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Selected Work 2023-2024
Stacey Xiong

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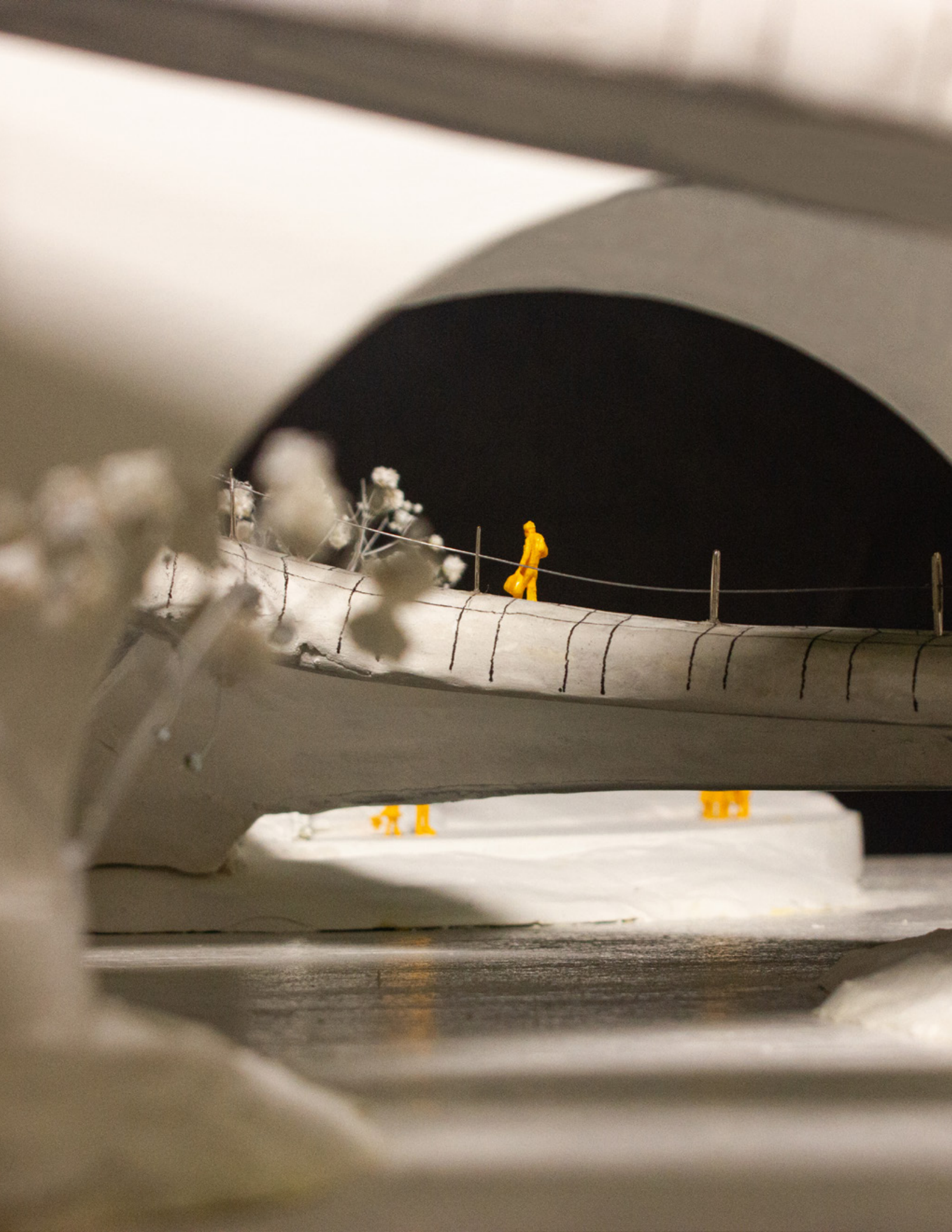
January 2024 - May 2024

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FORM FINDING AT THE URBAN SCALE

Design studio VI: A Proposal for River Pedestrian Bridge on the Tiber River

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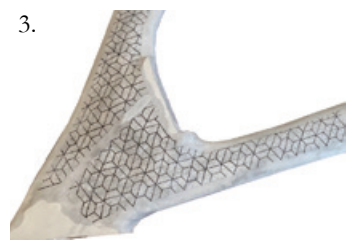
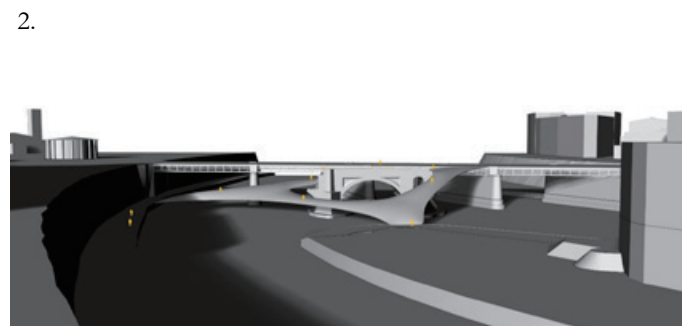
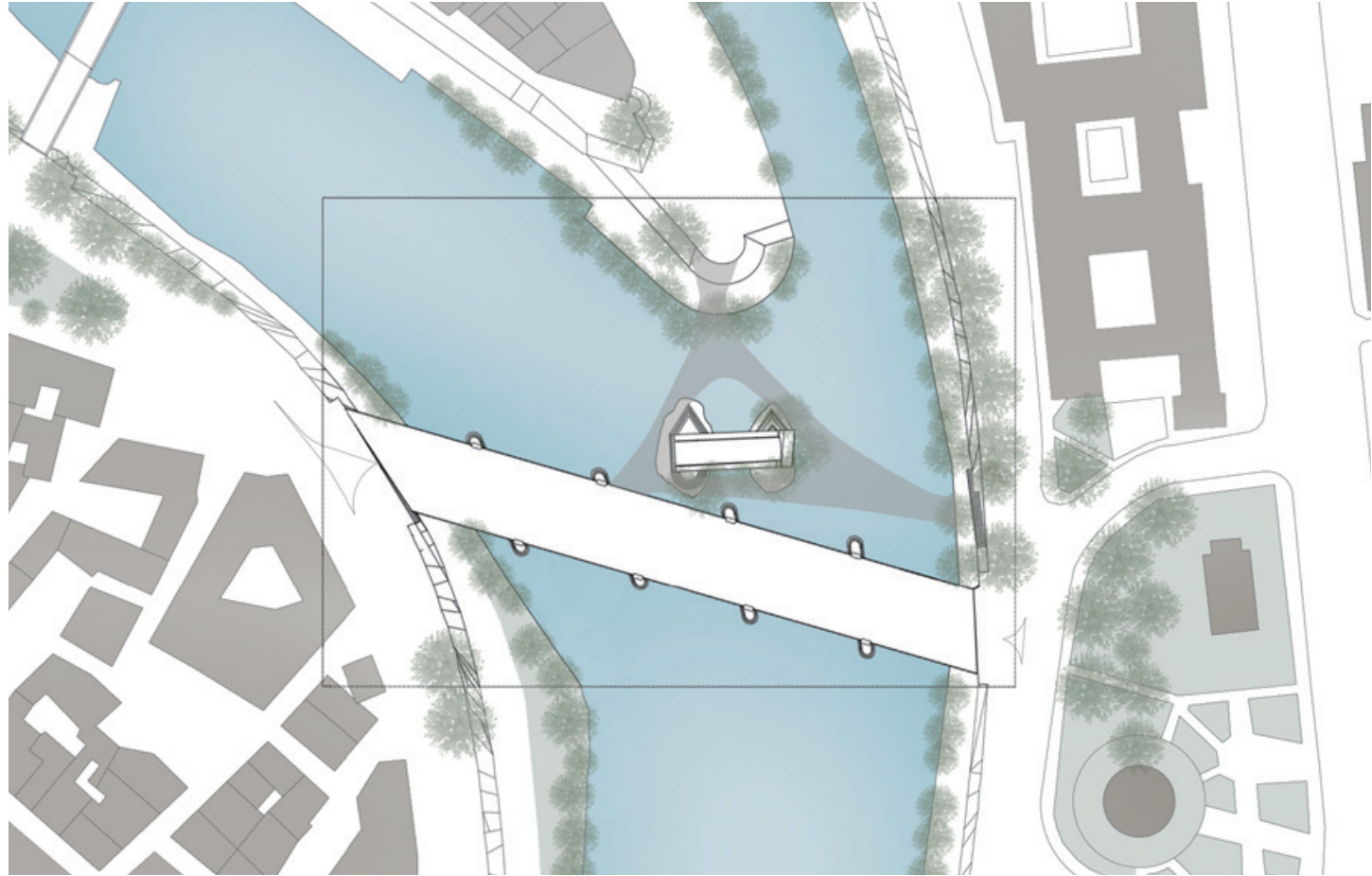
Site: Rome, Italy

Professor: Elias Anastas and Yousef Anastas

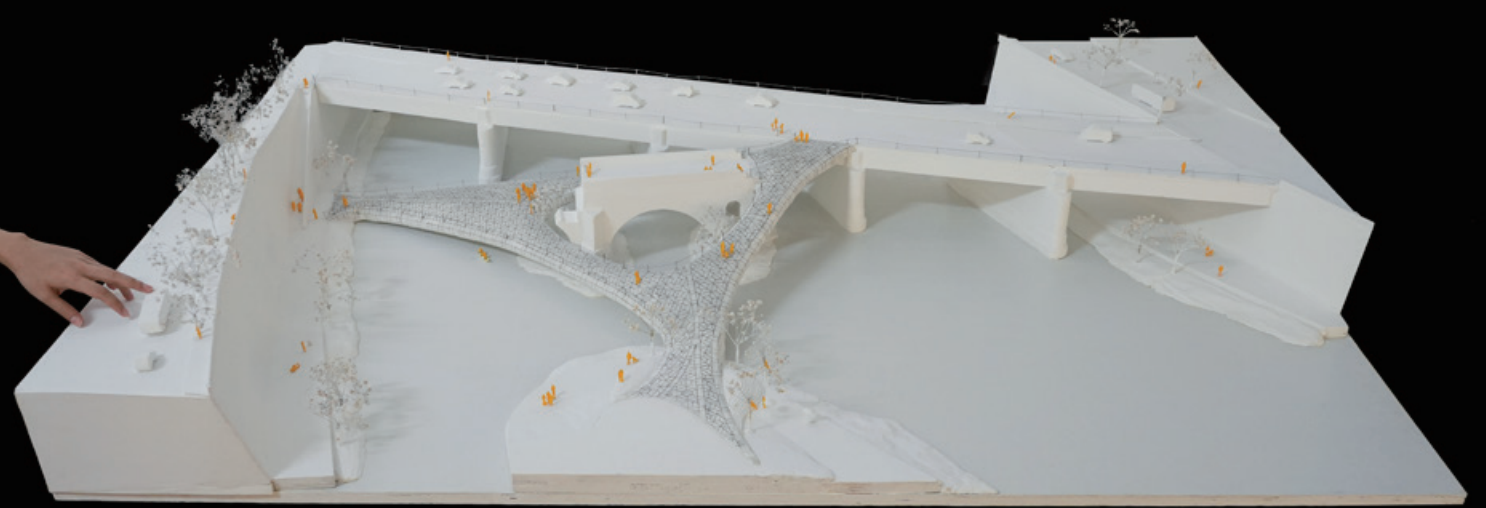
Group Design Project

The project aimed to create a compression-only bridge constructed entirely from stone, linking Ponte Rotto, Tiber Riverwalk, Tiber Island, and Ponte Palatino. The primary goal was to revitalize the area, with particular emphasis on the ruins of Ponte Rotto, located in the middle of the Tiber River. In order to achieve a compression-only structure, the design utilized gravity to determine the slope and shape of the bridge. An algorithm was employed to refine and settle on the final shape. The compass method guided the stone joinery and all components were interconnected at angles conducive to the normal force.

