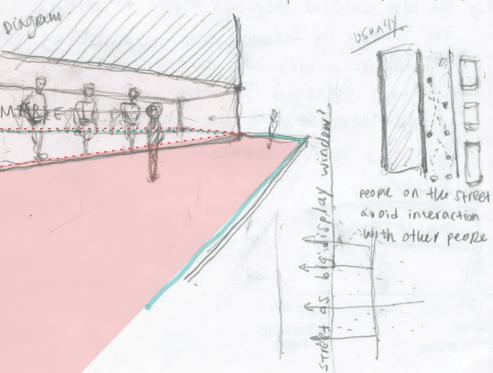


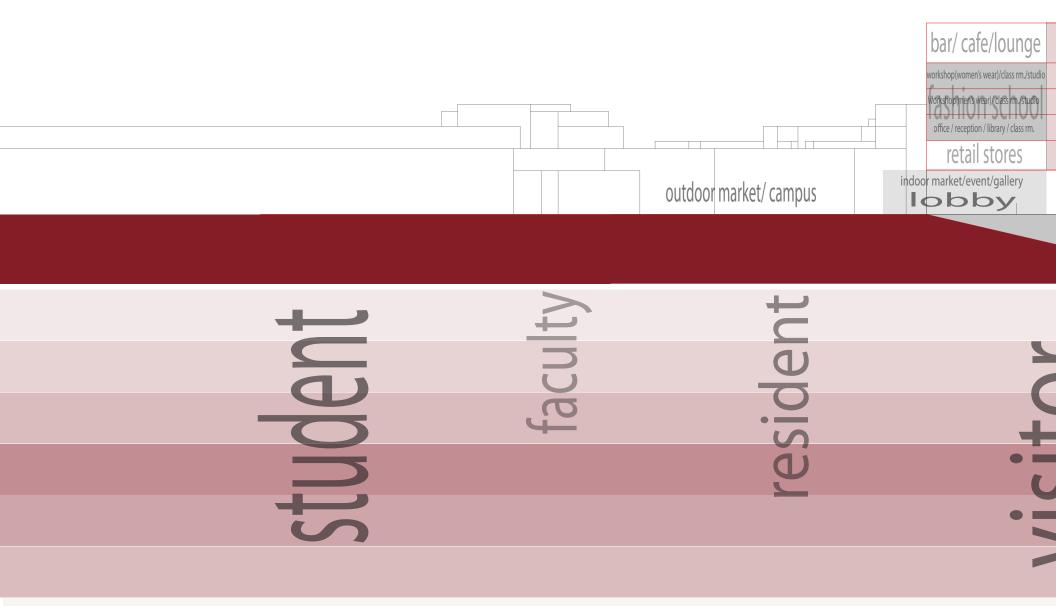


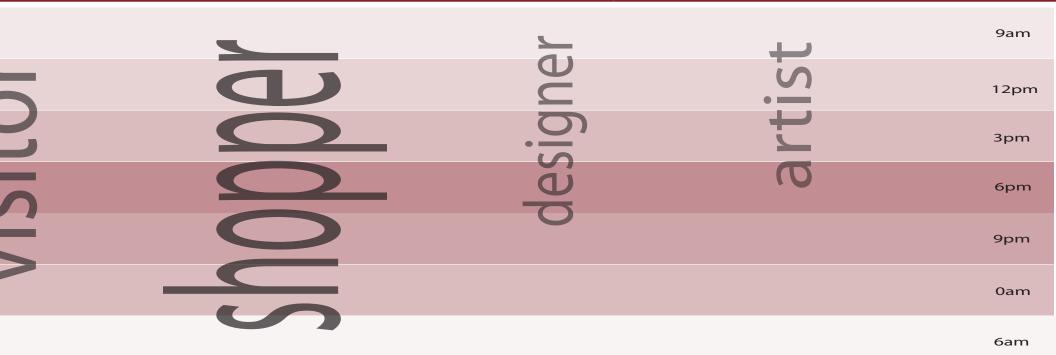


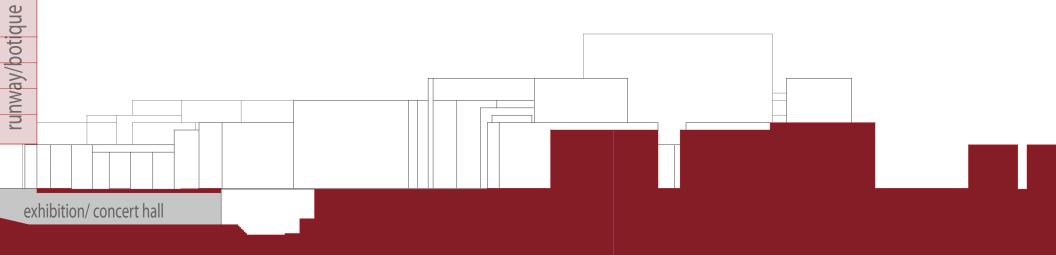
I categorize users in terms of purpose of visiting the district. Shoppers and visitors are the temporary users. The students and residents are the constant users. From the morning to afternoon, various users occupy the spaces. Then, from the afternoon till evening, the spaces are mostly filled with shoppers and visitors as the events and performance begin. The site becomes a junction to link the temporary/constant users. Condensed population from the malls can spill into the site for another leisure activity. Haussmann's renovation of Paris had replaced tiny streets with broad, clean avenues and wide pavements. These wide avenues were linked with the great train stations. The logic behind his plan was to effectively decongest the city centre and to designate open spaces for commerce, leisure, and shopping.

I specifically design school for fashion which will accommodate different levels of public spaces for various users but whose interest lies in fashion. Lobby level performs as threshold to invite people to outdoor market, school, underground concert hall, and stream walkway. Catwalk transforms to circulation of the site and functions as new infrastructure introducing people to inside of the building. Most people in fashion district dream of themselves on the catwalk as models or mannequins. Mannequins creates interaction between artificial body and prospective consumers and they are displayed through well-designed window.









program diagram



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outdoor market/ campus

bar/ cafe/lounge

workshop(women's wear)/class rm./studio workshop(men's wear)/class rm./studio office / reception / library / class rm.

retail stores

indoor market/event/gallery

exhibition/ cinema

runway/botique

If usual people, not only the models are allowed to be on the catwalk and the spaces serve as huge displayed box, wouldn't it be more fascinate to the prospective visitors?

