## Jacob Bakema and Croatian architectural scene: Team 10 Ideas influencing the local modernist tradition

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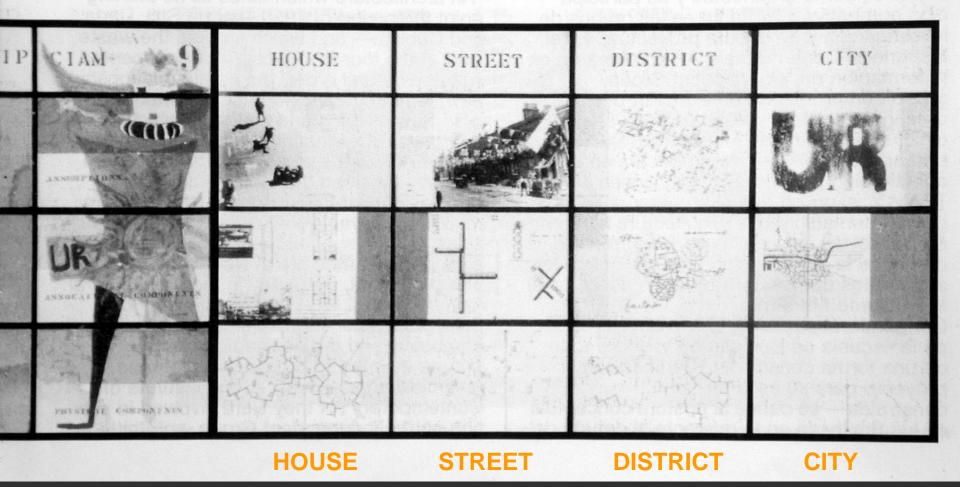


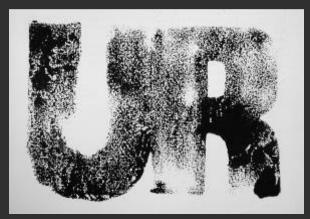


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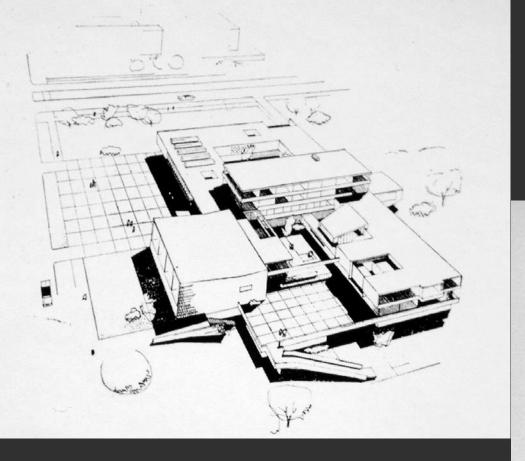
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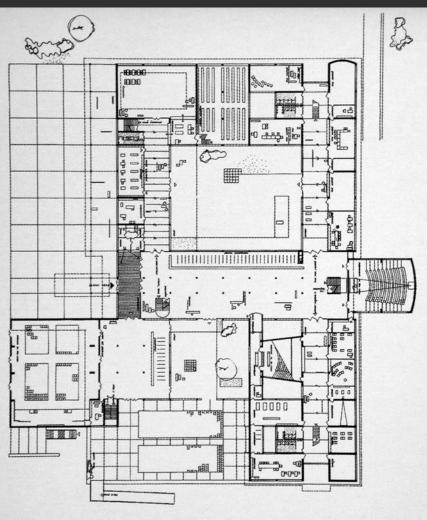


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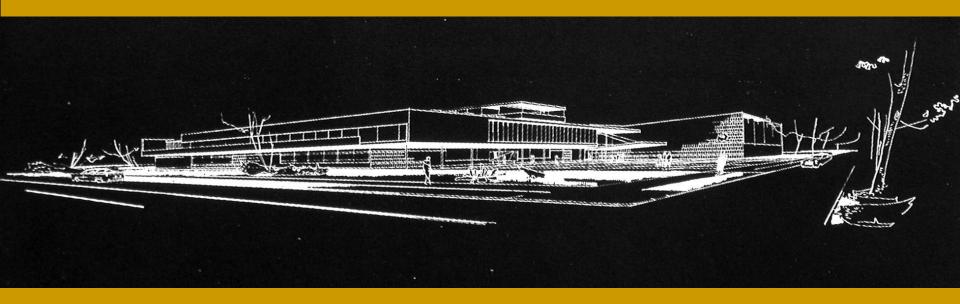


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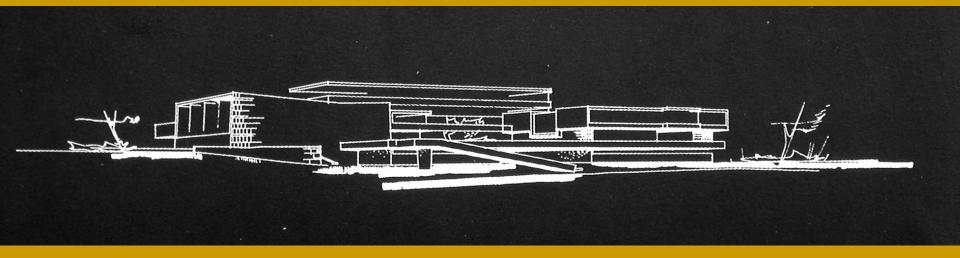
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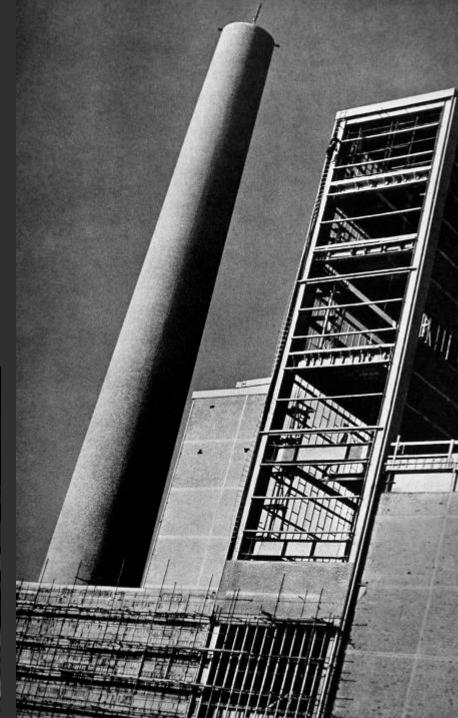
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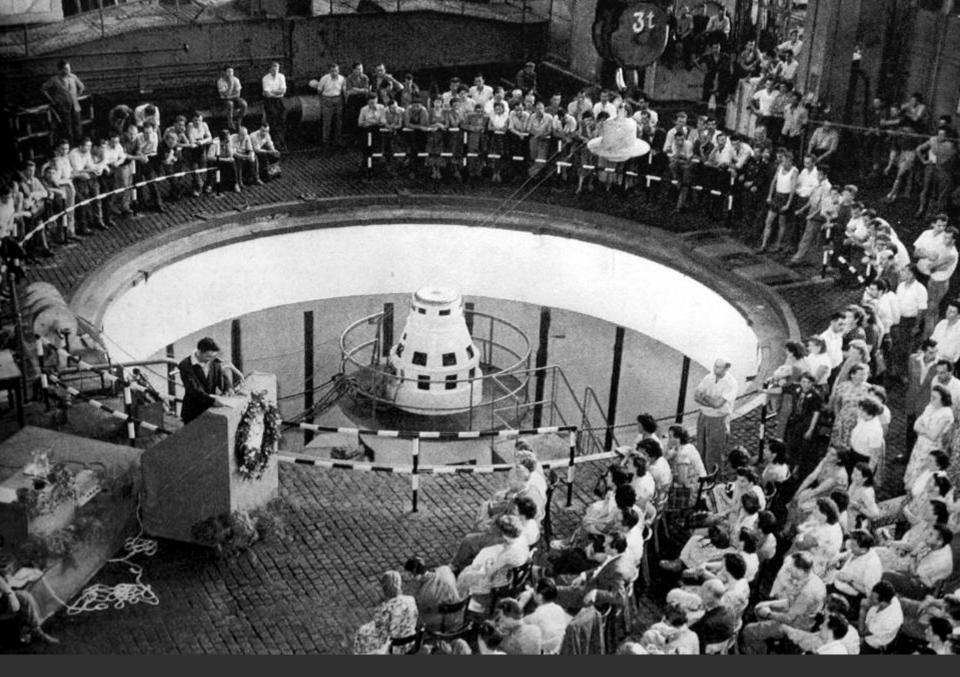
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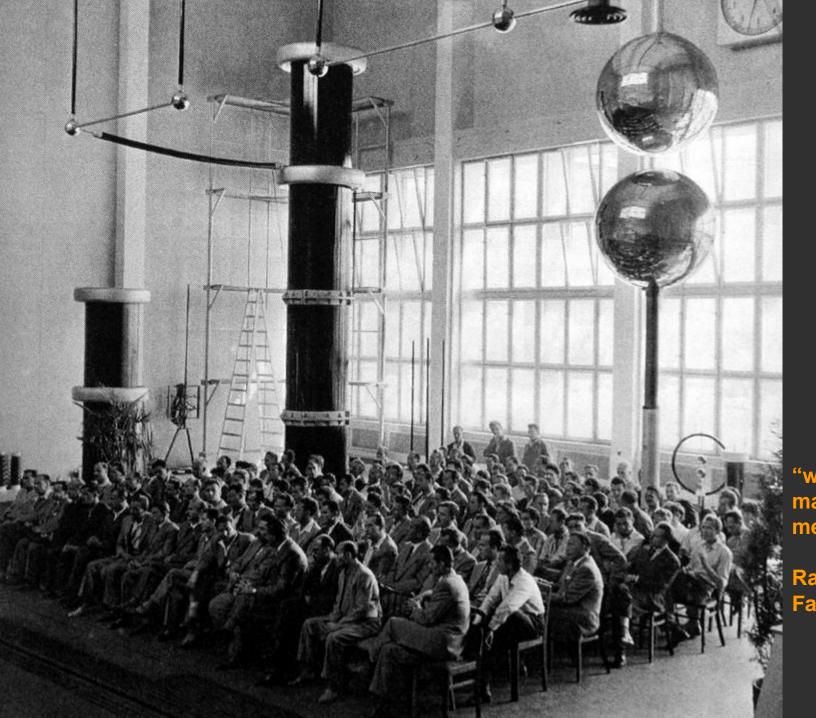