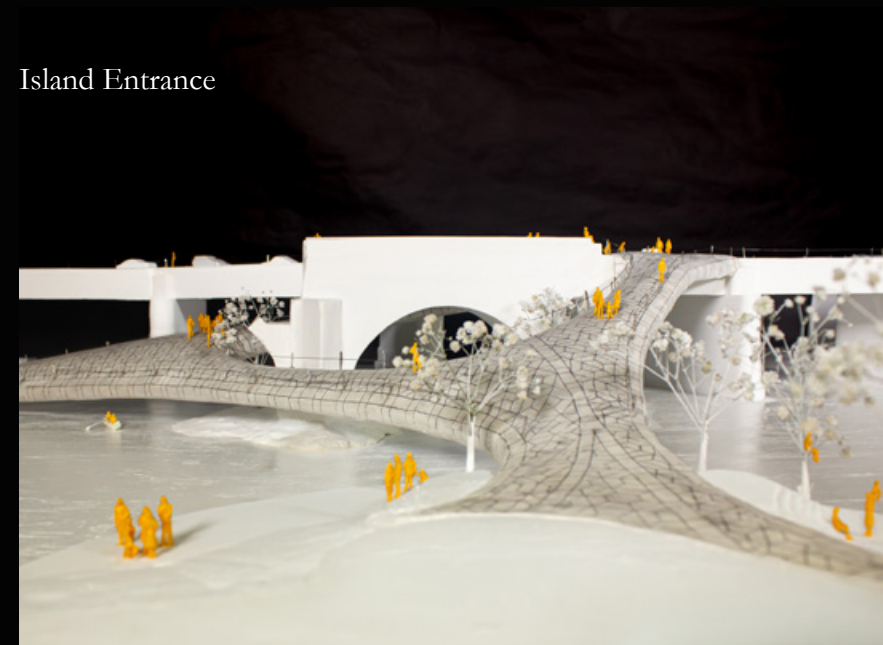
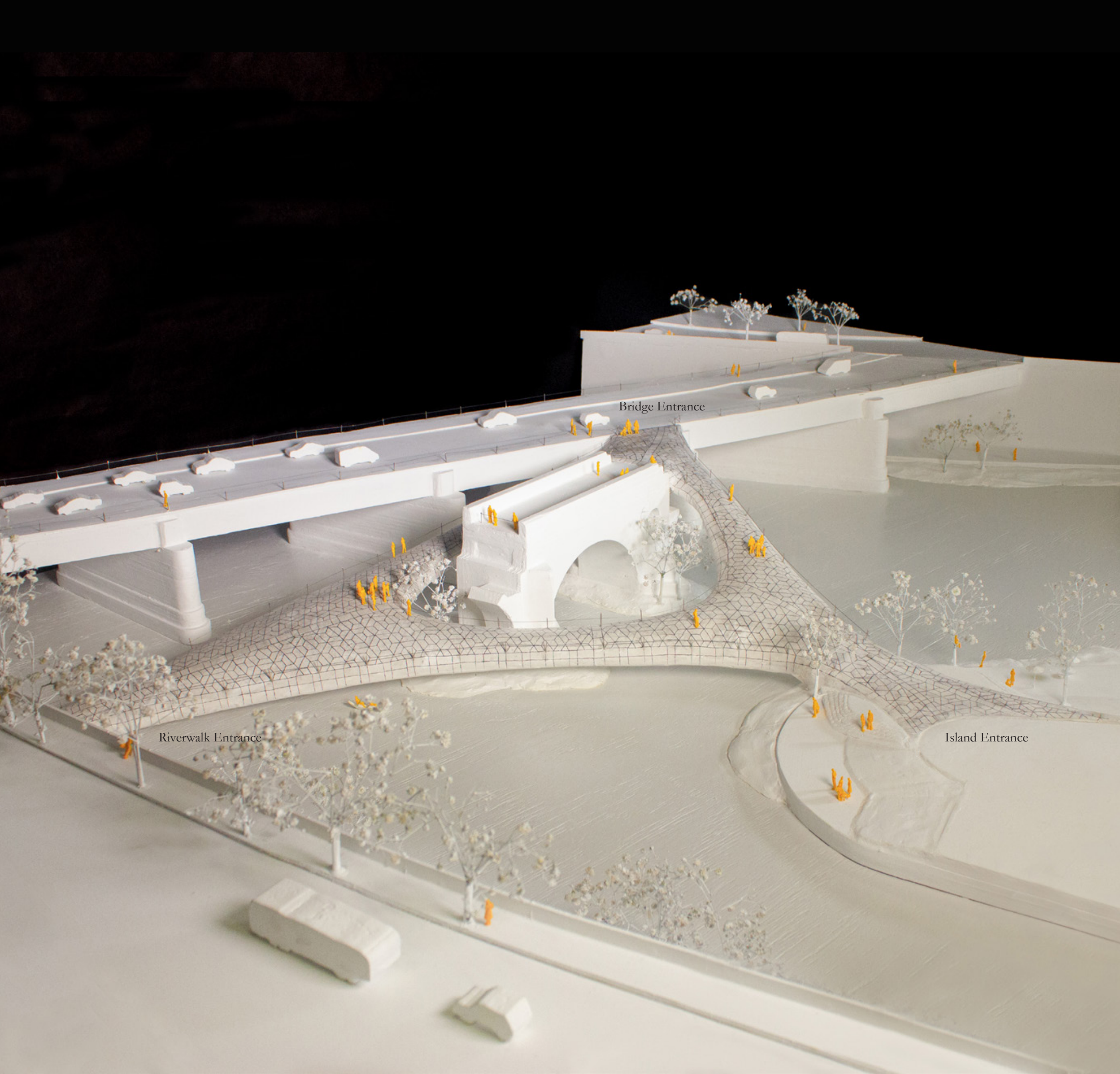
PROPOSED PLAN

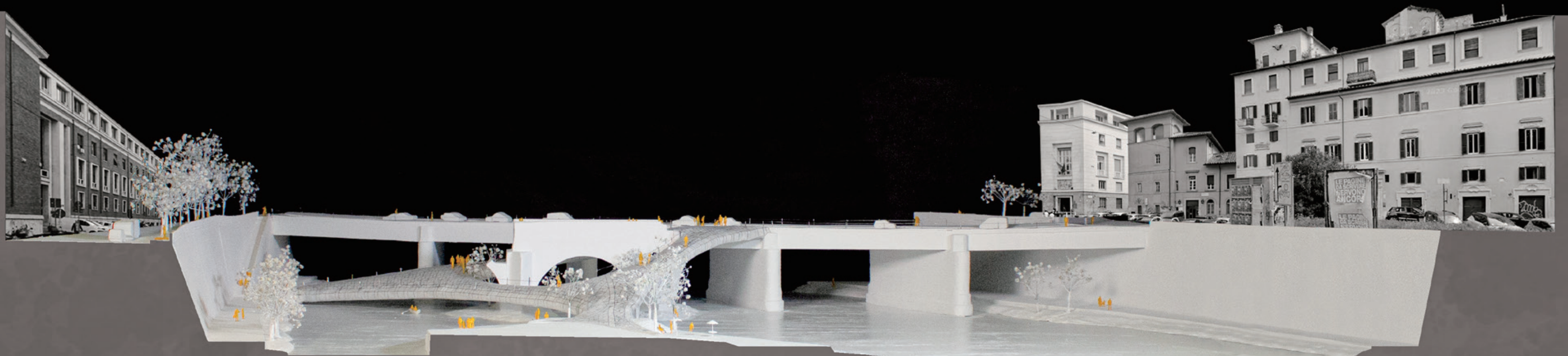
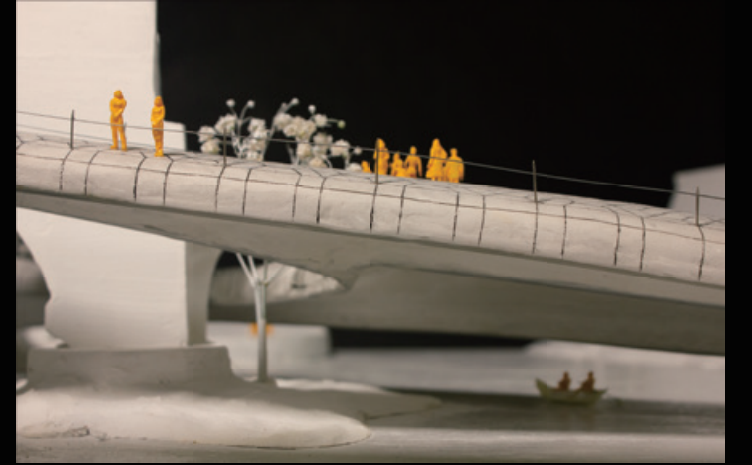
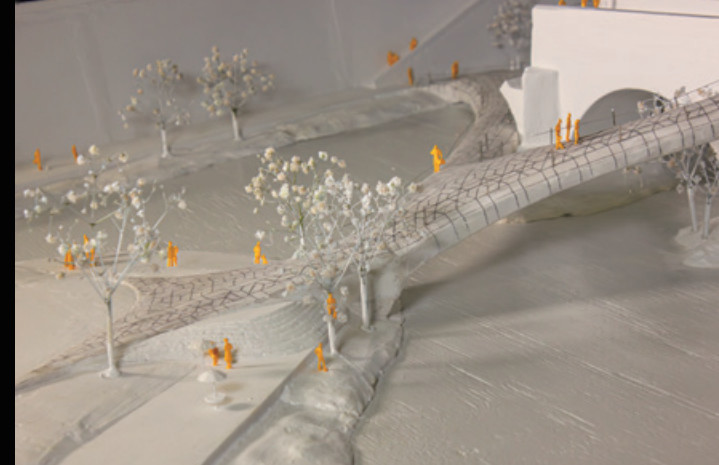
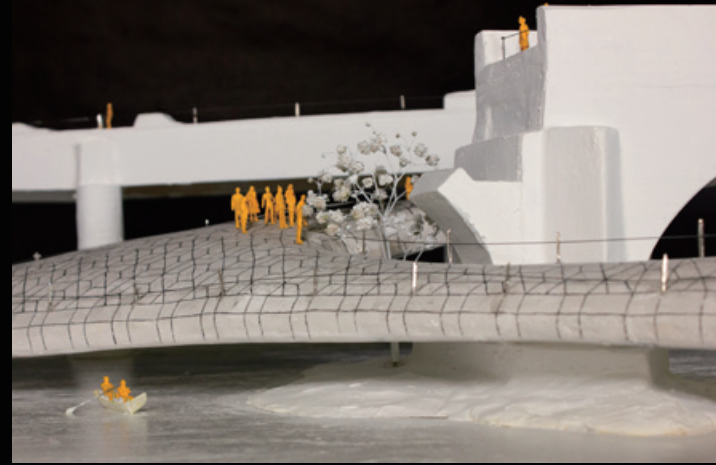