"Fashion space is a synthesis between fiction and realism. In the fusion between them, the act of shopping and forming social identities is constructed and performed. Building is designed to predict and anticipate the effects of the contrasts and linkages through which the individual must pass as garments anchor the space around them, they become signifiers of the body's connection to the spatiality of lived experience." ⁶

COMMERCIAL

RETAIL (15): 800ft²/ per DRESSING ROOM (MEN/WOMEN) COUNTER STORAGE DISPLAY AREA

CAFE: 600ft² KITCHEN

BAR/LOUNGE: 1000ft²

MARKET: 40000ft² DAY: GREEN/ART MARKET NIGHT: FASHION MARKET

CONCERT: 2100ft BACKSTAGE STUDIO(2) DRESSING ROOM KITCHEN STORAGE

PARKING: 40000ft² BIKE CAR

TOTAL: 95700ft²

ACADEMIC

CLASSROOM(5) - 500ft² / per LIBRARY- 450ft² BOOKSTORE- 400ft² OFFICE- 800ft² RECEPTION- 250ft² MEN'S WEAR STUDIO- 1000ft² WOMEN'S WEAR STUDIO- 1000ft² WOMEN'S WEAR STUDIO- 1000ft² PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO- 800ft² COMPUTER LAB- 350ft² DISPLAY+EXHIBITION- 2000ft² SKETCHING ROOM(2)- 350ft²/ per

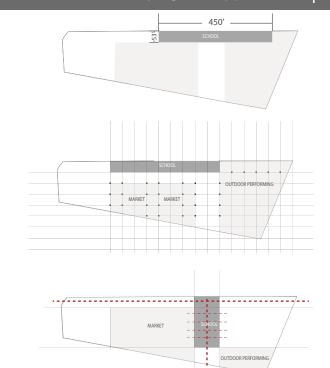
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EVENT/LEISURE

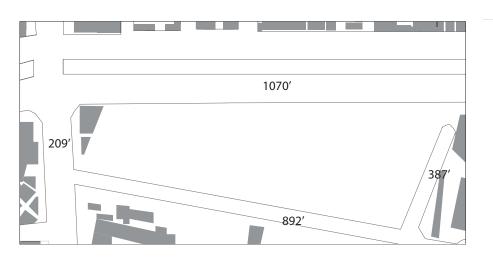
CATWALK RED CARPET REFLECTING POOL PERFORMING STAGE

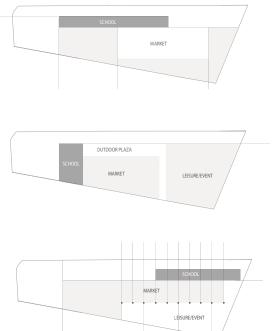
FASHION WEEK/ SAMPLE SALE

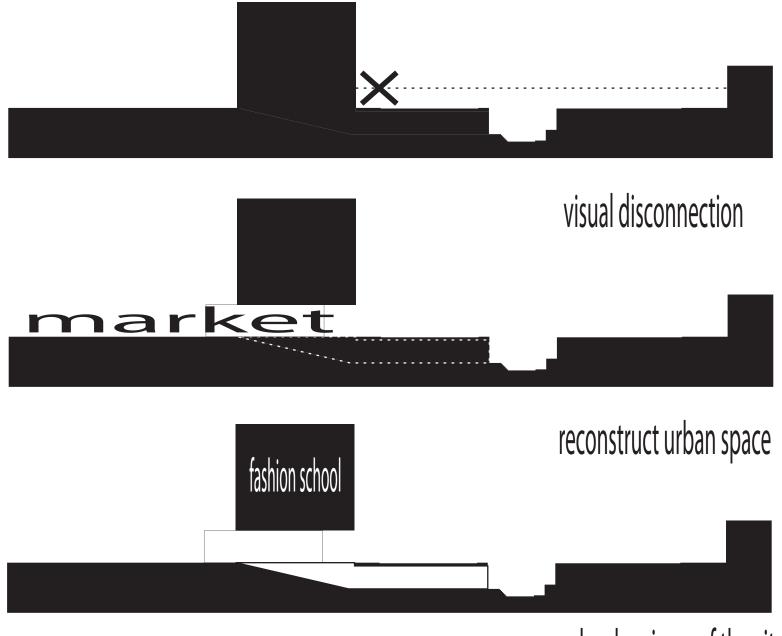
Architecture in an urbanism acts as a catalyst to induce reactions between different activities of both human and nature. Therefore the synthesized phenomenon is an integration of urban actions that cannot be developed by one singular condition. Within the broad context of the urban environment, activities, sequences, and events occur simultaneously which lead to interaction of the personal and collective with surroundings.