# "workers' self-management" as Yugoslavia's socio-economic experiment





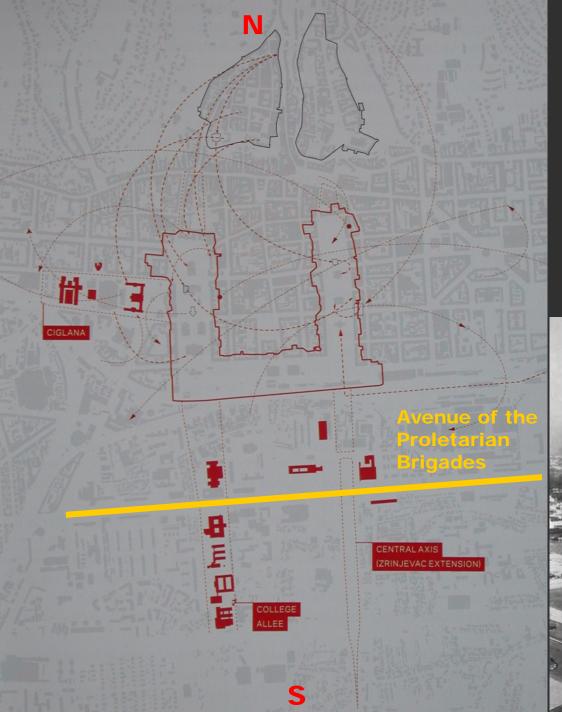
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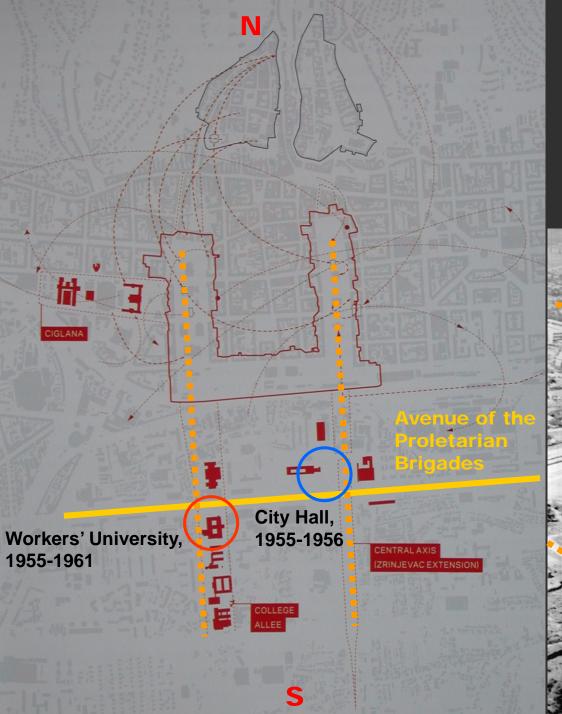
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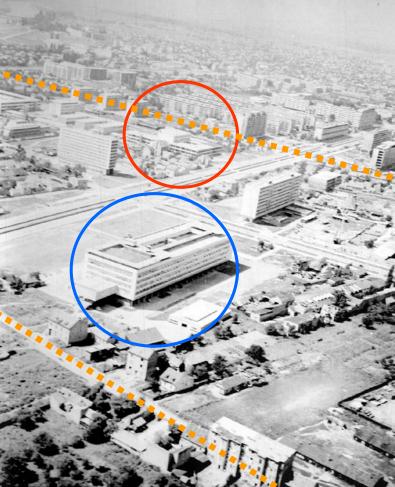


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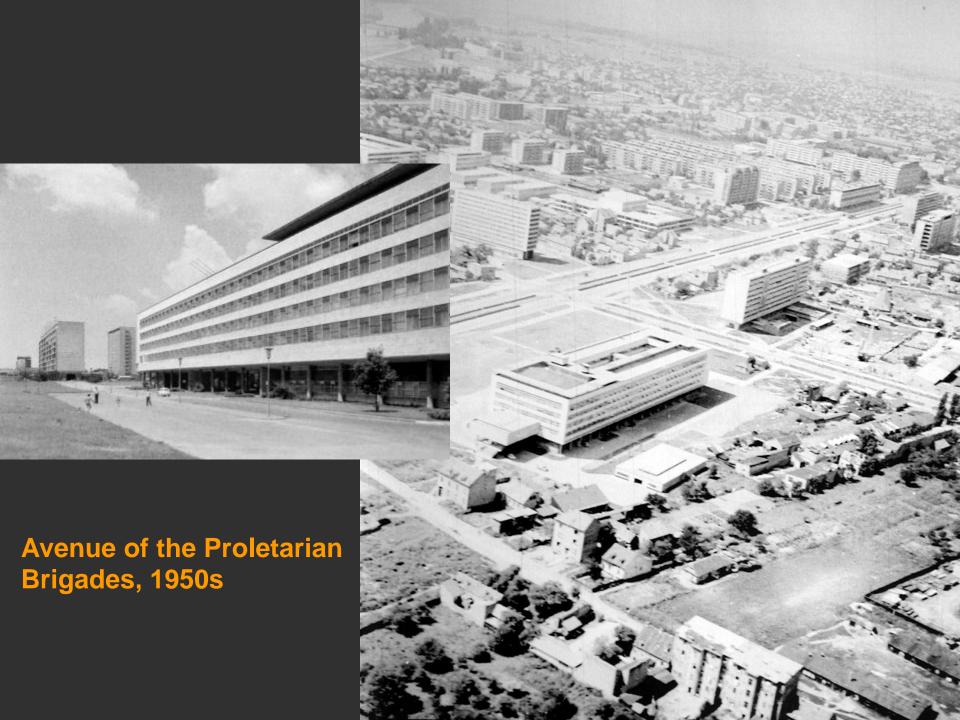


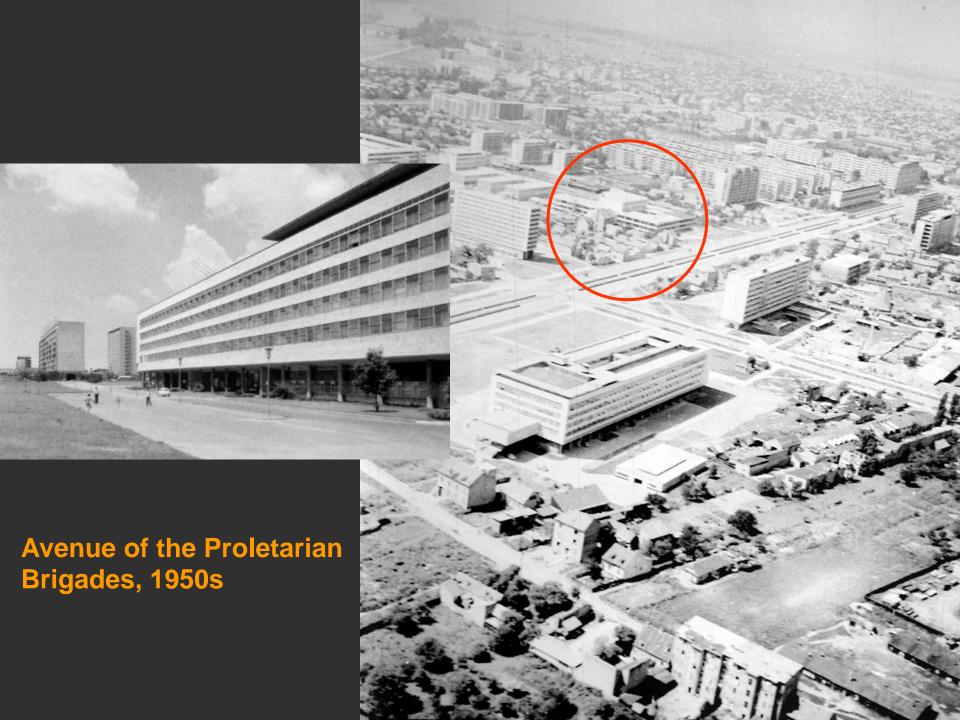


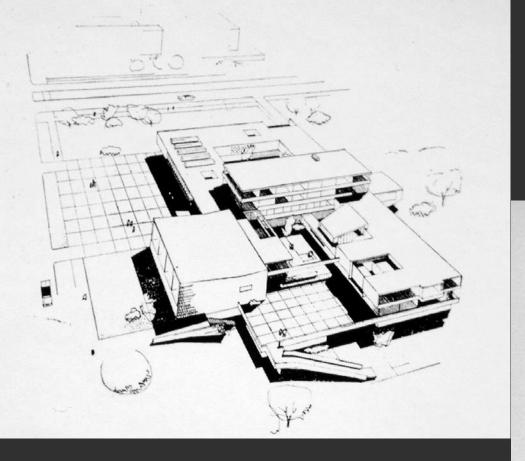
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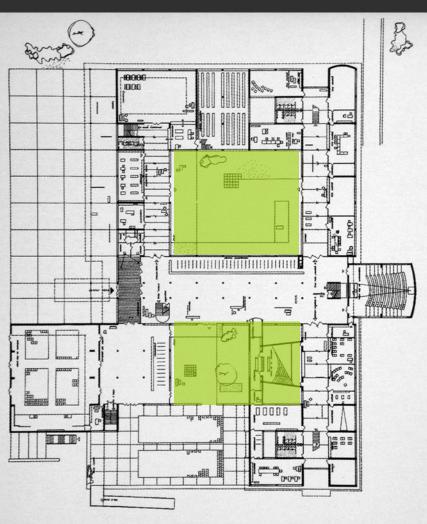