1. Physical Form Finding Model with Context
2. Rhino Form Finding Model with Context
3. Joinery Model Using Compass Method
4. Stereotomy Model



Media: Wood, Plaster
Size: 48inch*66inch*7inch





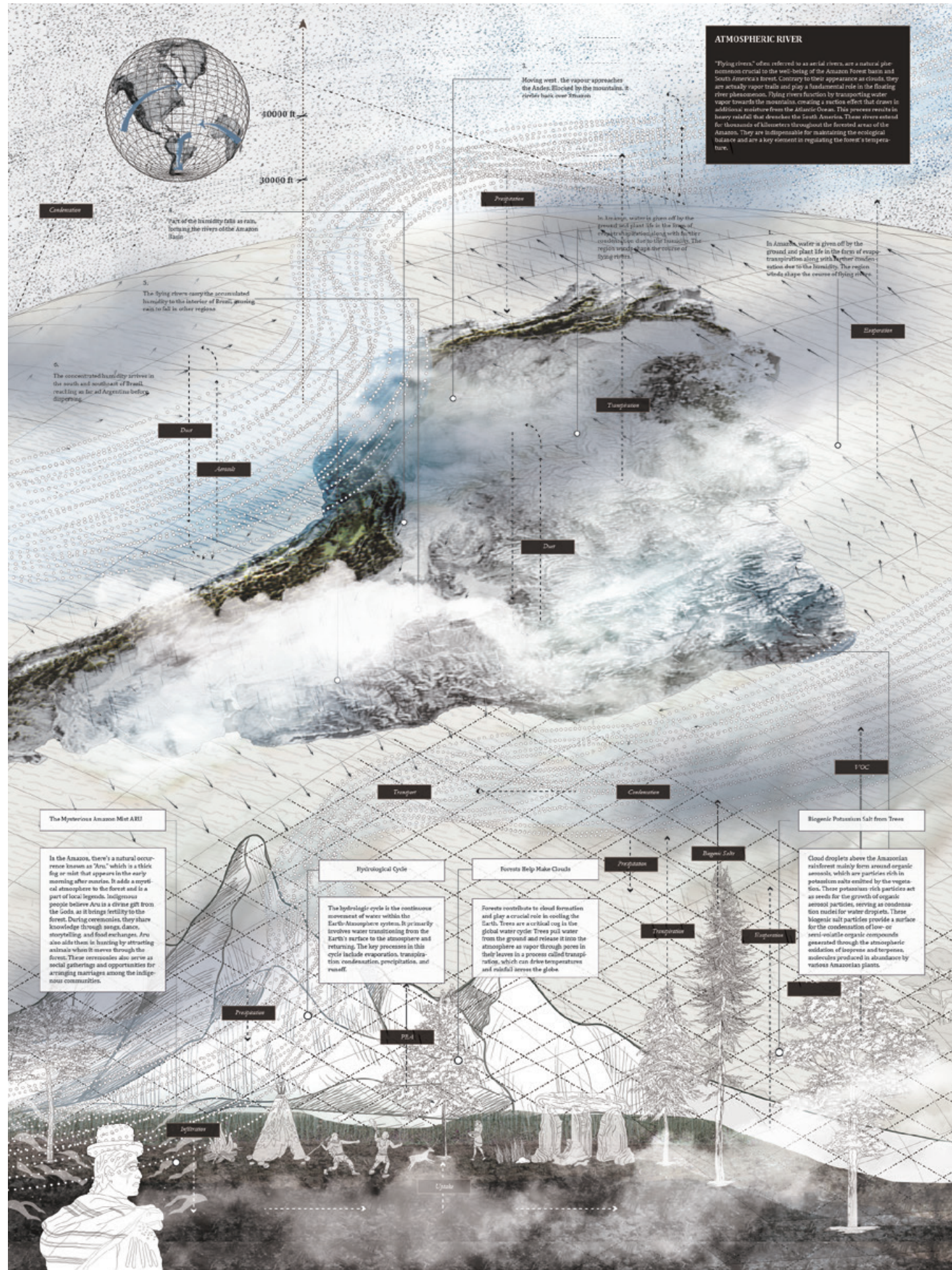


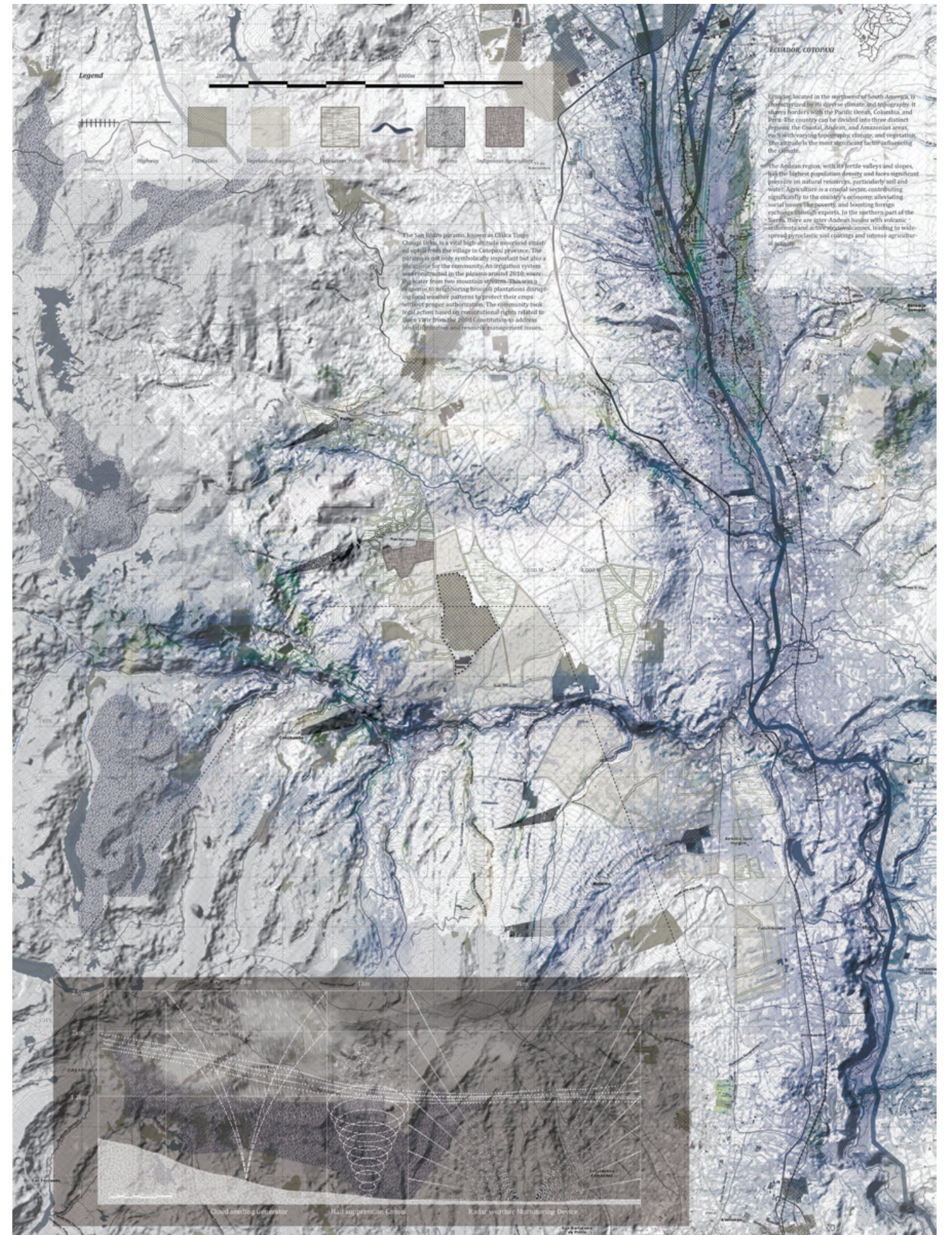
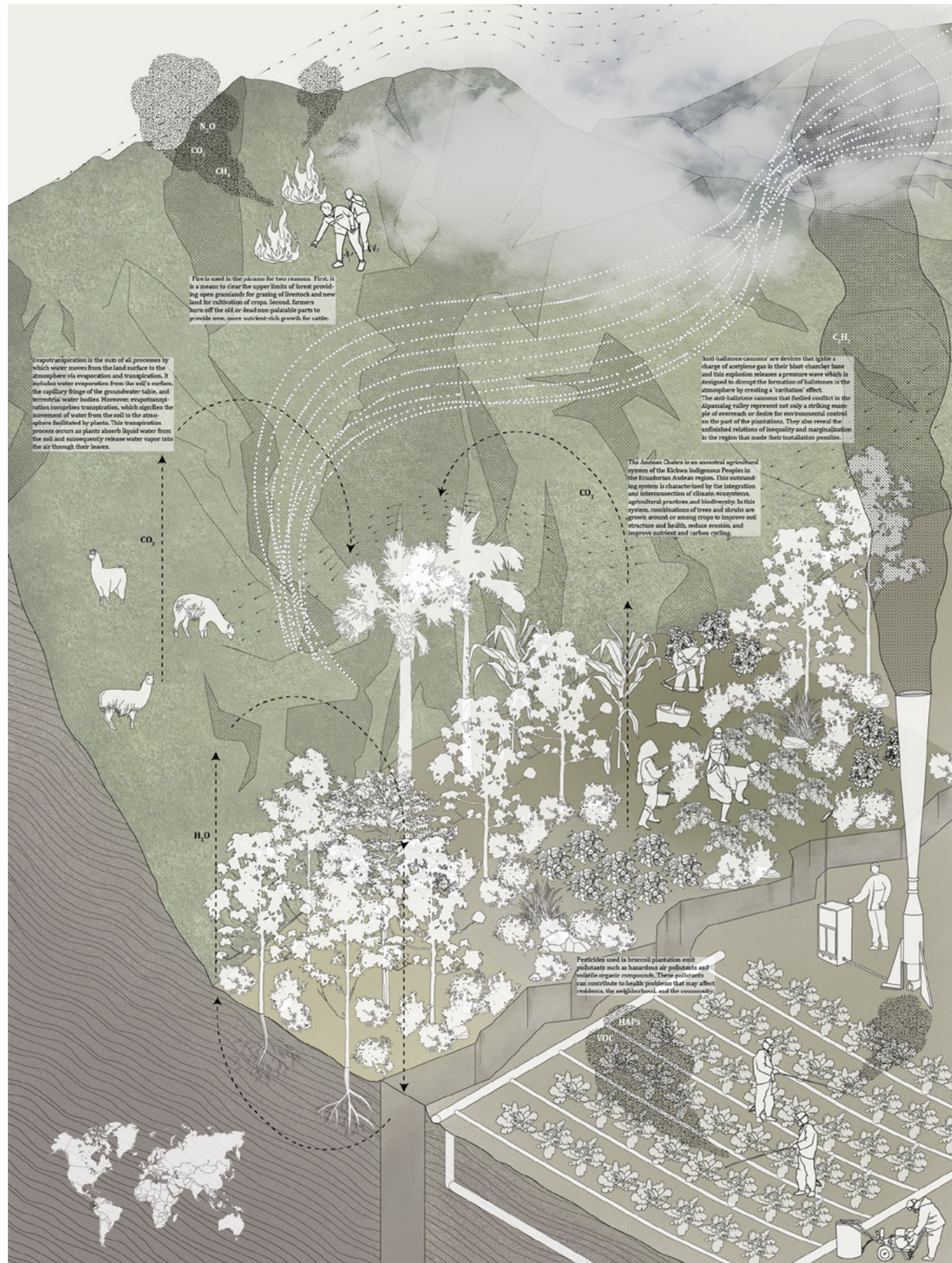
AIR STEWARDSHIP IN THE ANDES

Design studio
September 2023 - December 2023
Site: Cotopaxi, Ecuador
Professor: Nahyun Hwang

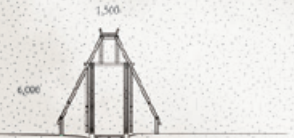
Group Design Project

Our focus is on the San Isidro region in Ecuador's Cotopaxi province, situated on the edge of the Amazon within the inter-Andean valleys. The Panzaleo people, a subgroup of Kichwa, inhabit this area, practicing traditional Andean chakra agriculture. The arrival of the Spanish in the 16th century disrupted their society, leading to unequal land distribution. The legacy of colonialism persists, evident in disparities in land concentration and resource distribution. One notable conflict involves Empresa Nintanga, a broccoli plantation using anti-hailstone cannons without permission, impacting indigenous crops. This highlights ongoing issues of inequality. We propose adaptable structures in five potential sites, tailored to atmospheric river dynamics and addressing the region's unique challenges.