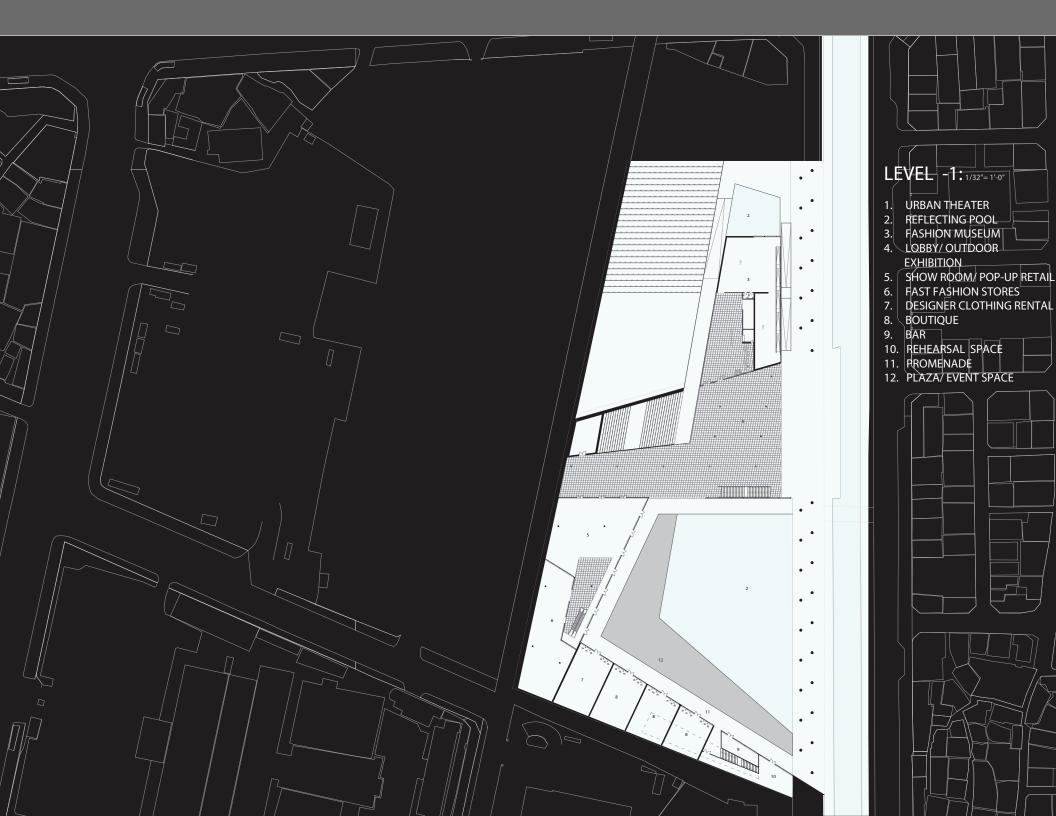
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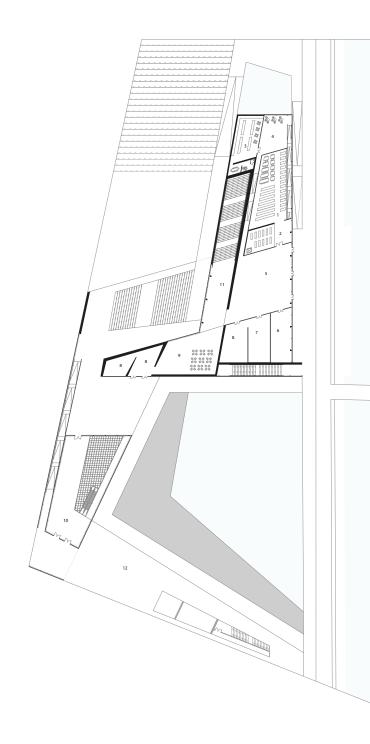






school as icon of the city





LEVEL 0:

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 BOOKSTORE
 FASHION ARCHIVE

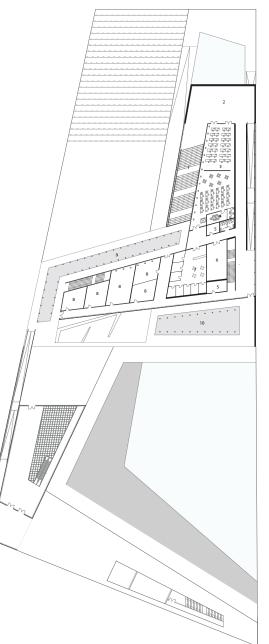
4. LOUNGE 5. LOBBY

- FABRIC STORE
 TAILOR SHOP

8. ATELIER 9. CAFE

10. GALLERY 11. CRIT SPACE

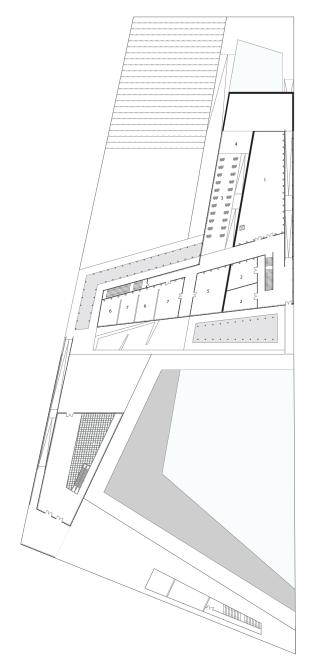
12. ART INSTALLATION SPACE



LEVEL 1:

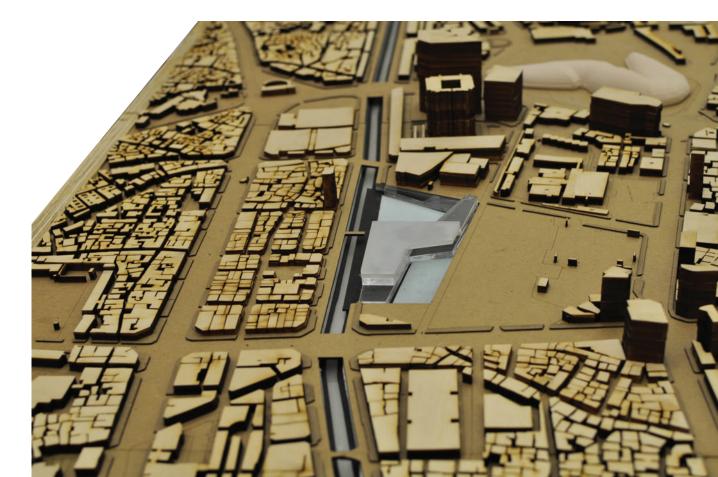
- GRAND STAIRS
 PROJECTING SPACE/EXHIBITION
- 3. STUDIO
- 4. MEETING RM.
- 5. STORAGE
- 6. WORKSHOP
- FACULTY OFFICE
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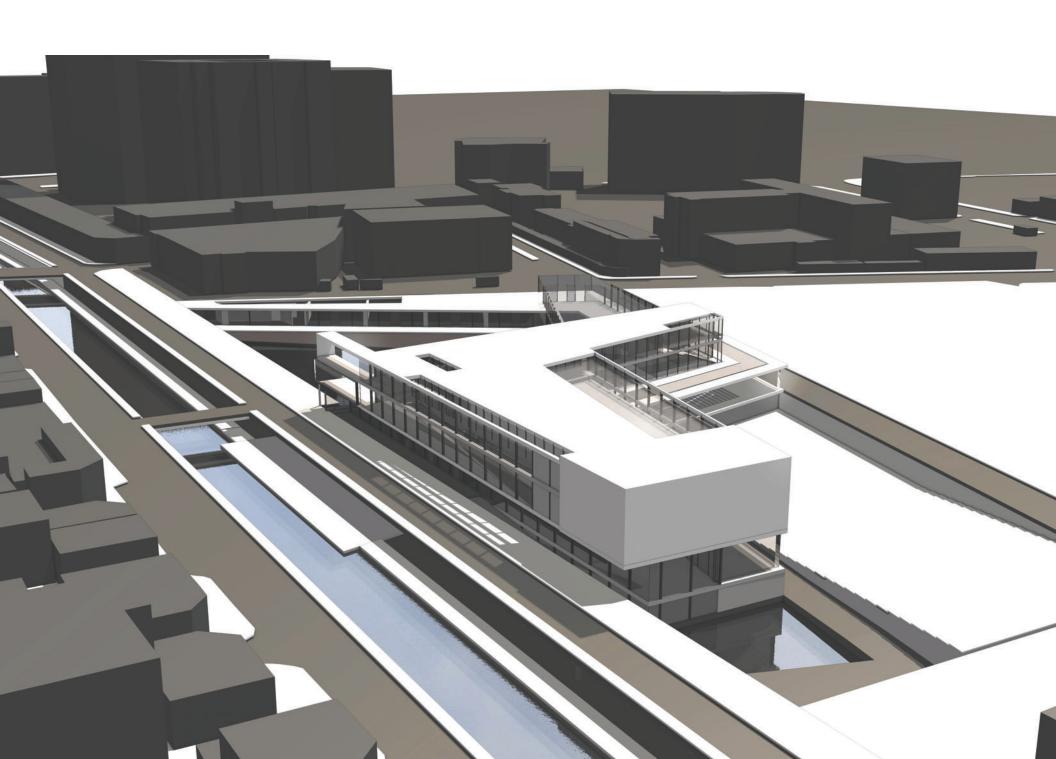
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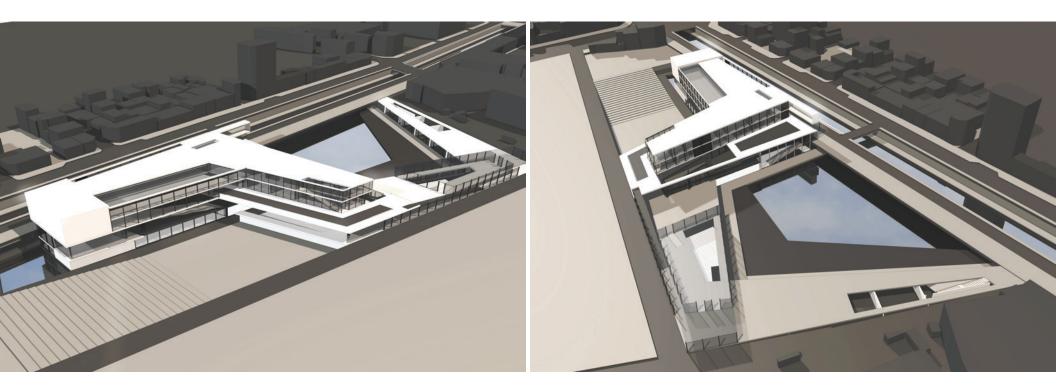


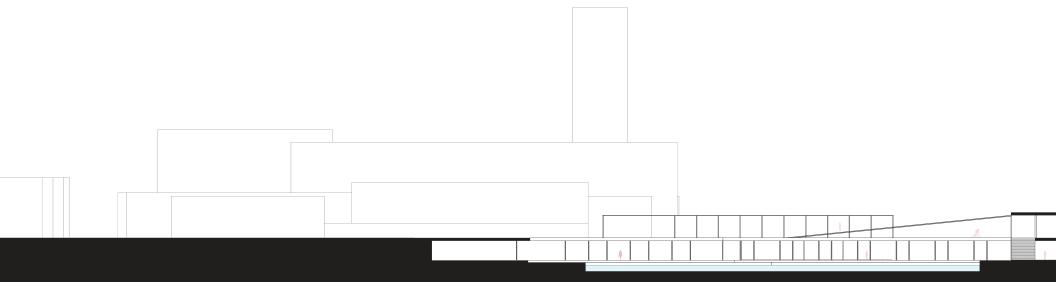
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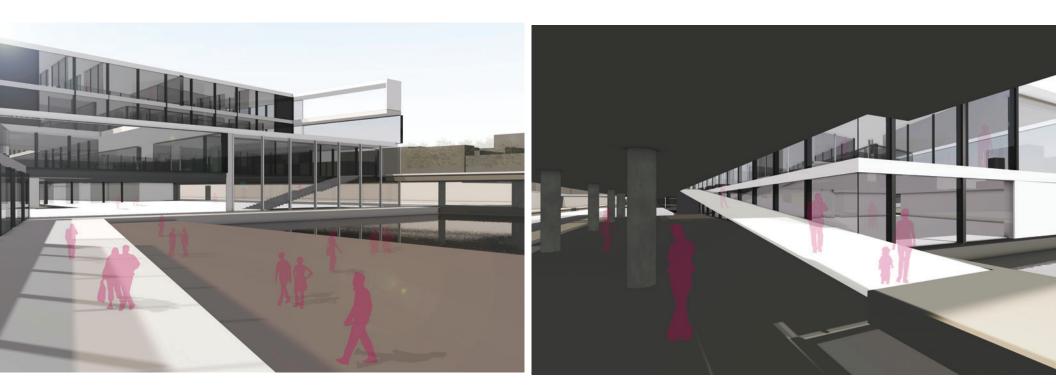
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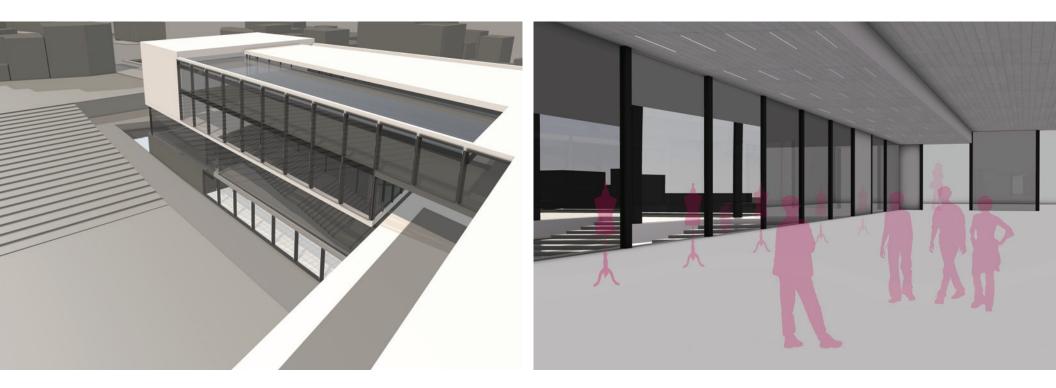