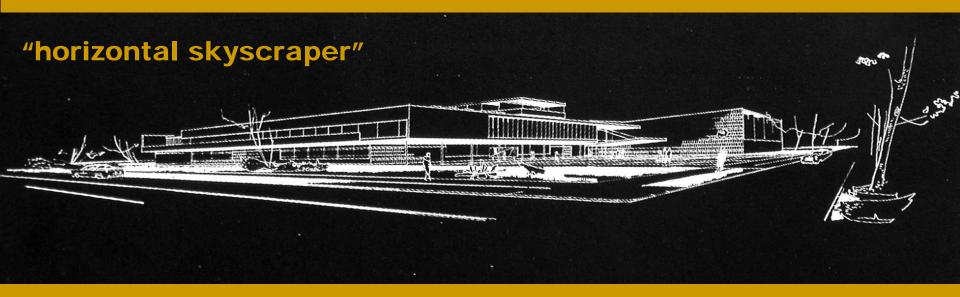




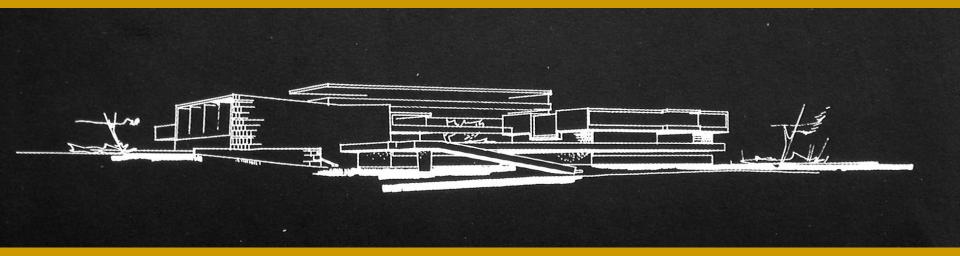
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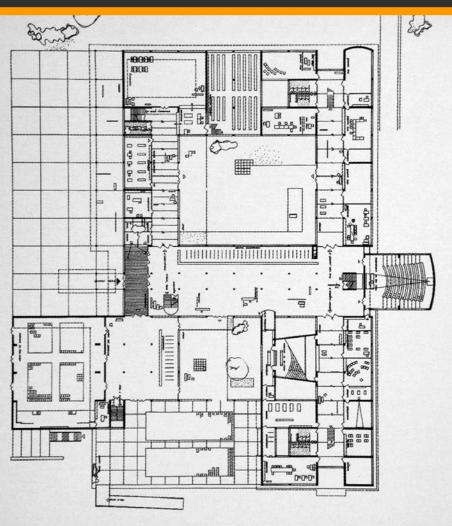
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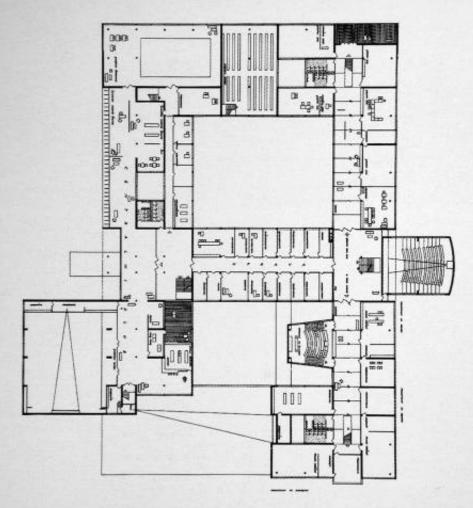
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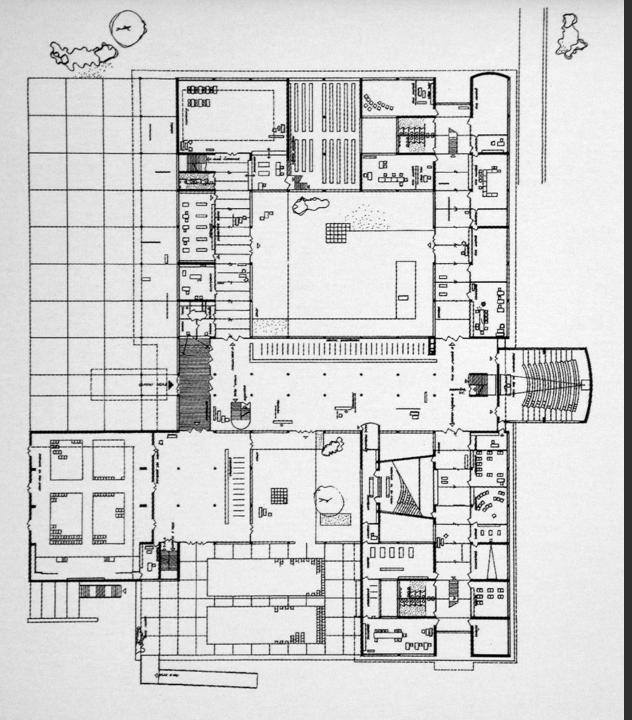
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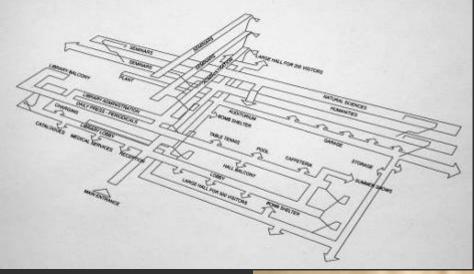




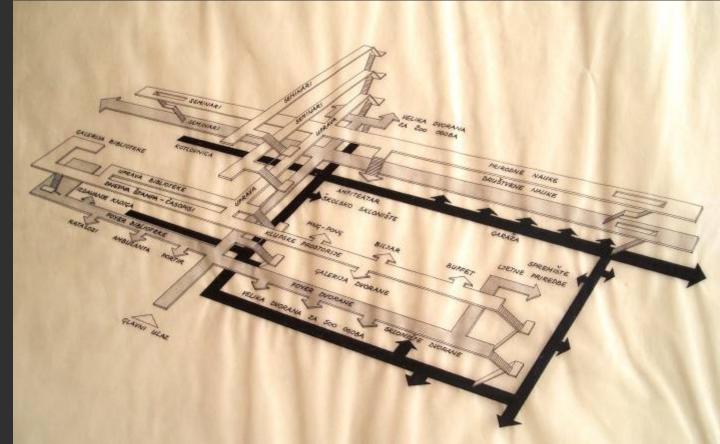


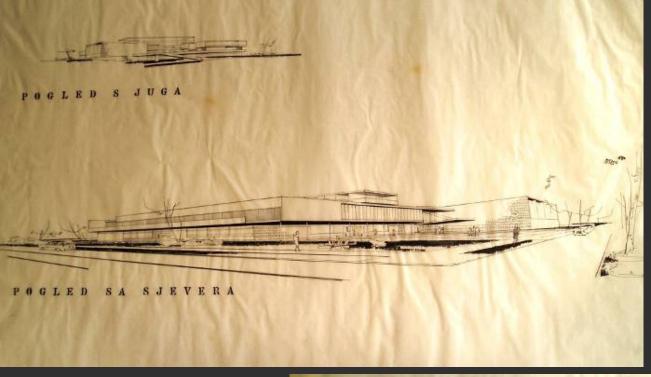
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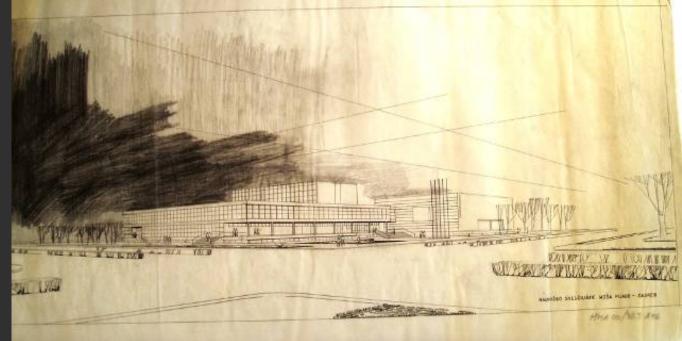


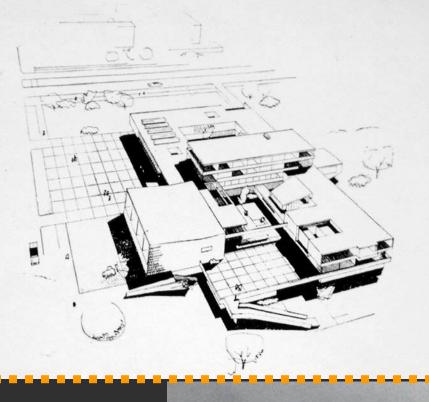
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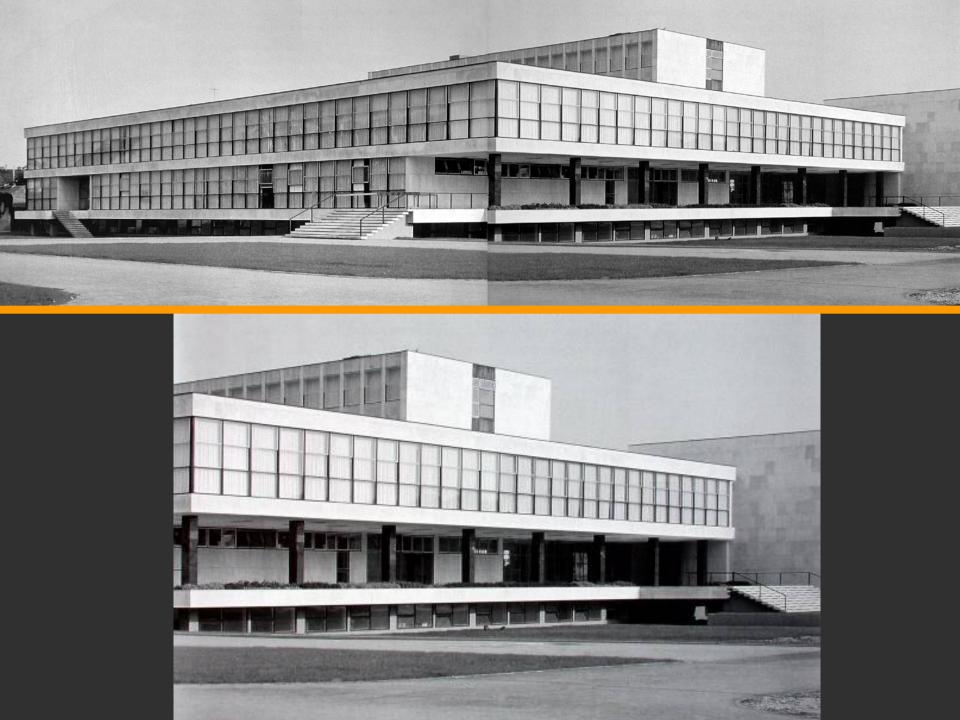