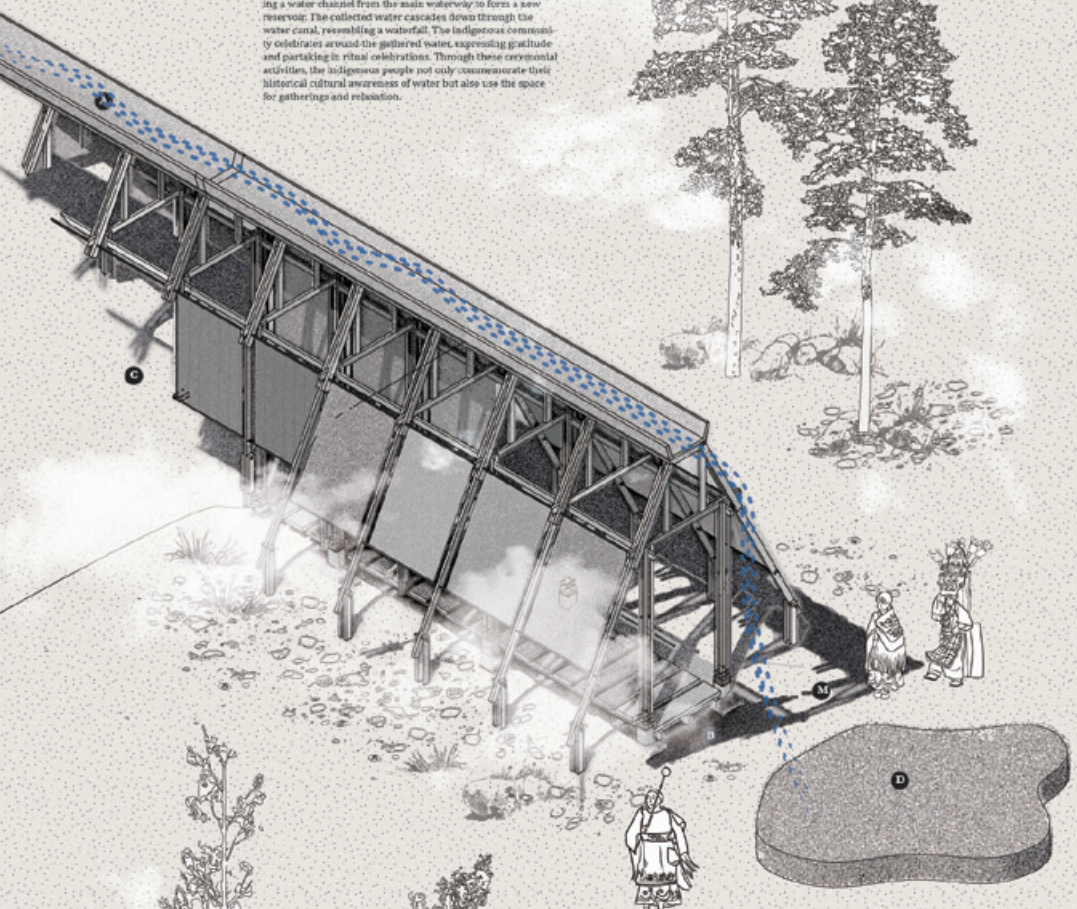




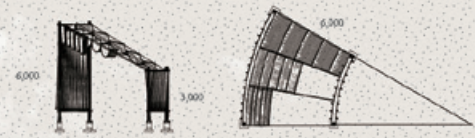
Aqueduct



The indigenous people around San Isidro have a longstanding tradition of celebrating the gathering of water, particularly associated with fog. This type is situated in steep areas, creating a water channel from the main waterway to form a new reservoir. The collected water cascades down through the water canal, resembling a waterfall. The indigenous community celebrates around the gathered water, expressing gratitude and partaking in ritual celebrations. Through these ceremonial activities, the indigenous people not only commemorate their historical cultural awareness of water but also use the space for gatherings and relaxation.



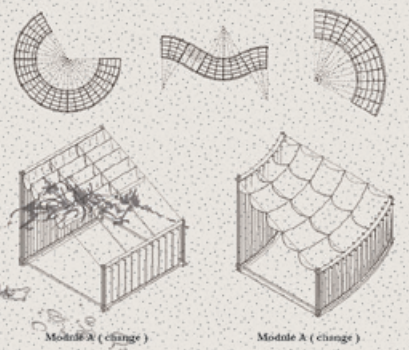
Ara (mist)



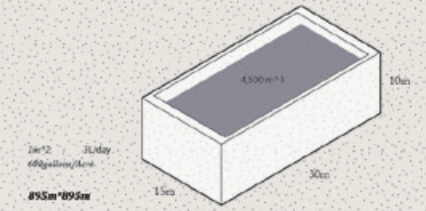
The second portion, type draws inspiration from indigenous agronomy traditions, incorporating a circular design reminiscent of the circular-shaped zones and arrangements of indigenous communities. Situated within the forest, the pavilion facilitates the exchange of air and water. It employs a vertical fog net to collect water, creating a large waterway that flows through the land. The horizontally collected water provides moisture to nearby trees, fostering water circulation in the forest and contributing to the strengthening of the hydrological cycle.

This pavilion can be adapted into three main variations. On flat terrain, it takes on a circular arrangement, serving as an outdoor classroom space for schools. On sloped terrain, it aligns parallel to the slope, enhancing moisture for the forest, trees, and the atmosphere.

Closely tied to sustainability, the pavilion's design allows for interaction with the forest over time. Depending on the growth rate of planted trees, the upper fog net can be widened or expanded. This pavilion embodies robust sustainability, persisting and thriving as it continues to coexist harmoniously with the forest environment.



Fog Net

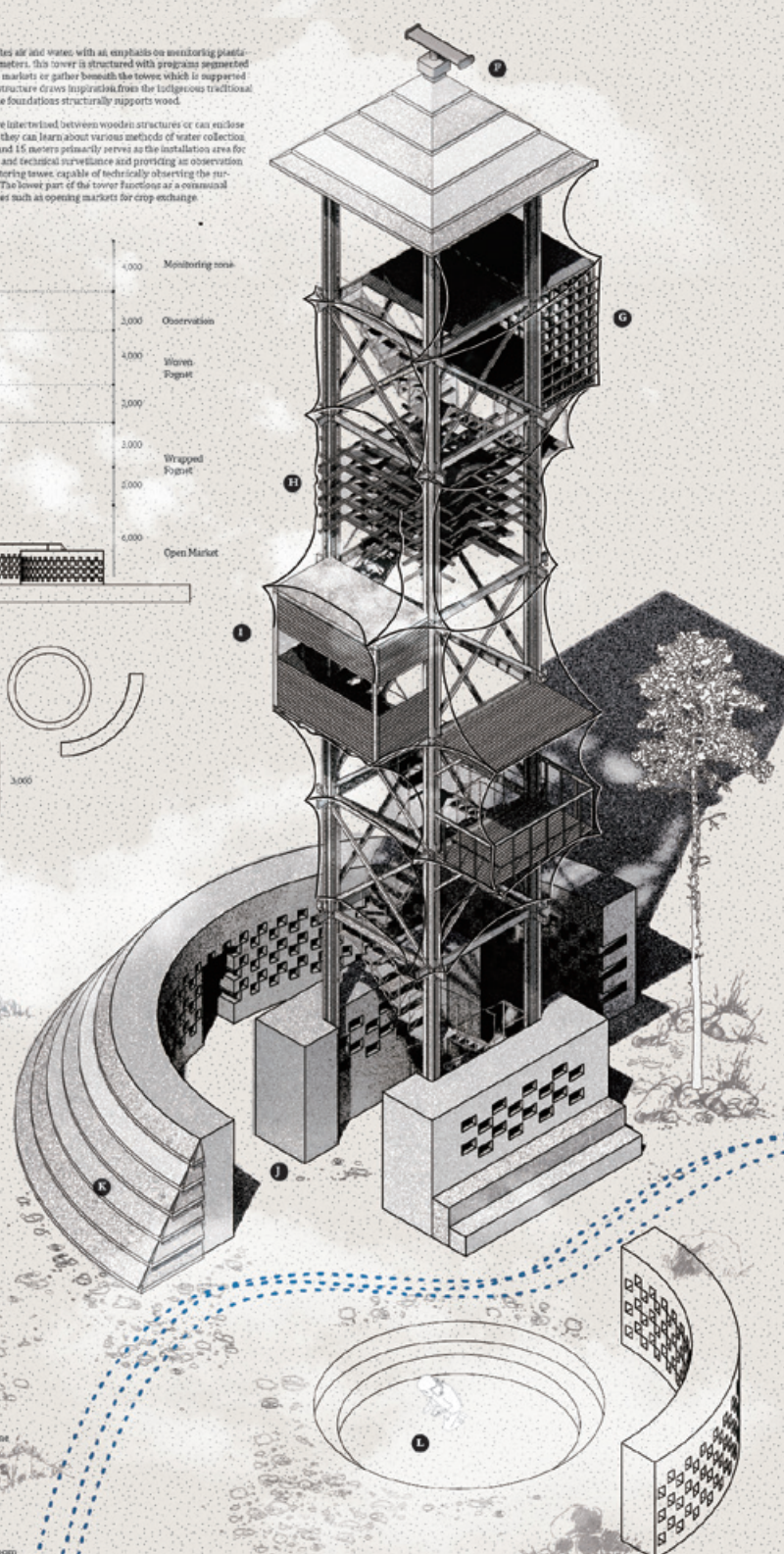
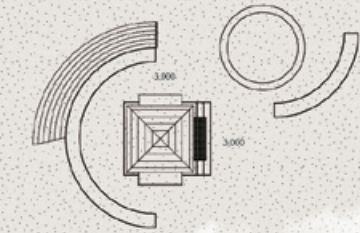
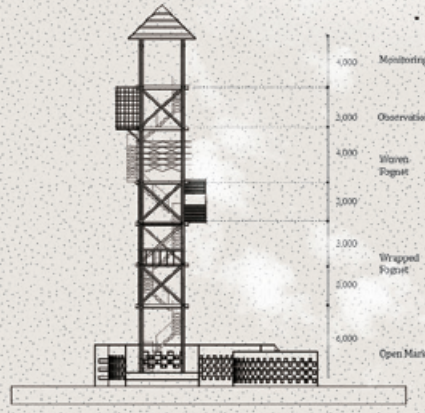


Fog nets are innovative devices designed to harness water from the atmosphere by facilitating condensation. The collected water is channeled into water reservoirs situated alongside agricultural fields, thereby establishing a microclimate distinct from the ambient atmospheric conditions. Demonstrated benefits of these water channels include enhancing crop resilience through the moderation of nighttime temperatures, mitigating the adverse effects of drought, facilitating irrigation, and minimizing soil erosion.