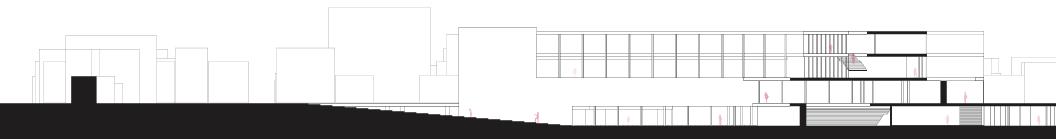




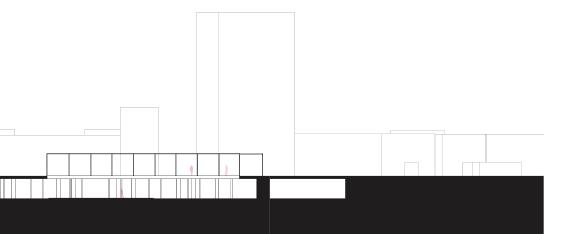




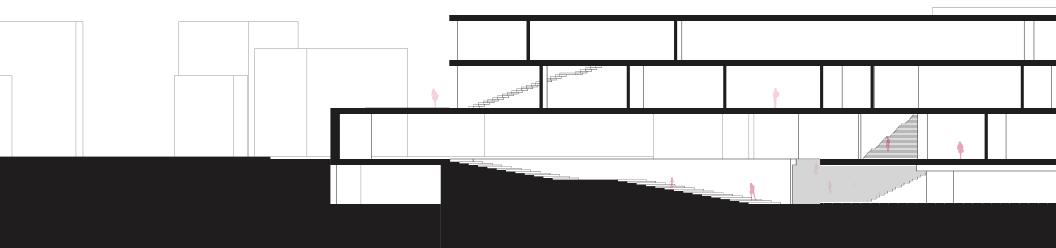


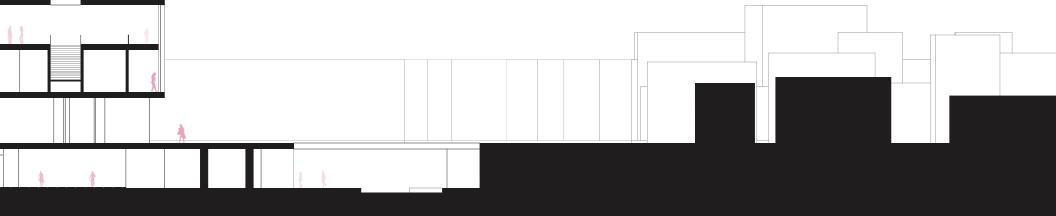


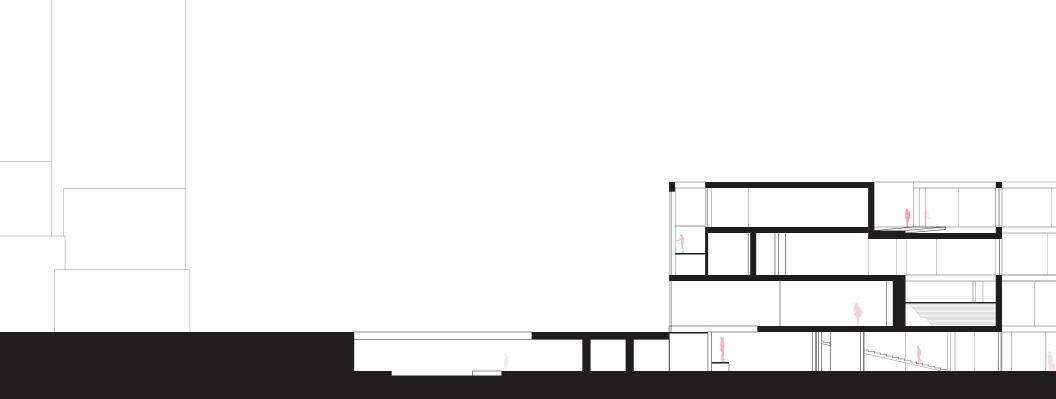