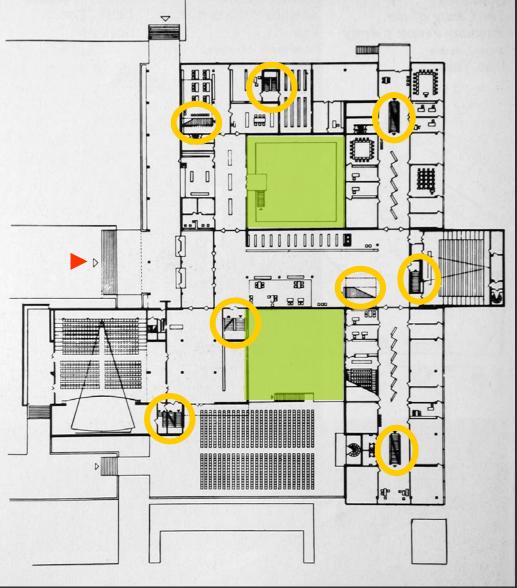
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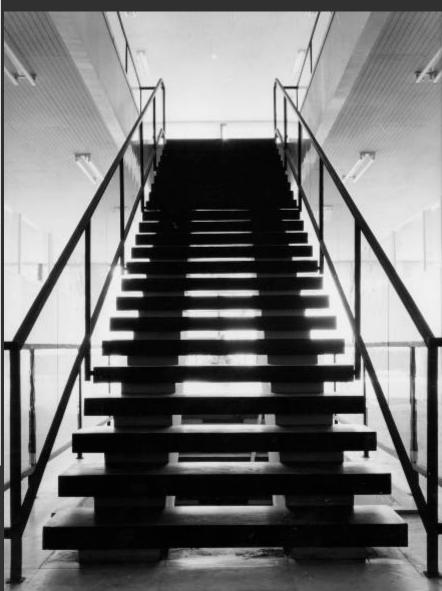
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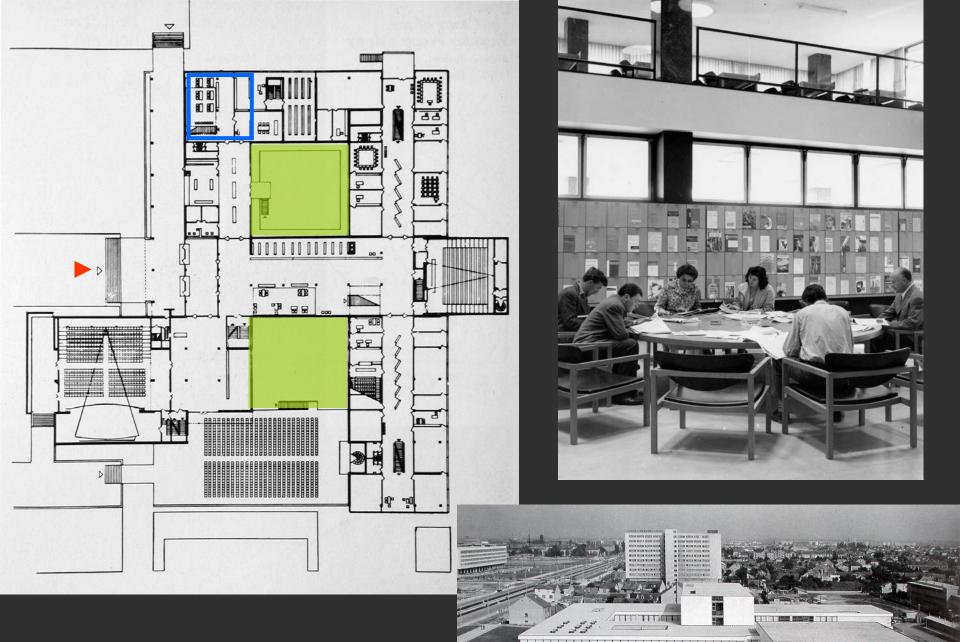
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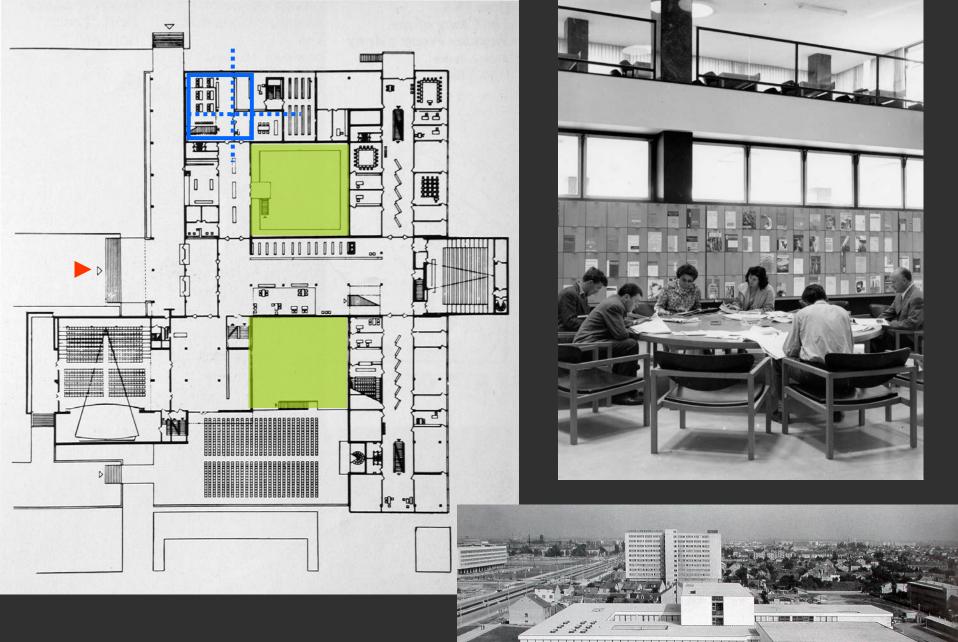


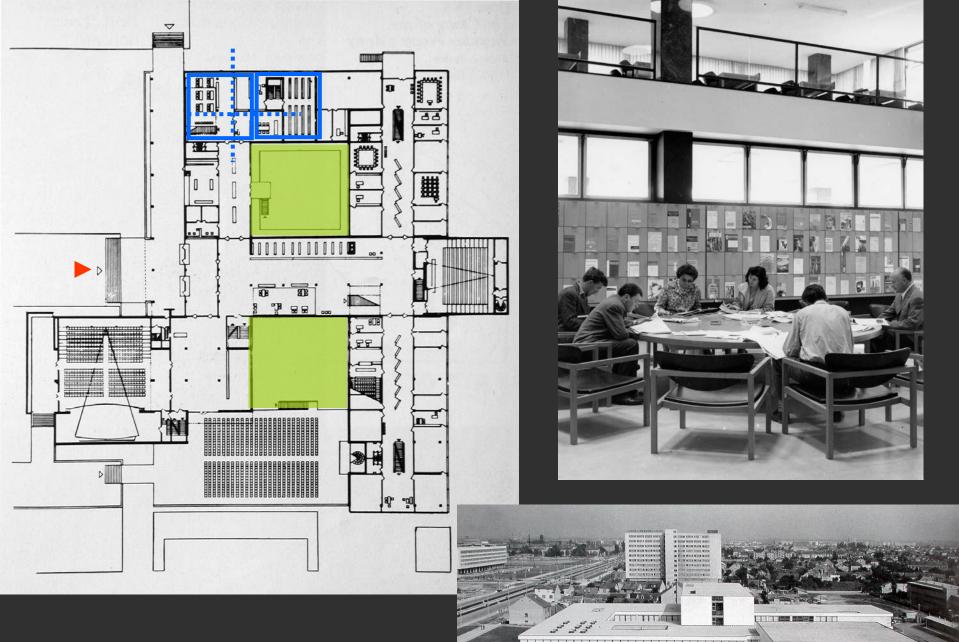


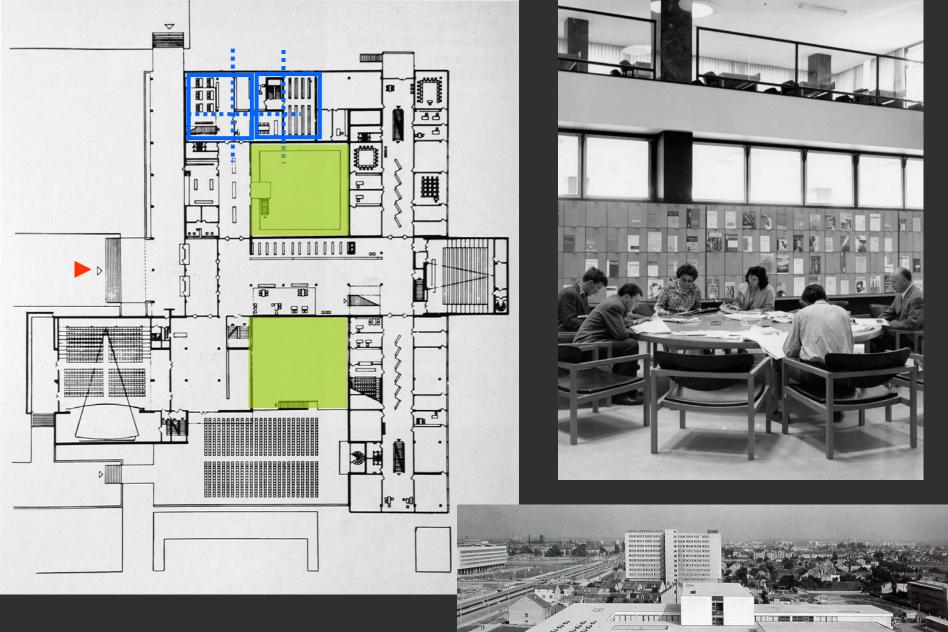
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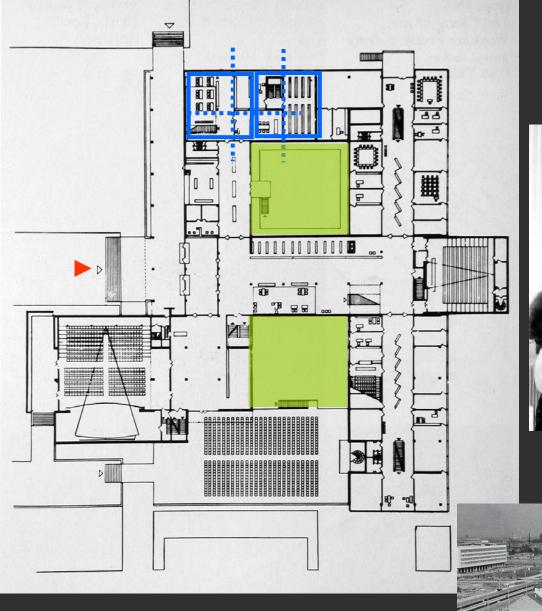