Monitor Tower

The third type is a tower that actively integrates air and water, with an emphasis on monitoring plantation activities. Standing at approximately 24 meters, this tower is structured with programs generated based on height. Indigenous people use open markets or gather beneath the tower which is supported by their traditional material, clay. The lower structure draws inspiration from the indigenous traditional dwelling featuring a form where clay on stone foundations structurally supports wood.

In the middle section of the tower, fog nets are interlaced between wooden structures or can enclose the entire tower. As people ascend the tower they can learn about various methods of water collection through the fog nets. The section between 9 and 15 meters primarily serves as the installation area for monitoring devices, facilitating both physical and ocular surveillance and providing an observation space to oversee the surroundings. The ascending tower, capable of technically observing the surroundings, is positioned on the highest floor. The lower part of the tower functions as a communal space for indigenous people, allowing activities such as opening markets for crop exchange.



- A Water Channel
- B Wood deck
- C Foldable fognet
- D Water reservoir
- E Fognet curtains
- F Monitoring device
- G Observation zone
- H Woven Fognet
- I Observation zone
- J Clay
- K Thatchi
- L Open Market
- M Celebration
- N Outdoor classroom







These adaptable structures, designed for atmospheric river dynamics, serve as communal spaces with the flexibility to expand into larger buildings. We've identified five potential sites, each with integrated programs aligned with the three distinct types. The landscape drawing illustrates the combined development of the research center and negotiation center. The Negotiation Center, strategically located near the community center in San Isidro village, addresses conflicts related to air stewardship, specifically tensions between the indigenous population and the adjacent plantation. The Climate Research Center is proposed near a preserved forest, with its primary objective being the study of atmospheric river changes and investigation of potentially suspicious weather modification practices by agricultural companies in the region.



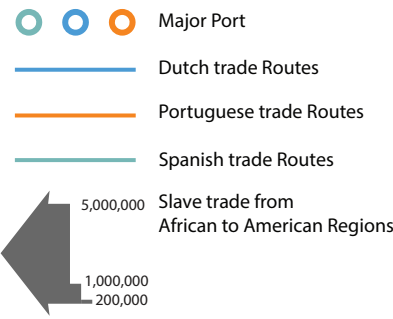
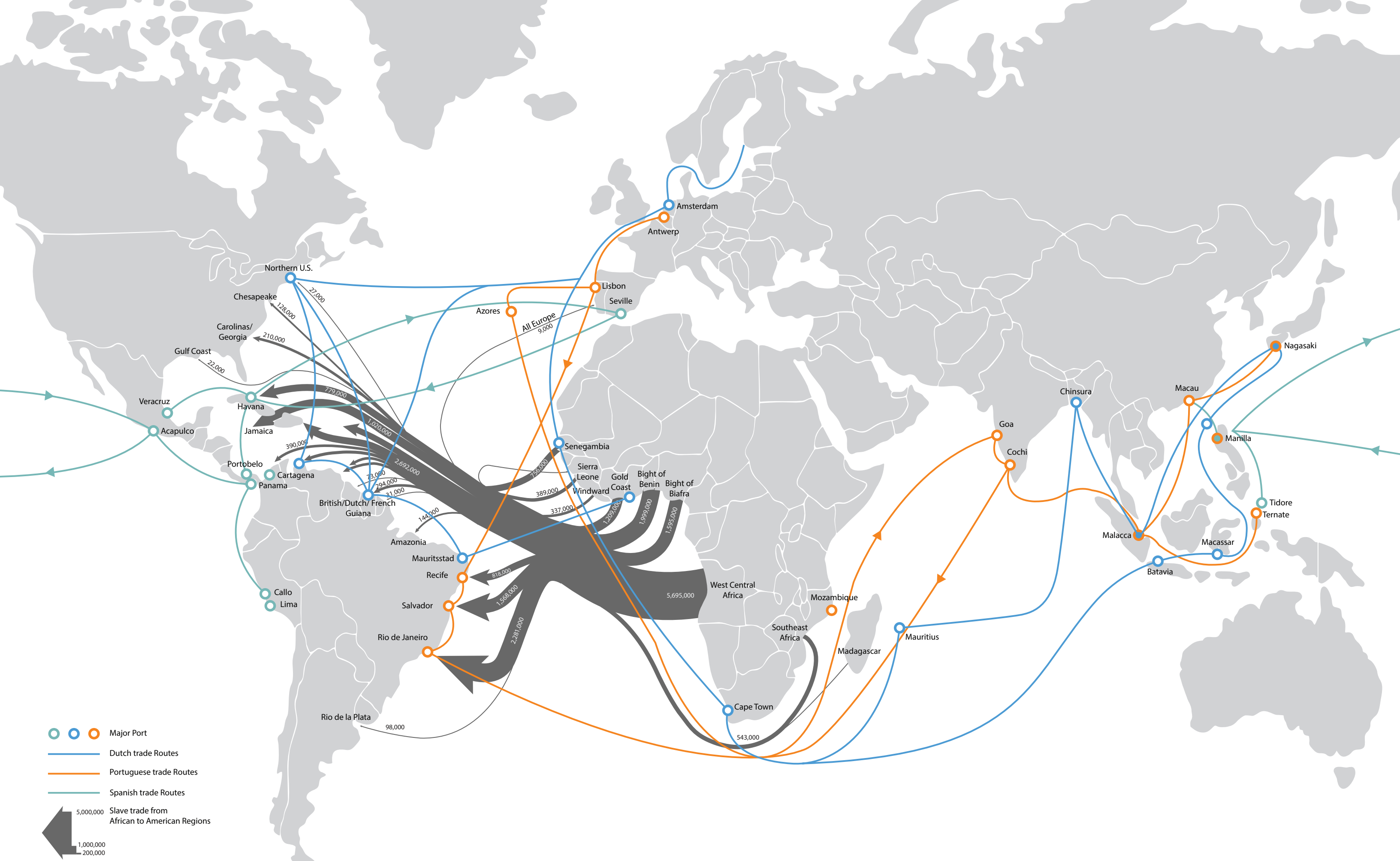
LAYERED URBANISM

Design studio
January 2024 - May 2024
Site: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Professor: Galia Solomonoff

Group Design Project

Our vision is to transform A Noite into a hub of contemporary information exchange, a place where the voices long silenced by the shadows of censorship can be heard. As the top floor of the building used to be the home of Radio Rational, we're transforming it into a space where suppressed stories can thrive, especially those of Afro-Brazilian and indigenous people.

Divided into five distinct sections, each showcasing a different aspect of underrepresented culture and knowledge, A Noite becomes a tapestry of diversity and expression. From dance performances to graphic art galleries, from culinary exploration to video and podcasting studios, every corner of the building pulsates with creativity and exploration. But A Noite is more than just a structure; it's a bridge between past and present, between silence and expression. Its open atrium and connecting stairs serve as conduits, drawing people from the bustling urban landscape into a space where their stories matter, where their voices resonate. Here, amidst the echoes of history, a new narrative unfolds—one of inclusion, empowerment, and the unyielding pursuit of truth.



Major Ports: Northern U.S., Chesapeake, Carolinas/Georgia, Gulf Coast, Veracruz, Acapulco, Havana, Jamaica, Portobelo, Cartagena, Panama, British/Dutch/French Guiana, Amazonia, Mauritsstad, Recife, Salvador, Rio de Janeiro, Rio de la Plata, Senegambia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast, Bight of Benin, Bight of Biafra, Windward, West Central Africa, Southeast Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, Cape Town, Goa, Cochi, Chinsura, Malacca, Macassar, Macau, Manilla, Ternate, Nagasaki, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Lisbon, Seville, Azores, All Europe.

Slave Trade Volumes (African to American Regions):
 Chesapeake: 22,000
 Carolinas/Georgia: 210,000
 Gulf Coast: 22,000
 Havana: 779,000
 Jamaica: 390,000
 Portobelo: 73,000
 Cartagena: 294,000
 Panama: 31,000
 British/Dutch/French Guiana: 1,020,000
 Amazonia: 144,000
 Mauritsstad: 818,000
 Recife: 1,568,000
 Salvador: 2,281,000
 Rio de Janeiro: 5,695,000
 Rio de la Plata: 98,000
 Senegambia: 736,000
 Sierra Leone: 389,000
 Gold Coast: 1,209,000
 Bight of Benin: 1,999,000
 Bight of Biafra: 1,595,000
 Windward: 337,000
 West Central Africa: 5,695,000
 Southeast Africa: 543,000
 Mauritius: 543,000
 All Europe: 9,000





1926

Launch of the competition with the recommendation:
“The project should express the importance of the newspaper and its value: contemporaneity and progress”
Five proposals were ranked, and the winner was architect Joseph Andre Gire’s

1929

The newspaper A Noite occupied the basement and the first four floors: part of the ground floor, mezzanine (overstorey), and the 2nd and 3rd floors