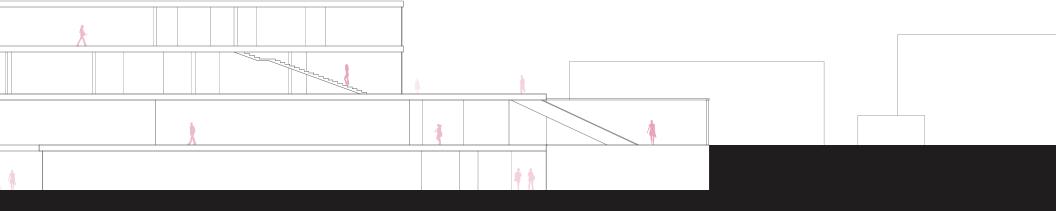


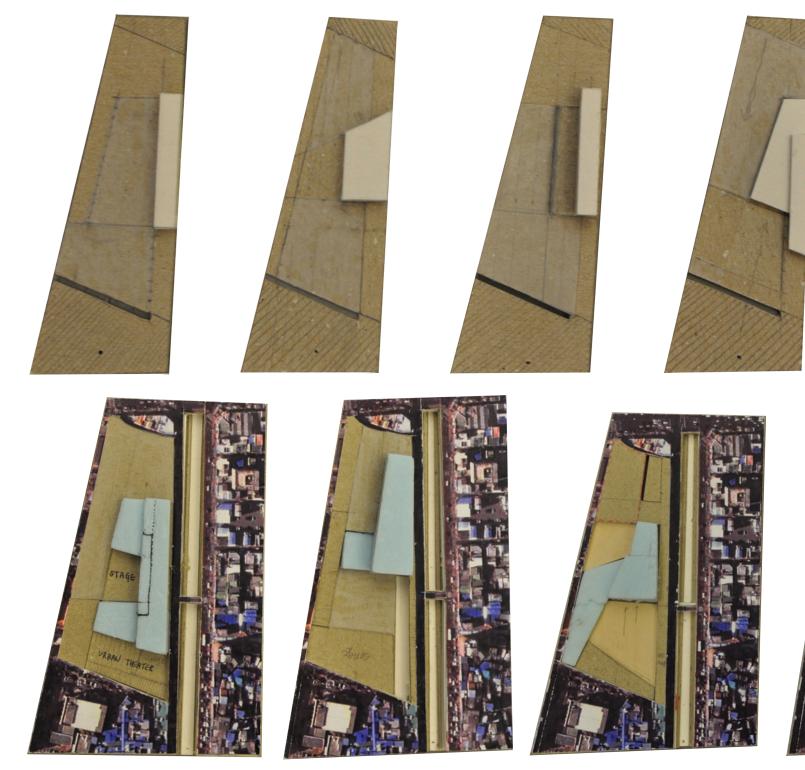








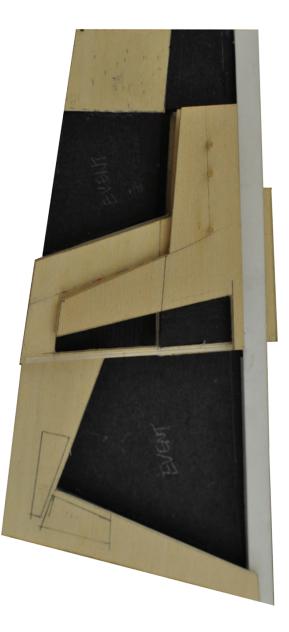




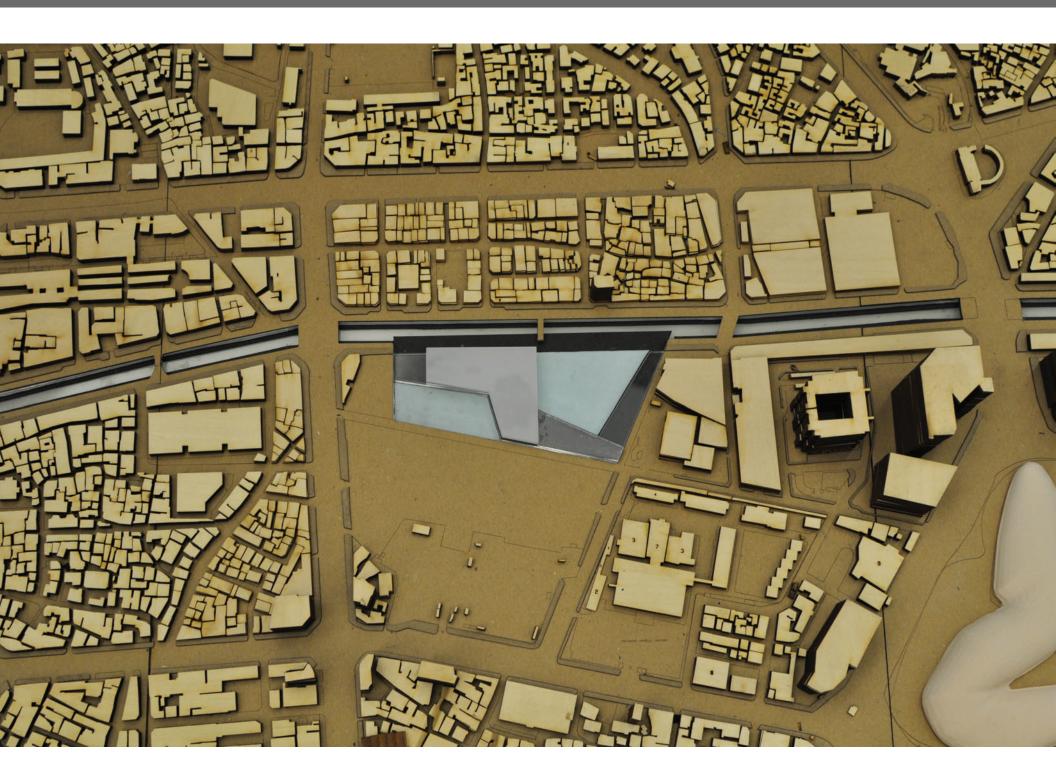


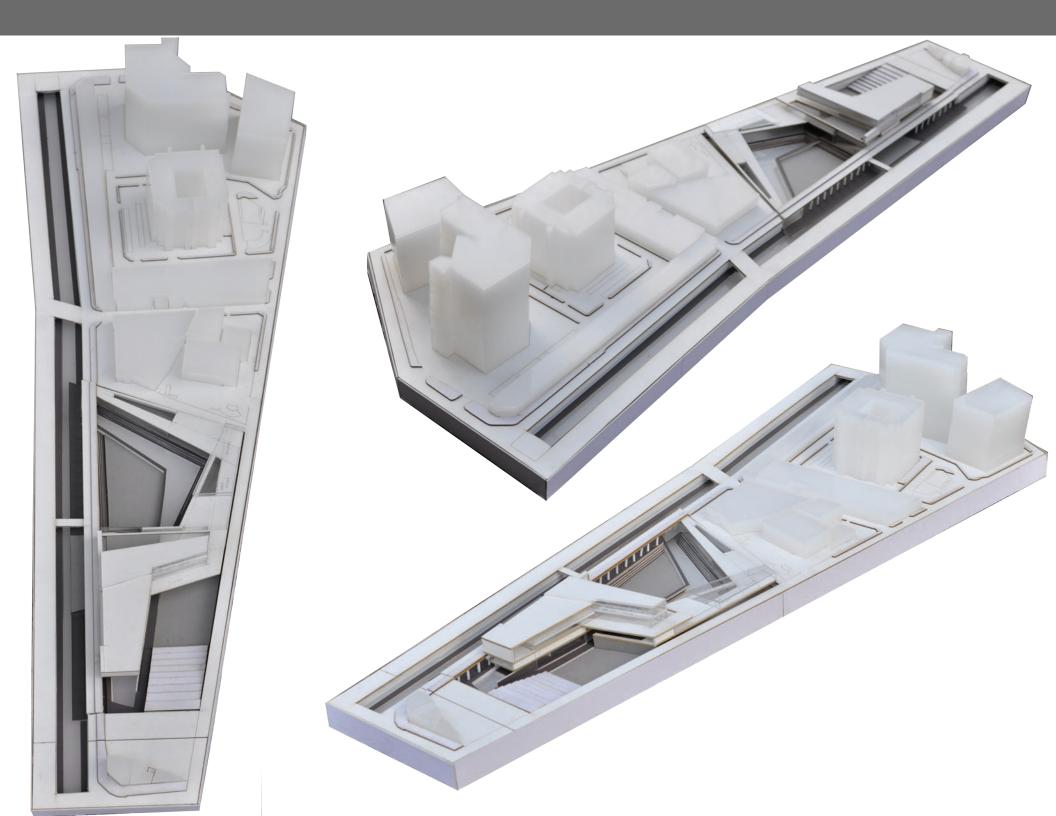


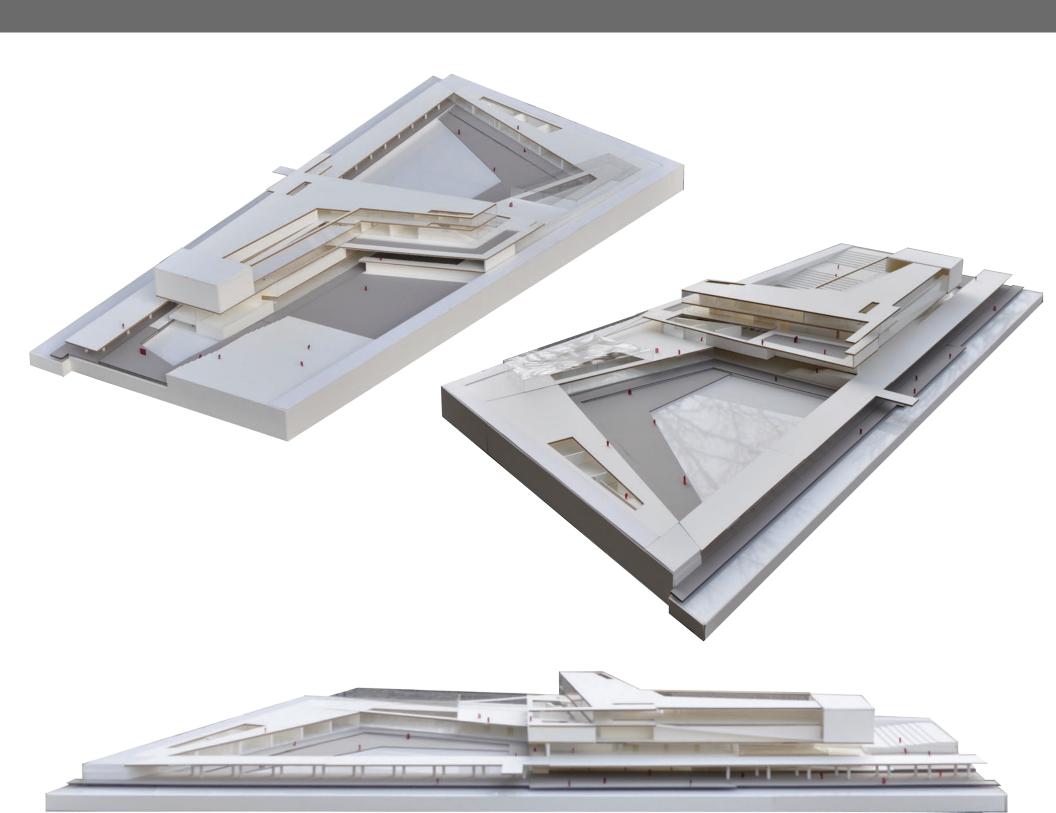