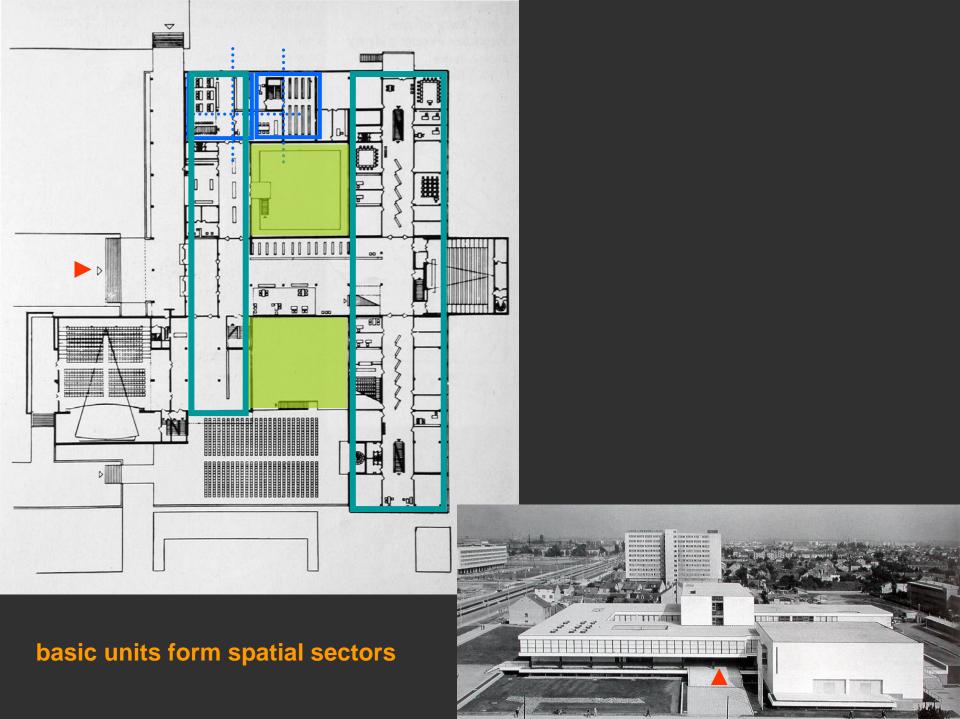


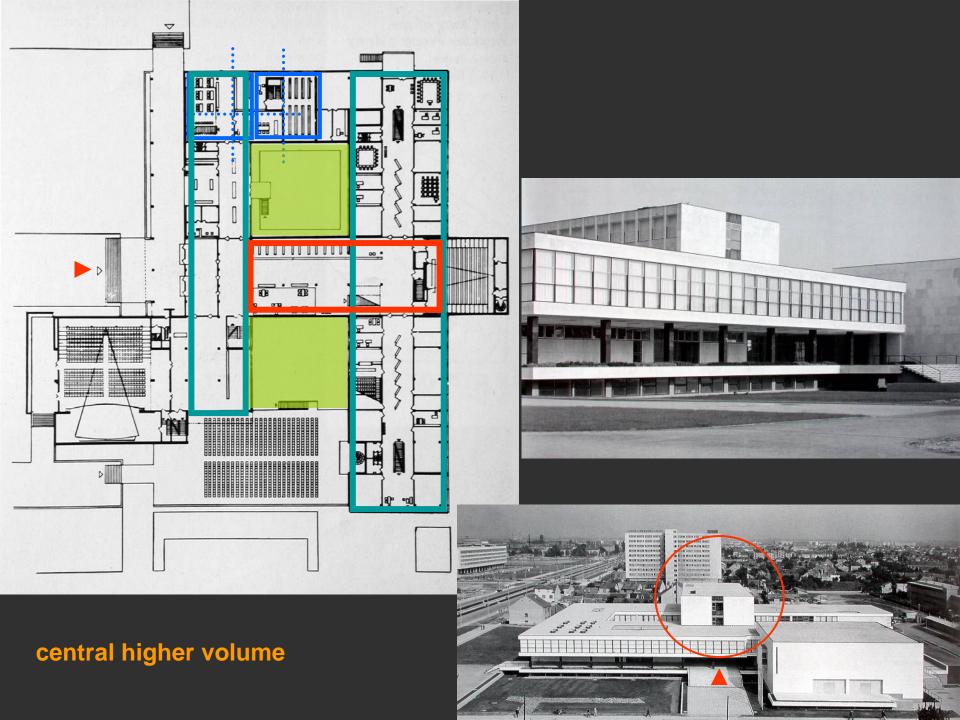


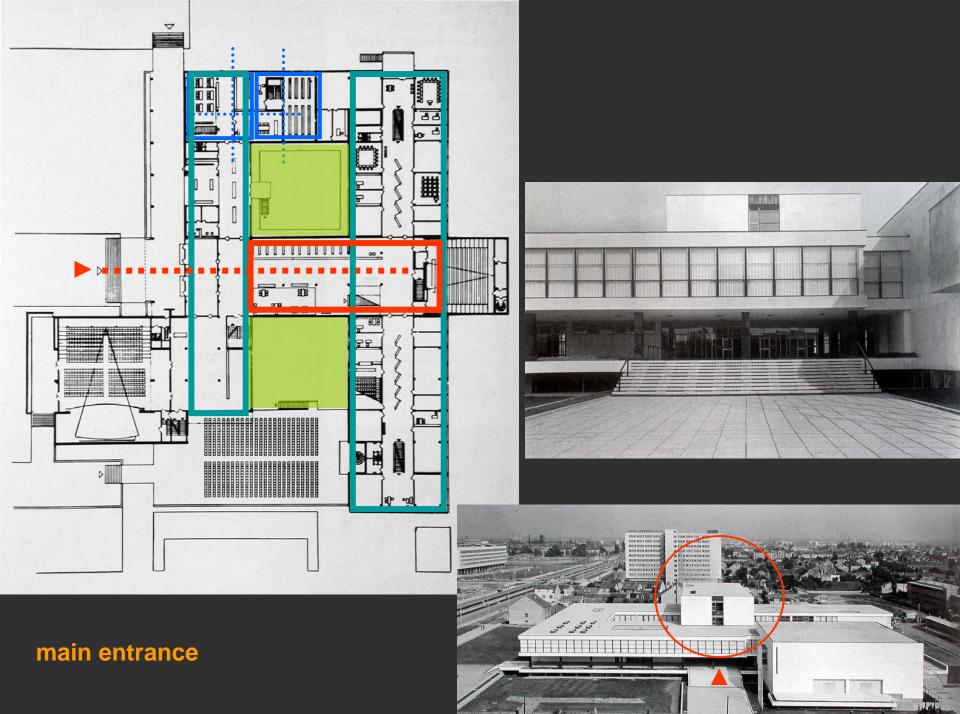


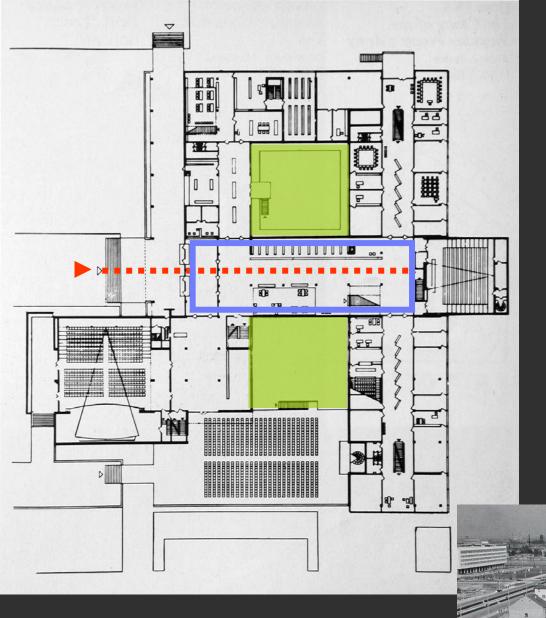














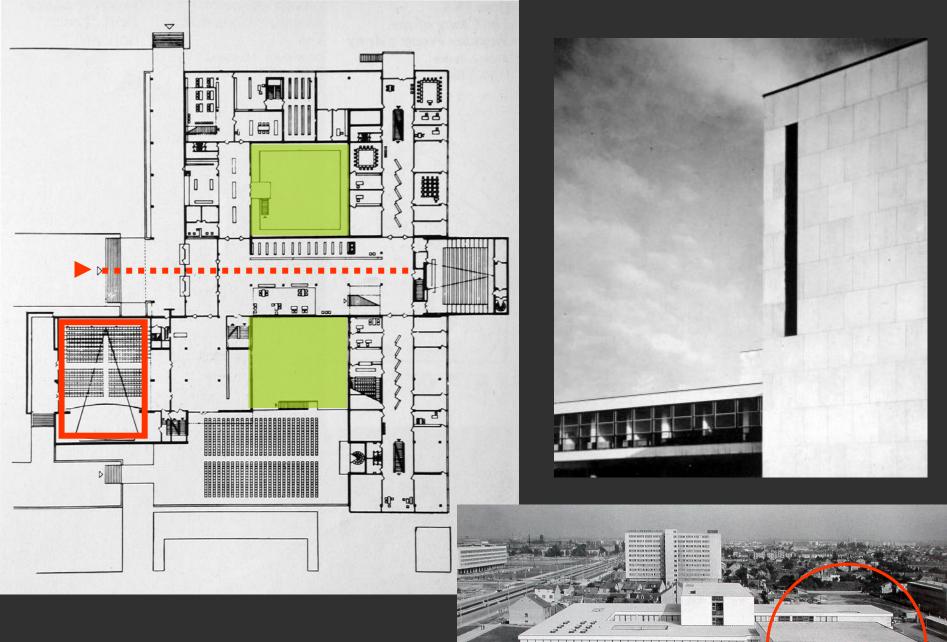




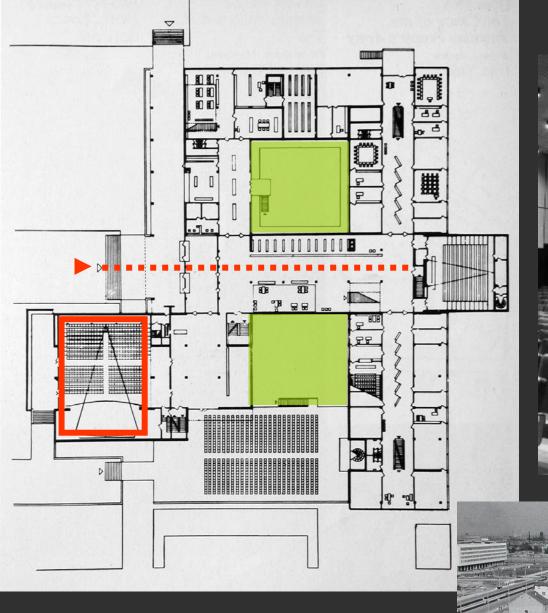
large lecture hall



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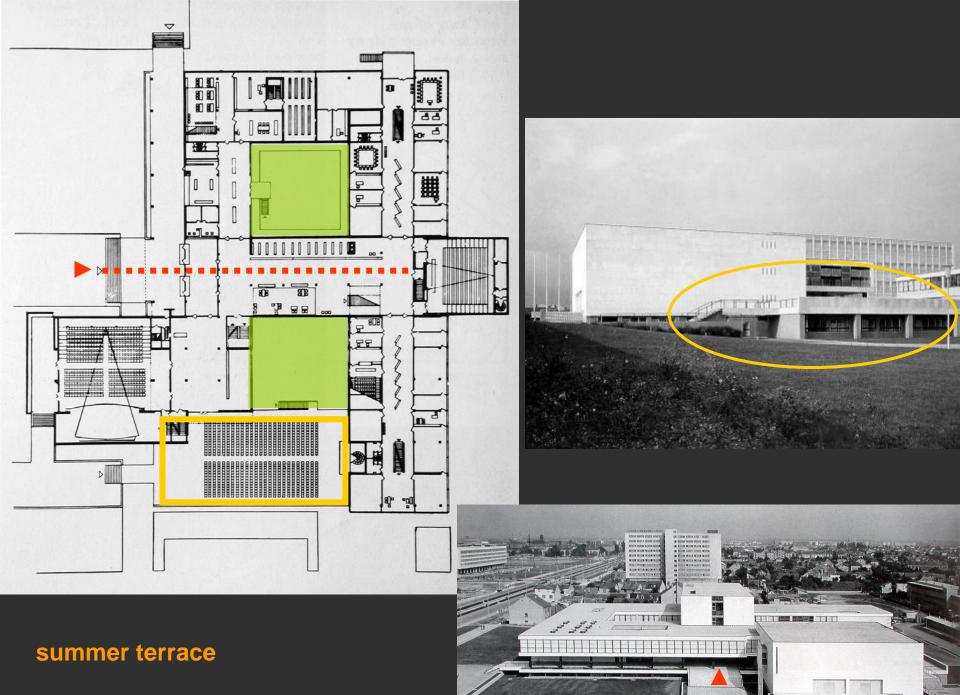