1936

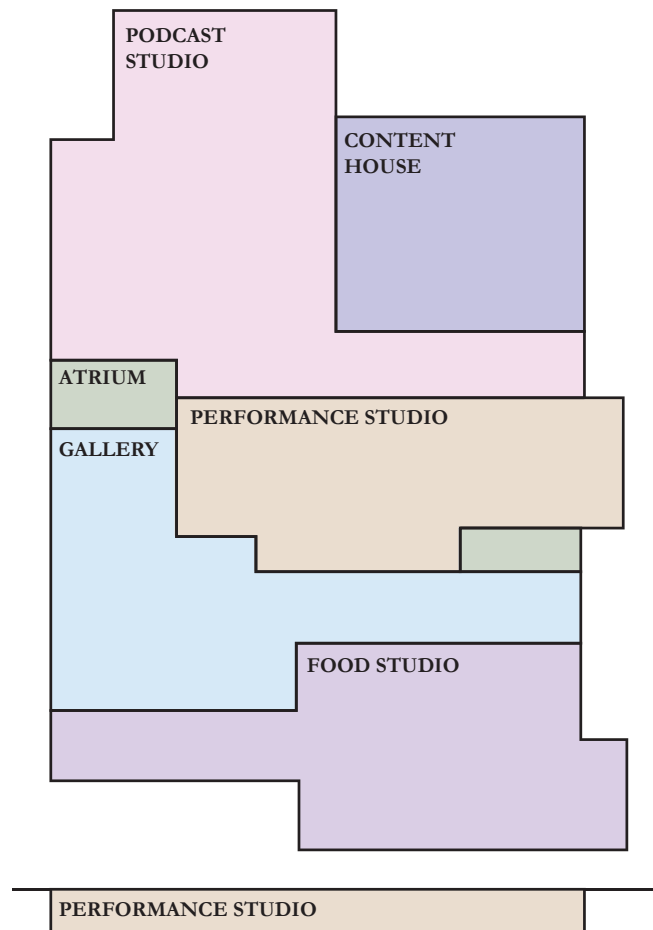
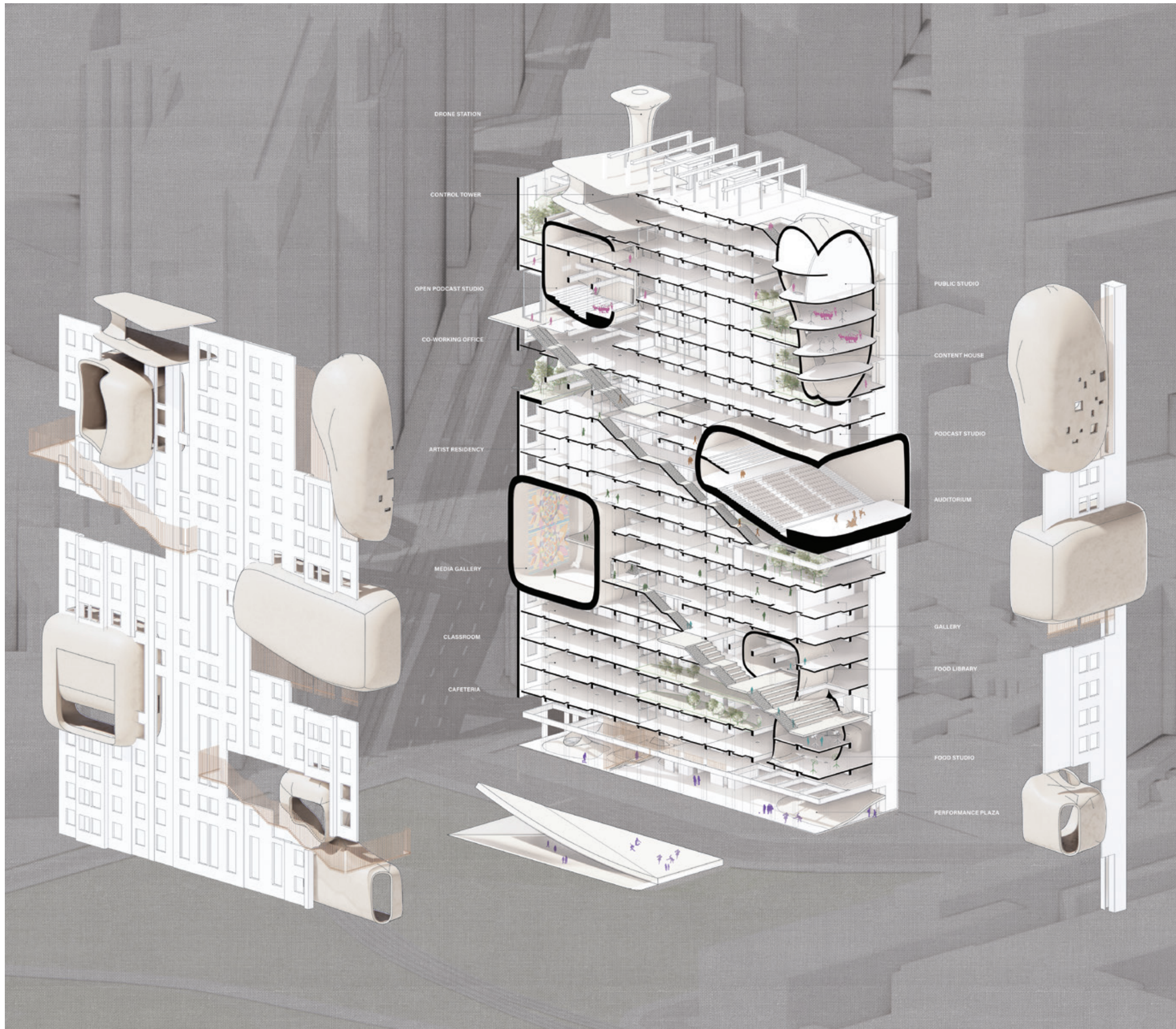
From 1937 onwards, without the newspaper, it was the home of Rádio Nacional. During that time, it was very popular due to its talk shows and radio soap operas. Great singers like Silvio Caldas, Francisco Alves and Orlando Silva passed through the radio auditorium, as well as arranger Radamés Gnattali.

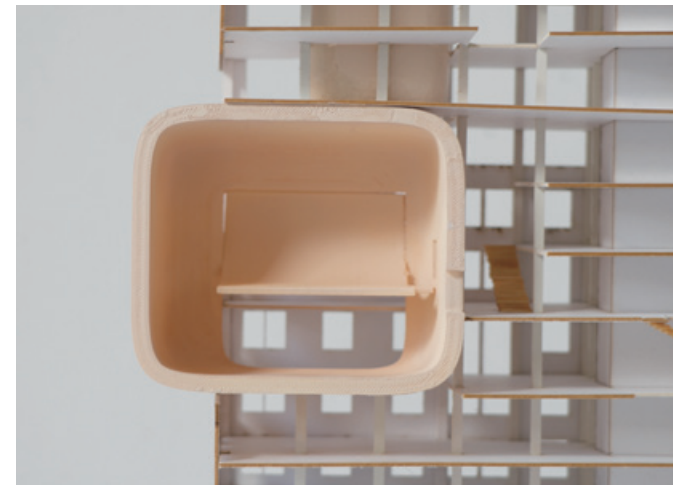
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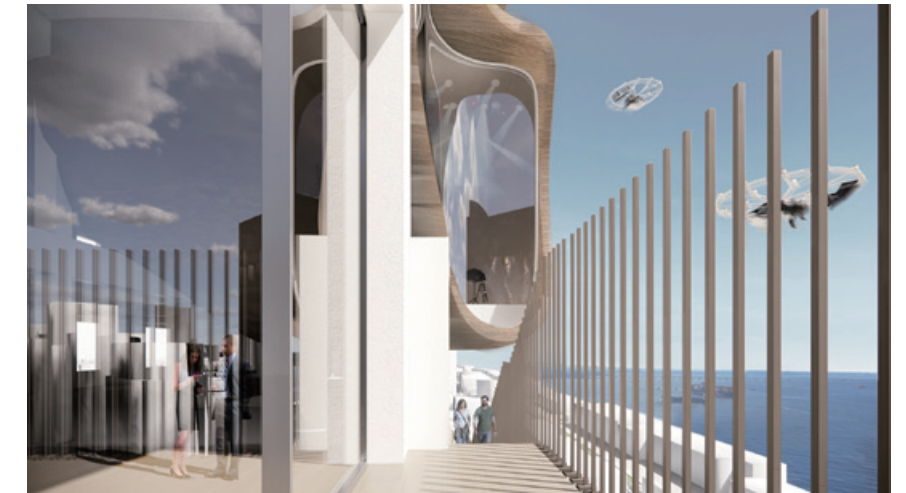
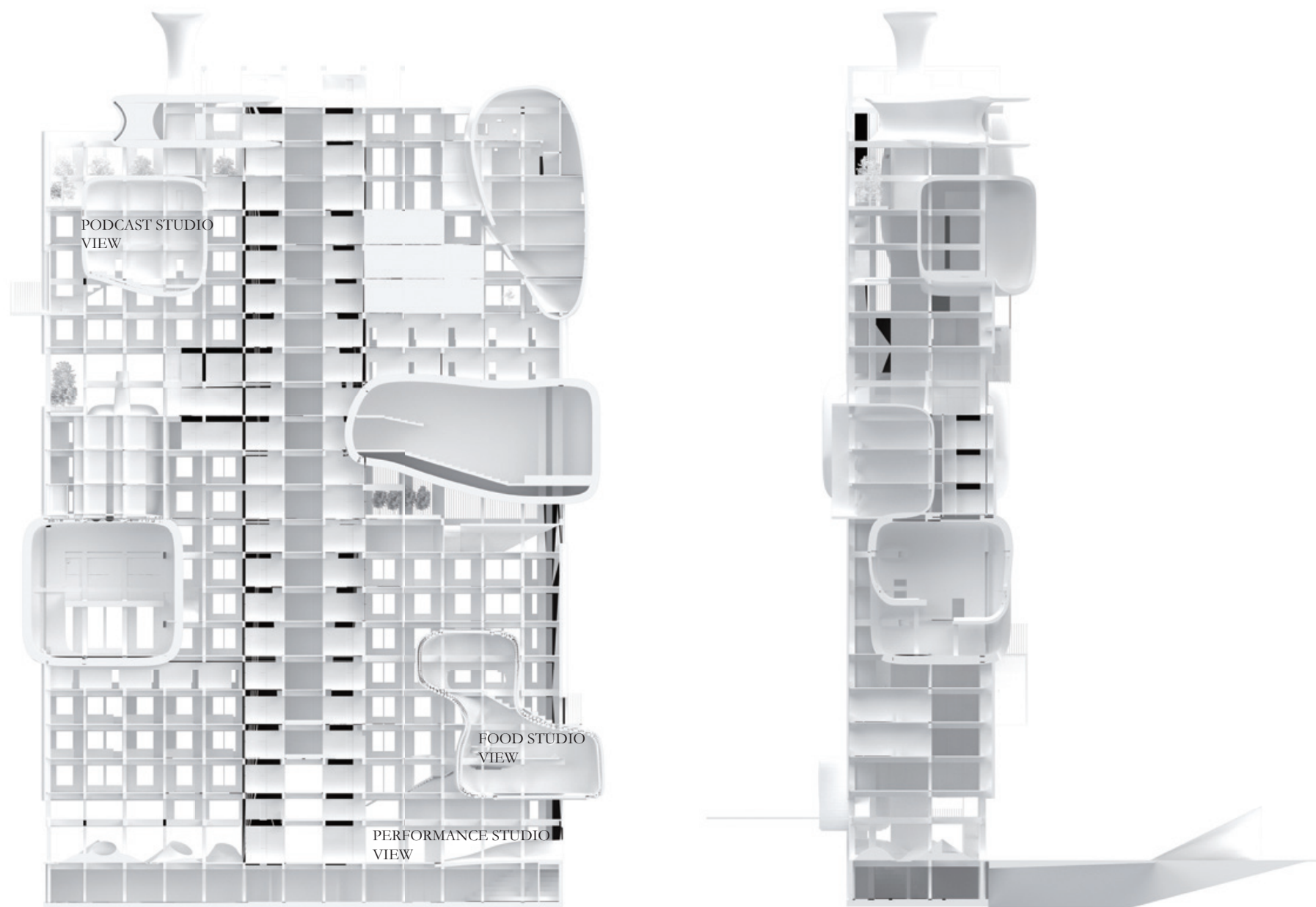
President Getúlio Vargas, who needed a vehicle that would be the official voice of the government, took over the Rádio Nacional. Radio Nacional became the broadcaster of EBC
A Noite was also used as the headquarters of the National Institute of Industrial Property.

2012

INPI (National Institute of Industrial Property) and EBC (Empresa Brasil de Comunicação) vacate the building: since then, only a small security and maintenance team remains.







PODCAST STUDIO



FOOD STUDIO



PERFORMANCE STUDIO



THE GREEN MESH

BIM studio
January 2024 - May 2024
Site: New York City
Professor: Joseph A. Brennan

Group Design Project

Site: NOMAD, a neighbourhood situated in the north of Madison Square Park to the east of Penn Station. It contains a mixture of retail and office spaces.