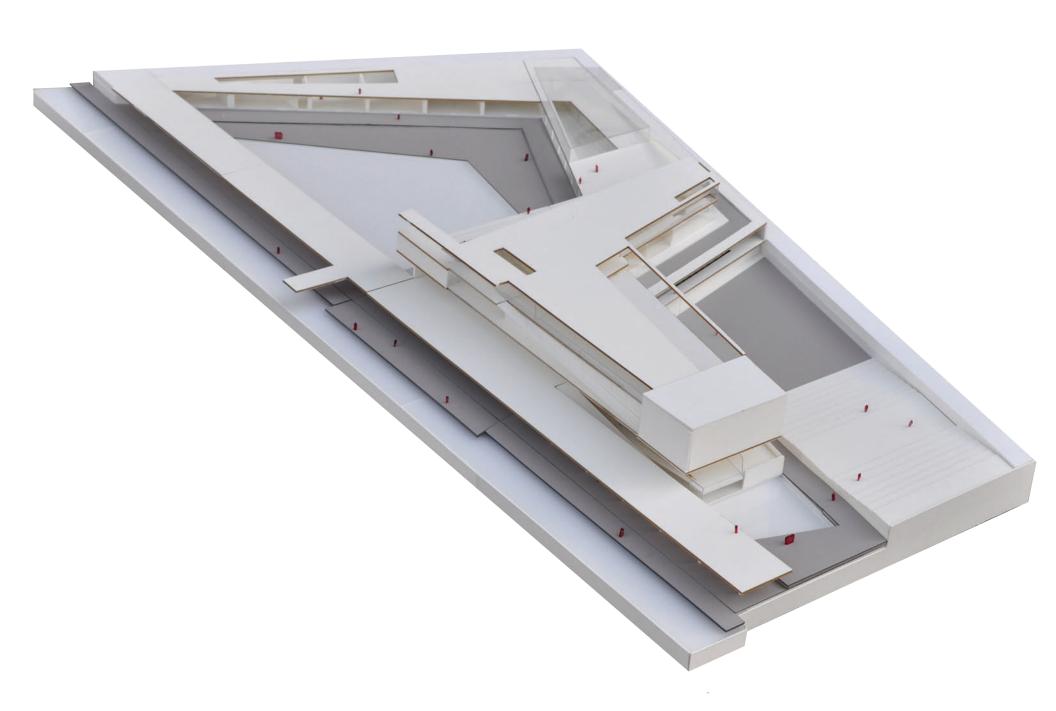














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5 CASE STUDY

Case studies: SPACE CONFIGURATION

Prada Flagship Store, SoHo, NY Rem Koolhaas (OMA)