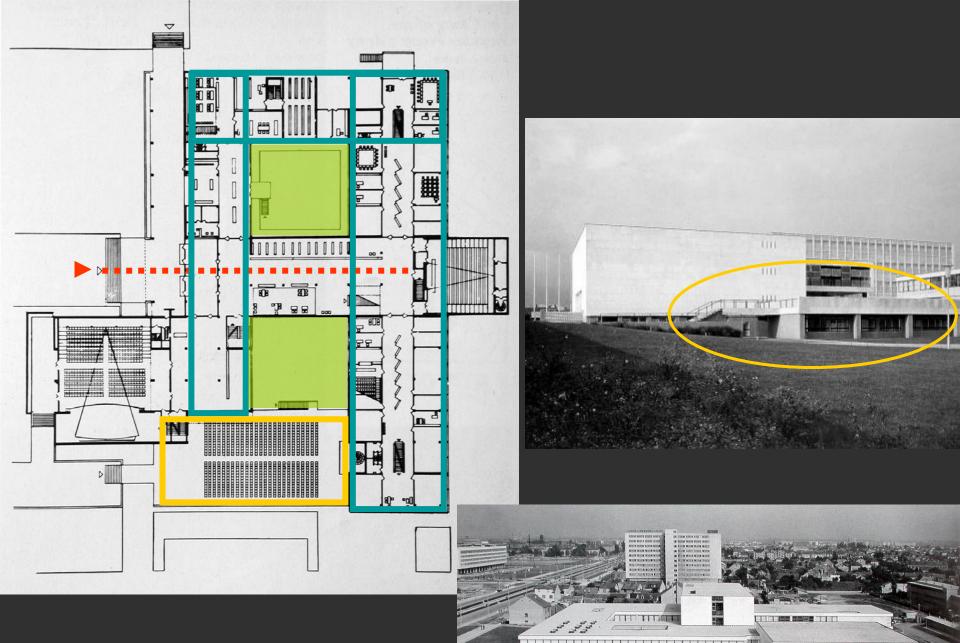
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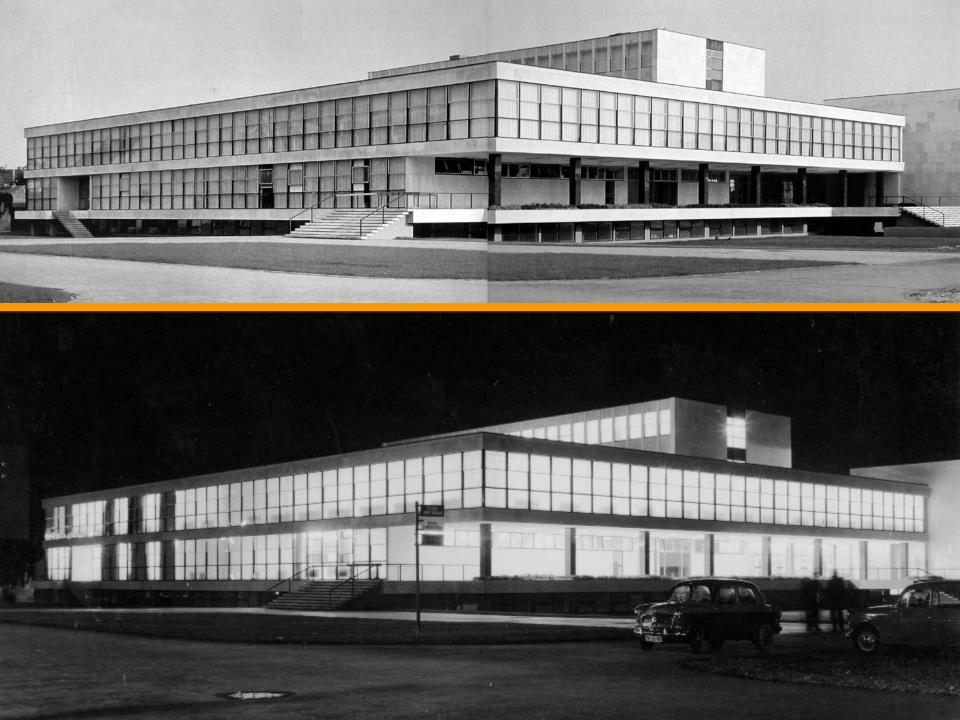


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#### summer terrace





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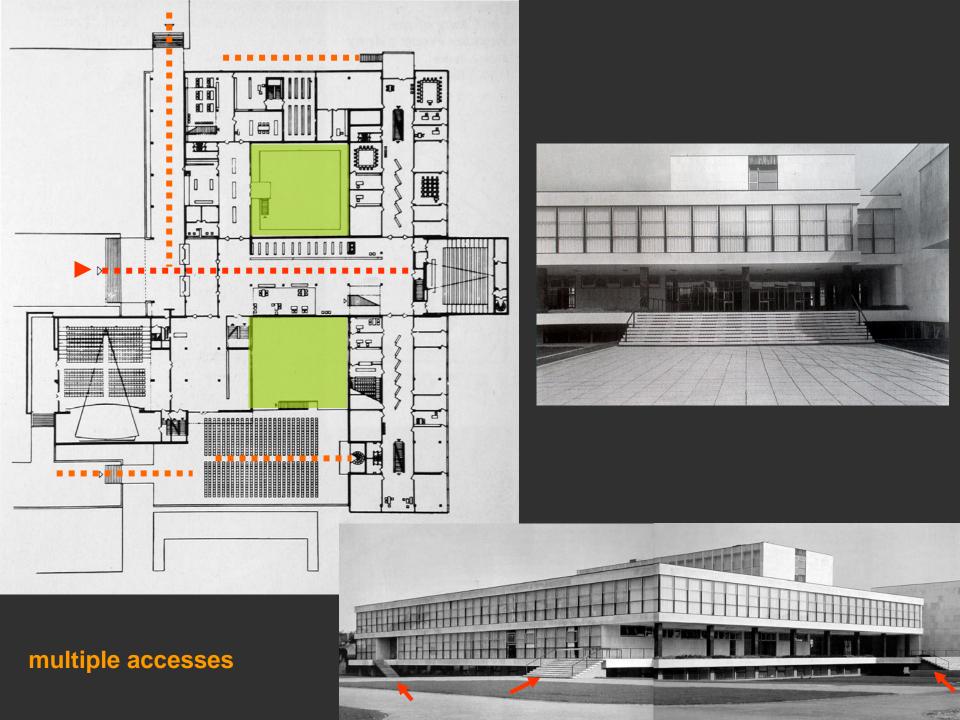