Site Area: 29,900 sqft.

M1-6 FAR : 10.0 = 29,900 sqft.
M1-6 FAR with Public Plaza bonus 12.0 = 358,800 sqft.
SKY EXPOSURE : ZR 43-45

Tower footprint max. 40% of lot area : 11,960 sqft
15 feet from narrow street
10 feet minimum from wide street

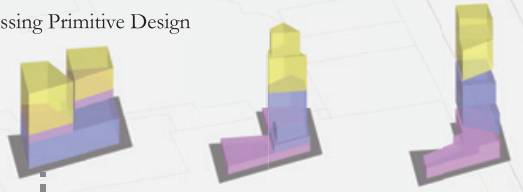
PODIUM LIMIT : 85' or 6 stories

SITE ANALYSIS + PLANNING

- ZONING ANALYSIS
 
- PRECEDENT STUDY
 
- SITE ANALYSIS
 - FACADE SOLAR STUDY
 - SKY EXPOSURE
 - PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY
 - SET BACK
 - PUBLIC PLAZA/PUBLIC TERRACE

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

RHINO

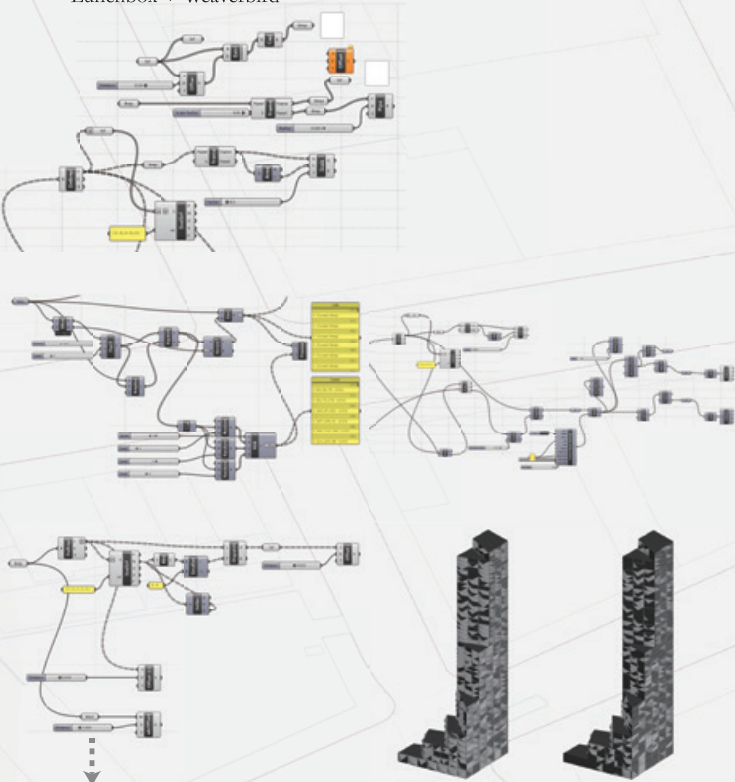
- Massing Primitive Design
 

GOOGLE SHEET

- Floor to Floor Detailed Information

Level	Floor Level Naming	Elevation	F to F (SQ.FT)	Area- Massing A (SQ.FT)	Area- Massing B (SQ.FT)
1	R01	0	24	15608.1	15304.2
2	R02	24	16	13164.3	13134.83
3	R03	40	16	13164.3	13134.83
4	R04	56	16	13164.3	13134.83
5	R05	72	16	13164.3	13134.83
6	C01	88	16	10205.3	10788.78
7	C02	104	16	10205.3	10788.78
8	C03	120	16	10205.3	10788.78
9	C04	136	16	7986.4	10788.78
10	C05	152	16	7986.4	8824.07
11	C06	168	16	7986.4	8824.07
12	C07	184	16	7986.4	8824.07
13	C08	200	16	7986.4	8824.07
14	C09	216	12	6530.2	8824.07
15	C10	228	12	6530.2	8824.07
16	C11	240	12	6530.2	8824.07
17	C12	252	12	6530.2	8824.07
18	H01	264	12	6530.2	6218.98
19	H02	276	12	6530.2	6218.98
20	H03	288	12	6530.2	6218.98
21	H04	300	12	6530.2	6218.98
22	H05	312	12	6530.2	6218.98
23	H06	324	12	6530.2	6218.98
24	H07	336	12	6530.2	6218.98
25	H08	348	12	5364.8	6218.98
26	H09	360	12	5364.8	6218.98
27	H10	372	12	5364.8	6218.98
28	H11	384	12	5364.8	6218.98
29	H12	396	12	5364.8	6218.98
30	H13	408	12	5364.8	4204.13
31	H14	420	12	5364.8	4204.13
32	H15	432	12	5364.8	4204.13
33	H16	444	12	5364.8	4204.13
34	H17	456	12	5364.8	4204.13
35	H18	468	12	5364.8	4204.13
36	H19	480	12	5364.8	4204.13
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38	H21	504	12	5364.8	4204.13
39	H22	516	12	5364.8	4204.13
40	H23	528	12	5364.8	4204.13
41	H24	540	12	5364.8	4204.13
42	H25	552	12	5364.8	
43	H26	564	12	5364.8	
44	H27	576	12	5364.8	
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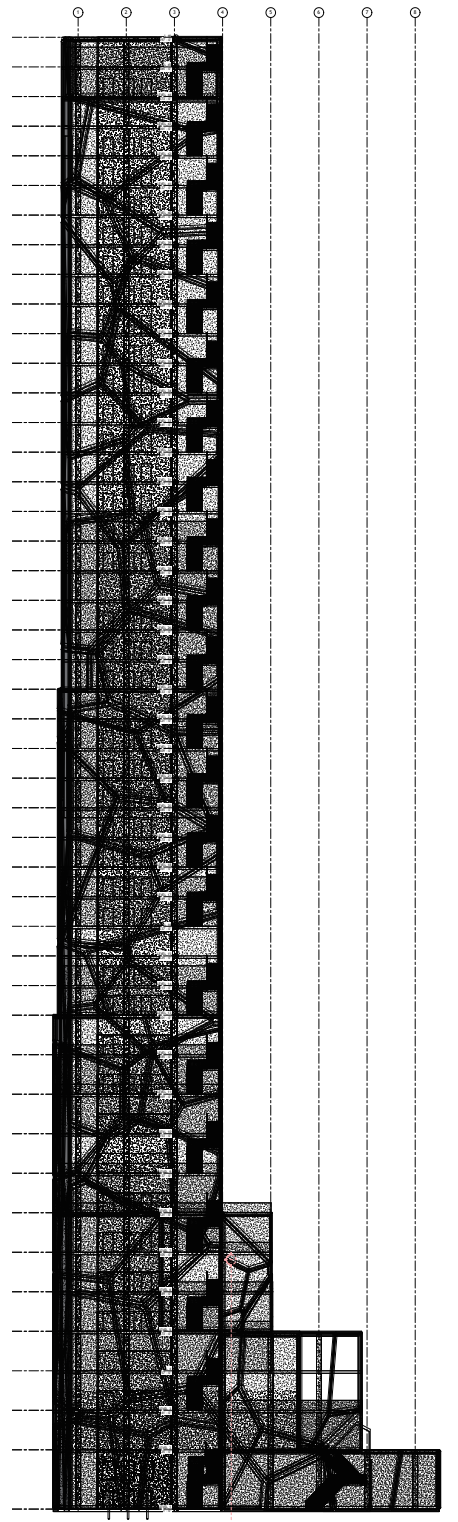
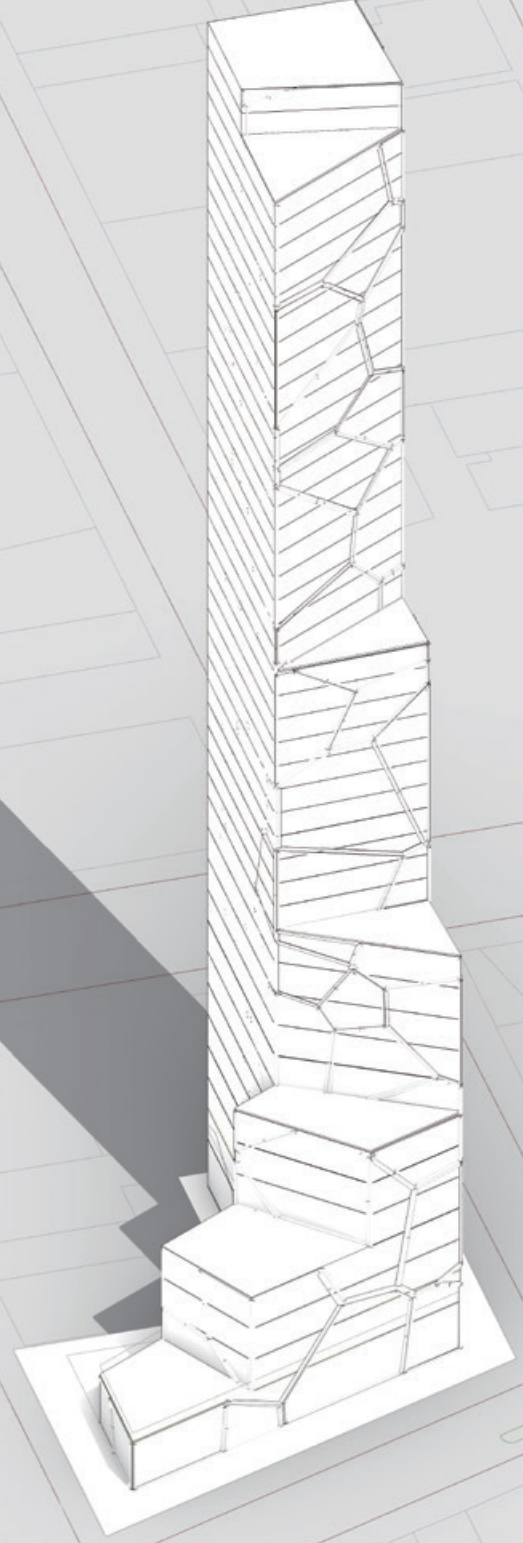
- Finalize Massing
- Facade Study
 - Lunchbox + Weaverbird
 