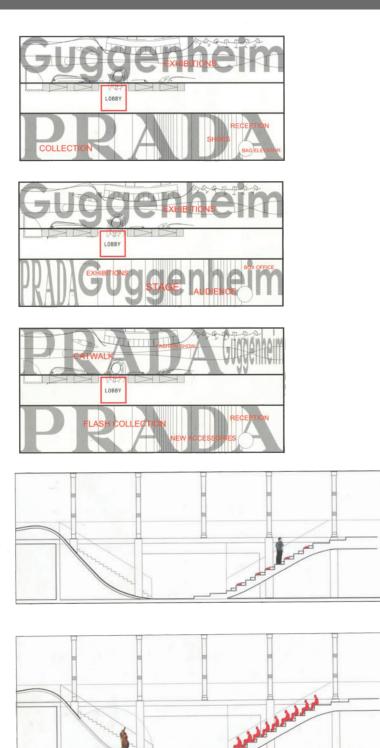
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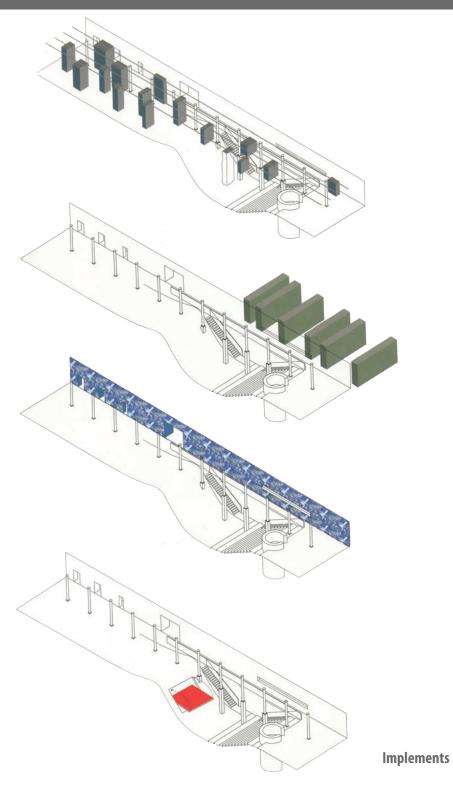
Locating on the fashion district of NY, this Prada Flagship Store has unique feature, "wave." Before vistors enter the store, the wave-slope capture the people's curiosity of the space. Side wall is seen as a page of fashion catalogue that change seasonally and the ground leve is the space as circulation. There are two pathways on ground level. First, long and linear corridor on the side and it serves as viewing deck when there is show downstairs. Second, "wave," which is about four times wider that the corridor is, performs as display and theater. It is very clear to understand Rem Koolhaa's intention to create a space "as a museum show on indefinite display."

Application:

The way of products displayed in this linear store and interesting circulation can be reconsidered as new tools to form the fashion school. The surface change from the street to entrance to exhibition/ theater is fascinating consequences which lead the vistors to the down level from street level. This helps to define the understanding of urban section change in relationship of my site.

"If fashion is the art of the new millennium, Prada's at the top of the heap: Occupying 23,000 square feet on the site of the former Guggenheim Soho, Prada is part exhibition hall, part retail adventure. The focal point Koolhaas's "wave": A huge, sloping, zebrawood cut-out that begins on the main floor, then dips down to the lower level, the wave occasionally doubles as amphitheater-style seating for shows or events." ⁷





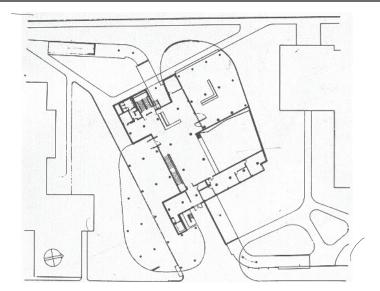
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Case studies: URBAN CONNECTION

Carpenter Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts Le Corbusier



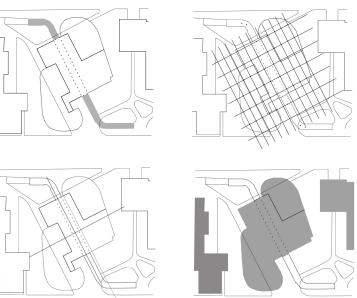


Observation :

Grid system of the building regulates the spaces and responds to the hierachy of the site. Especially the ramp bridges the two different parts of the site through the art center; the building performs as threshold.

Application:

The idea of the carpenter center as the urban connection of the back and front can be applied to my site as a solution to hook disconnected urban spaces



"5 levels of the building function as open and flexible working spaces for painting, drawing, and the sculpture, and the ramp through the heart of the building encourages public circulation and provides views into the studios, making the creative process visible through the building design,"

"The form of the carpenter center became an interwoven fabric. The fabric was then fused with a fictional condition of intersecting city grids. An intricate cityscape of weaving transitional spaces piercing inhabitable space was the result. Places and moments arise that are both intriguing and disturbing." ⁹

Case studies: EDGE CONDITION

Kunsthal, Rotterdam, Netherlands Rem Koolhaas (OMA)



"A series of massive ramp and roads carve through the art gallery space, creating the sense that the city is pouring the structure."

"The site presented a dual condition: the southern edge is borderedby the Maasboulevard, a 'highway' on top of a dike. The northern side, a level lower, faces the museum park conventional contemplation." ⁸





Observation :

street

Exhibition, auditorium, and restraunt are the major programs of Kunsthal and circulation continuously travel the spaces. Rem Koolhaas wanted to blur the boundaries the spaces create and it is a one big mass if the building is viewed outside but ironically spaces are divided into four parts by circulation. Sitting in front of street edge, Kunsthal invites the public street into the building and allow users and non-users to visually interact.

Application:

The approach of Rem Koolhaas using the edge condition to the programs can be applied to the way of inviting the public and urban edge to my site thus the site acts as a buffer for social activity rather than becoming an autonoumus figure.

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