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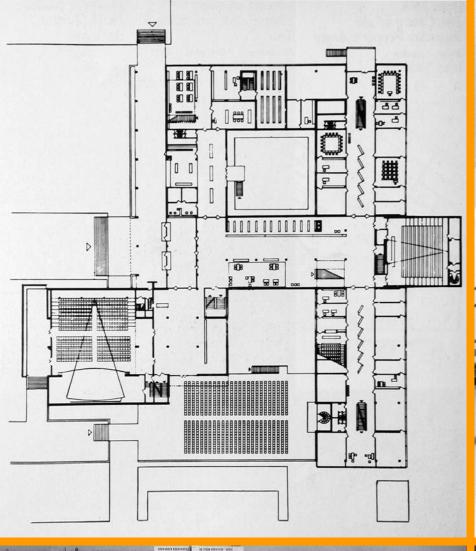








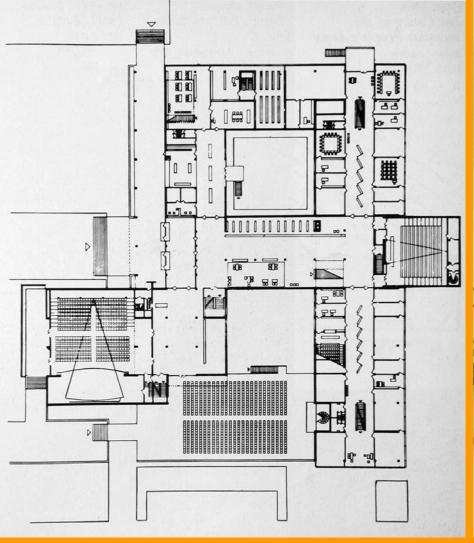








Ninoslav Kučan: "The building has its identity, it has its inner and outer harmony, it relates actively to the exterior context, but its every inner space relates adequately also to itself, to its neighboring spatial unit, and to the entire interior field."

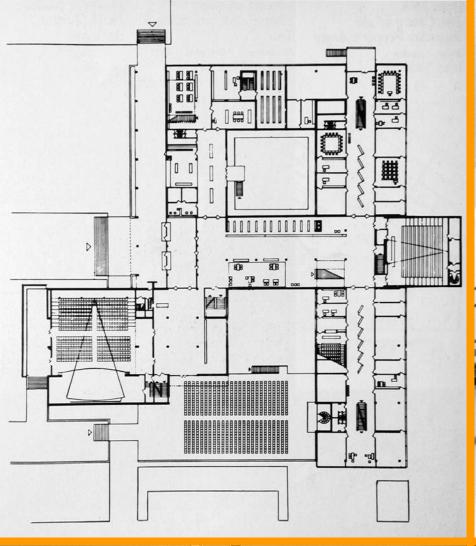






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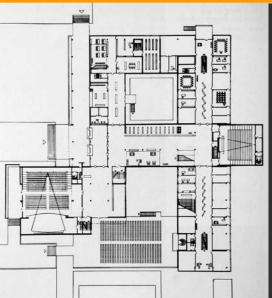
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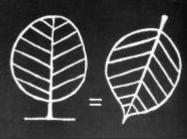






Workers' University: attained its own "labyrinthine clarity"





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 $city \leftrightarrow house$ 

Van Eyck's "reciprocal phenomenon":

"House is city and city is house. A city is not a city unless it is also a huge house. A house is a house only if it is also a tiny city."



Nikšić presenting his Workers' University at the last CIAM meeting in Otterlo 1959

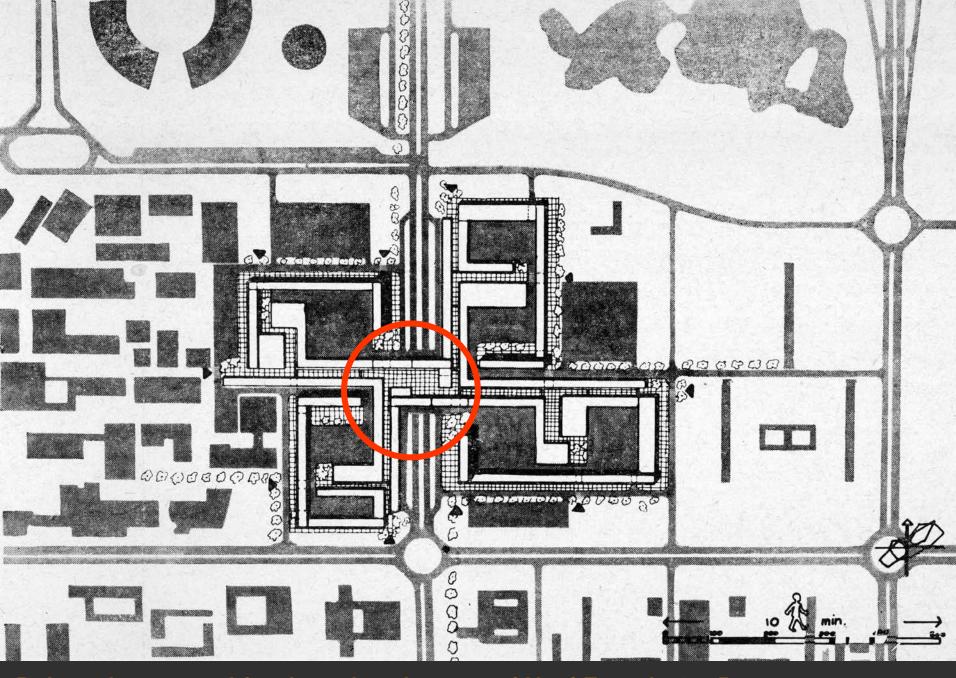




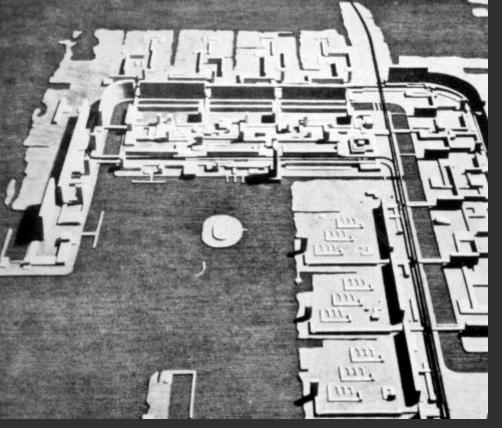


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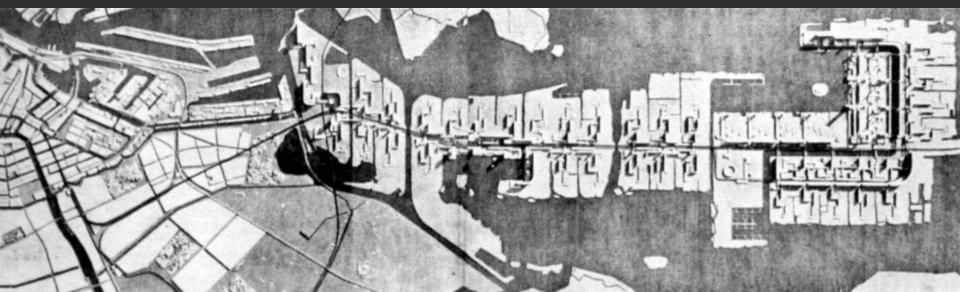


Bakema's proposal for the cultural center of Novi Zagreb, 1965



**Lectures at the Zagreb Faculty of Architecture, 1965** 

Bakema & van den Broek
Project for the Pampus district, Amsterdam,
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# Razgovori povodom posjeta J. Bakeme Zagrebu

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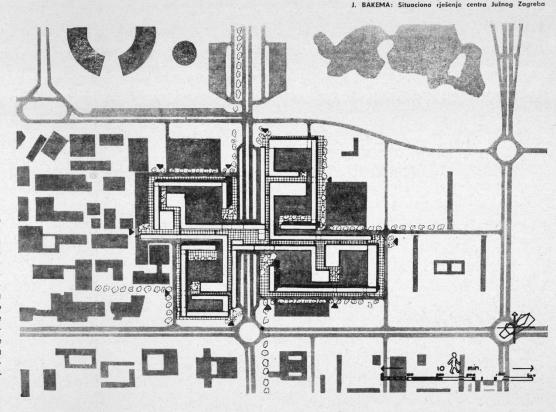
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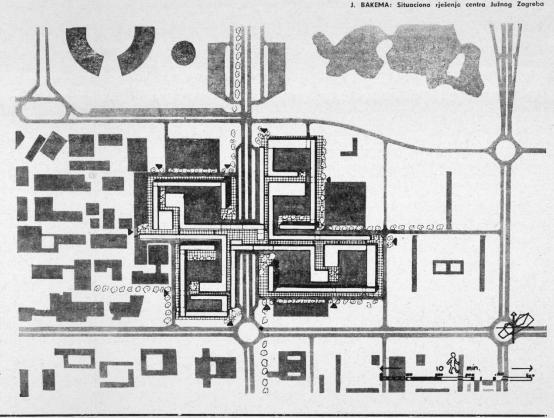
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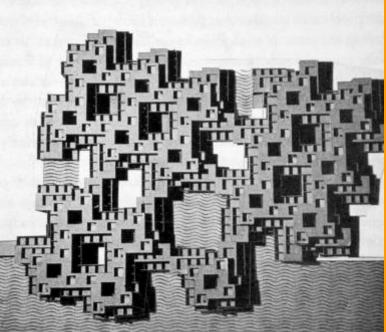