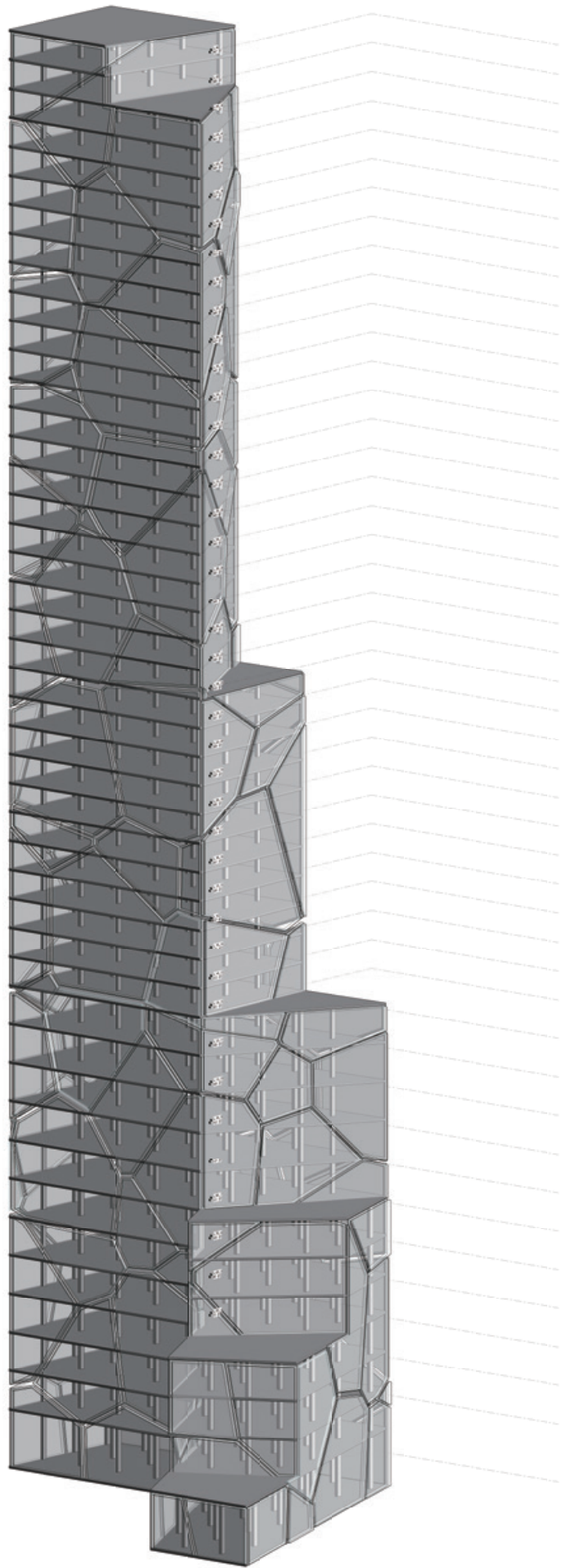
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

REVIT

- Information Exports (Floor Plans, Site Plan, Section Drawings, Elevations, Perspective Views etc.)



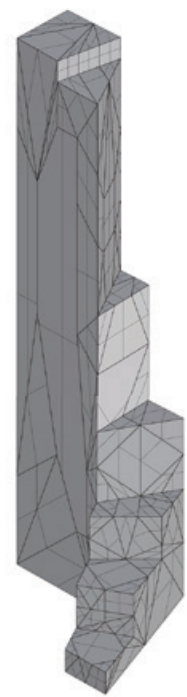
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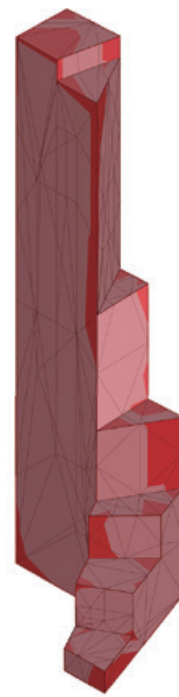
FACADE DEVELOPMENT, using grasshopper, lunchbox and weavebird (Voronoi)



Final form of built mass



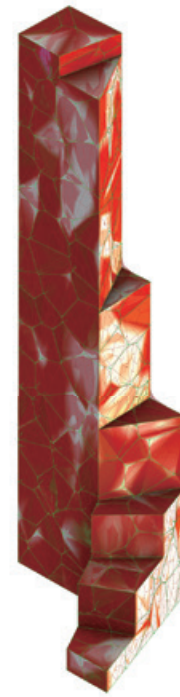
Initial mesh development



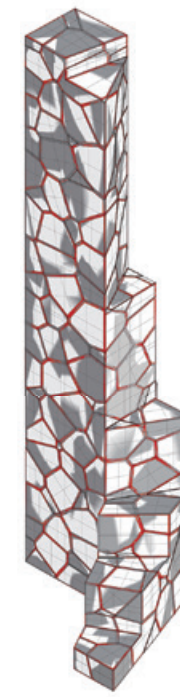
Mesh extracted on the form



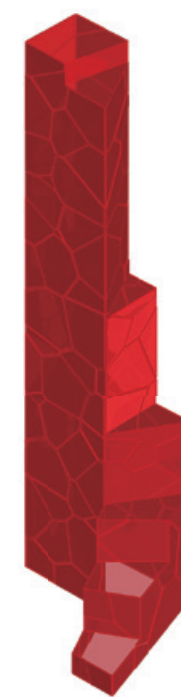
Generating polygons on the mesh



Polygonal surfaces generated



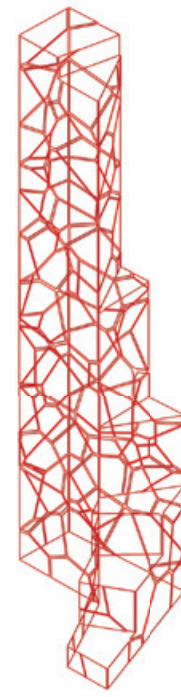
Final polygonal mesh on form



Developing the exterior envelope

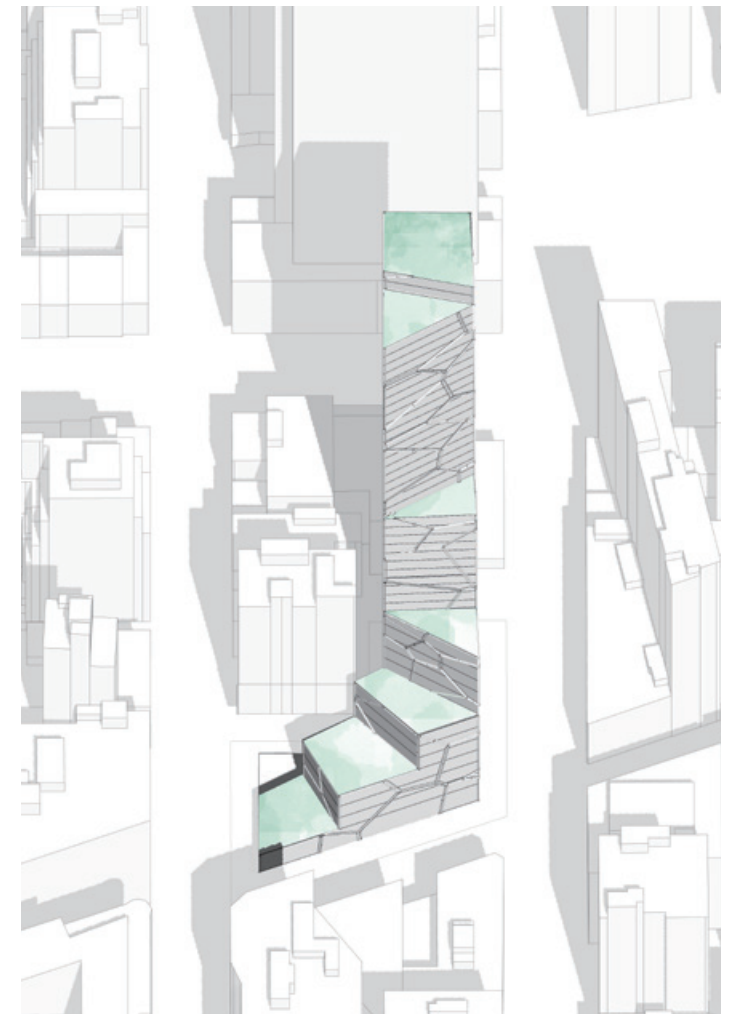
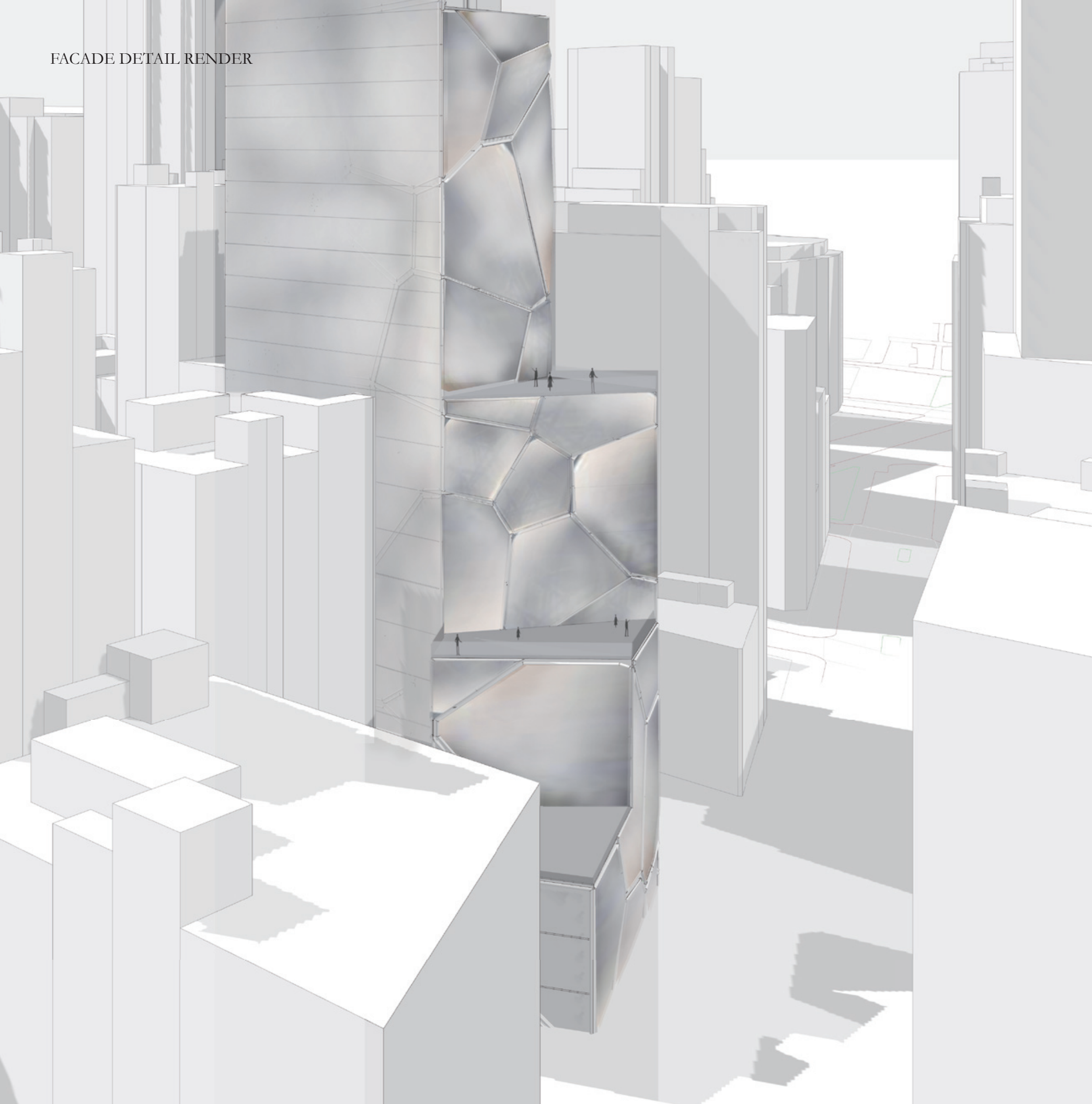


Extracting the interior as per mesh



Final exterior envelope

FACADE DETAIL RENDER



Axon View, Highlighting Stepped Terraces