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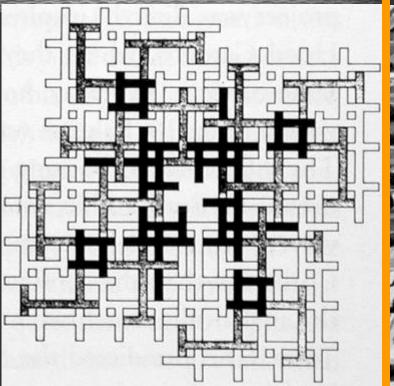
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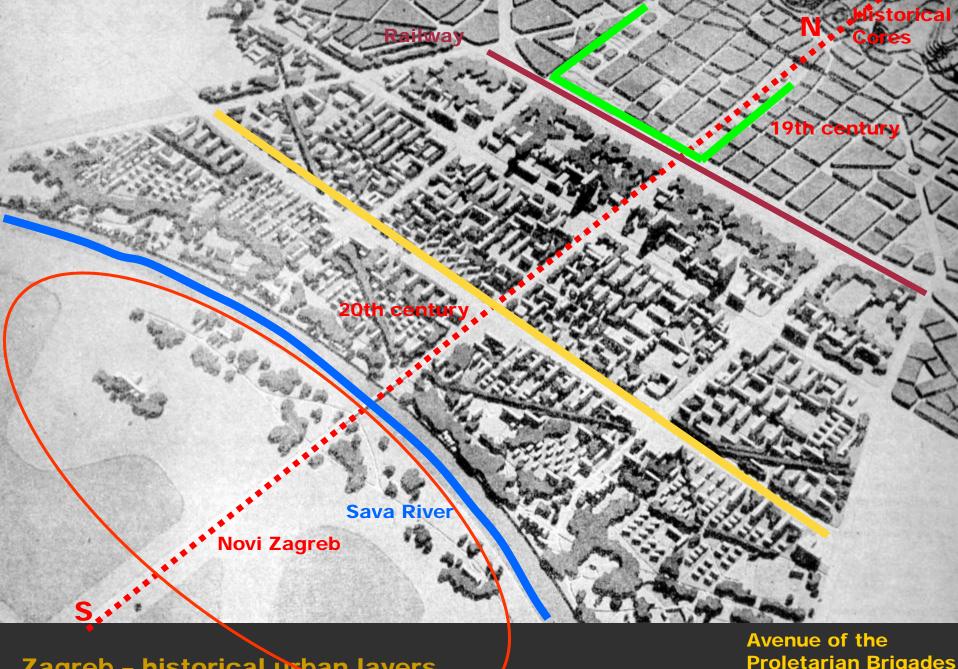


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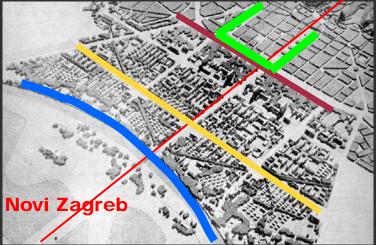




Zagreb - historical urban layers

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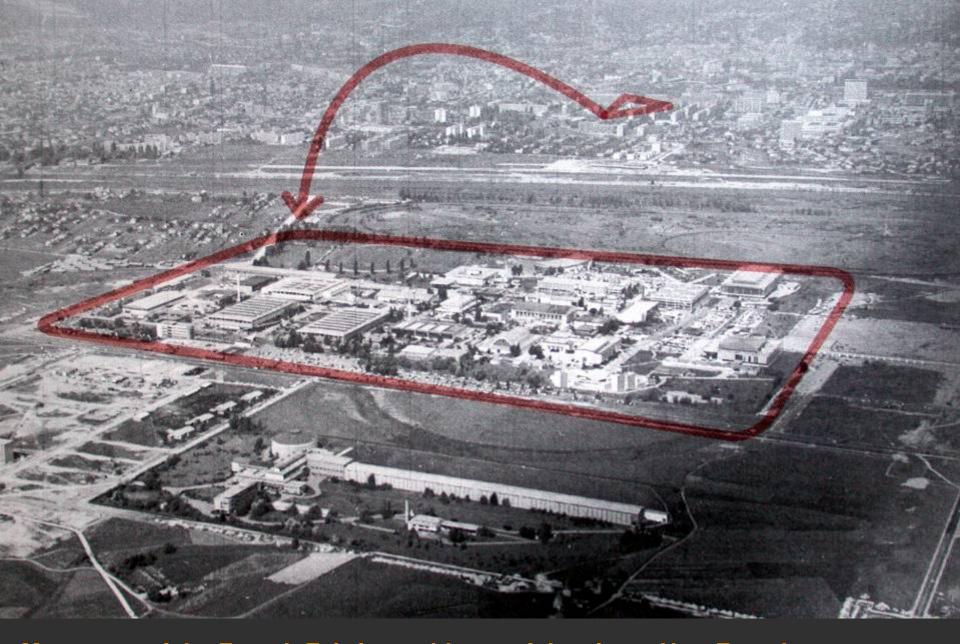




Avenue of the Proletarian Brigades

**Novi Zagreb** 





Movement of the Zagreb Fair from old part of the city to New Zagreb, across the Sava river, 1953-1957



American Pavilion, 1957-1958

The Zagreb International Trade Fair, 1953-1957

**Soviet Exhibition at** the Fair, 1960s





First American pavilion, by John Johansen, the first spray-on concrete building at the Fair, 1956

Proposed design for the new American pavilion, by Ivan Vitić, 1965

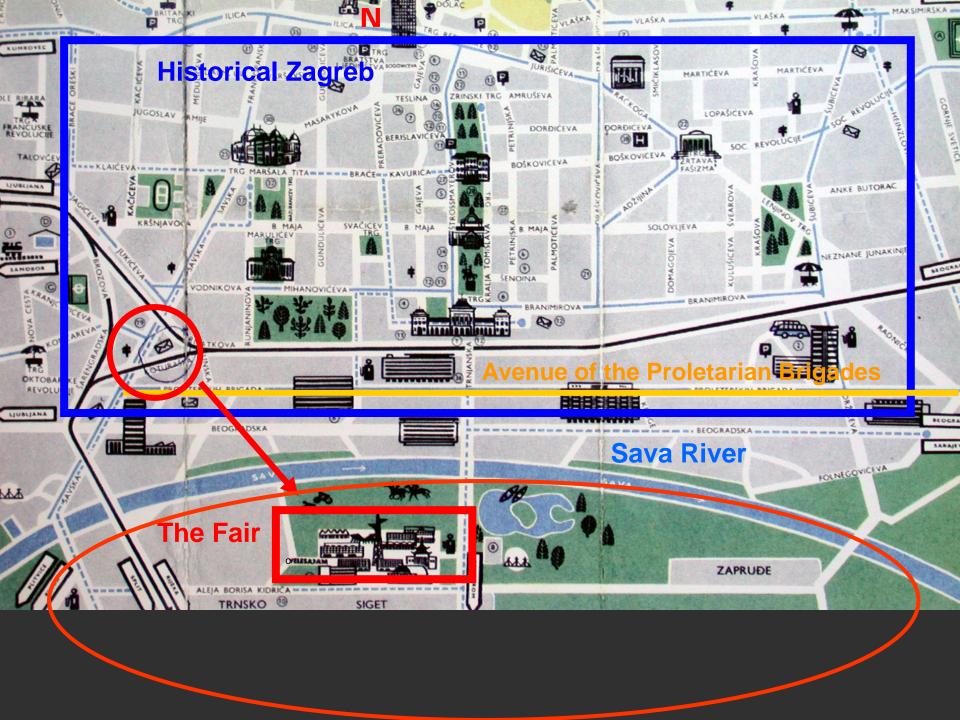


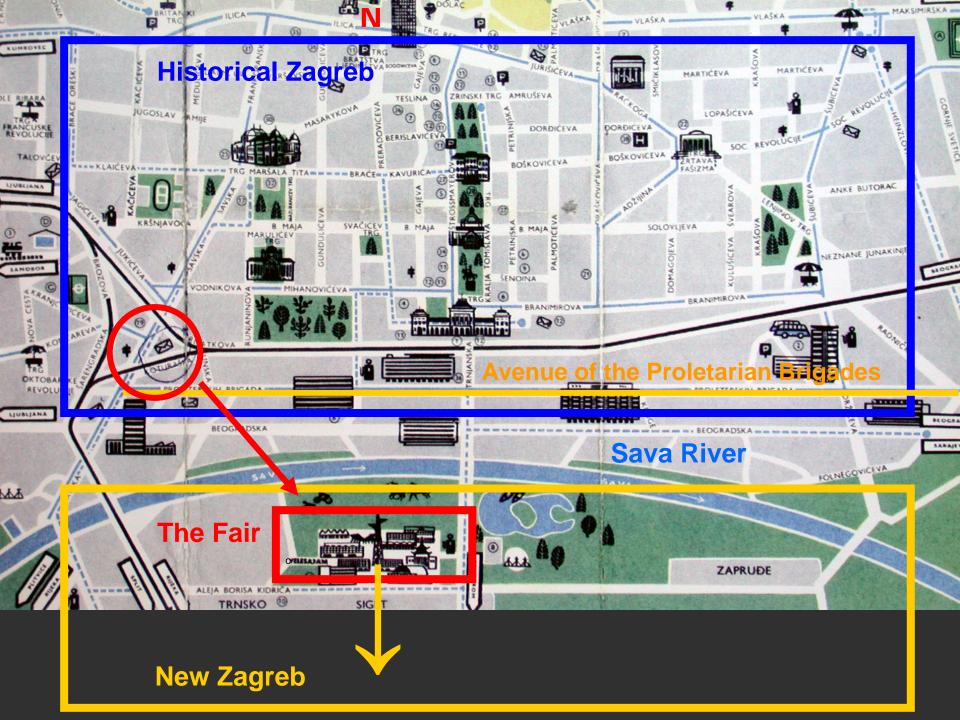


**Zagreb International Trade Fair, 1960s** 



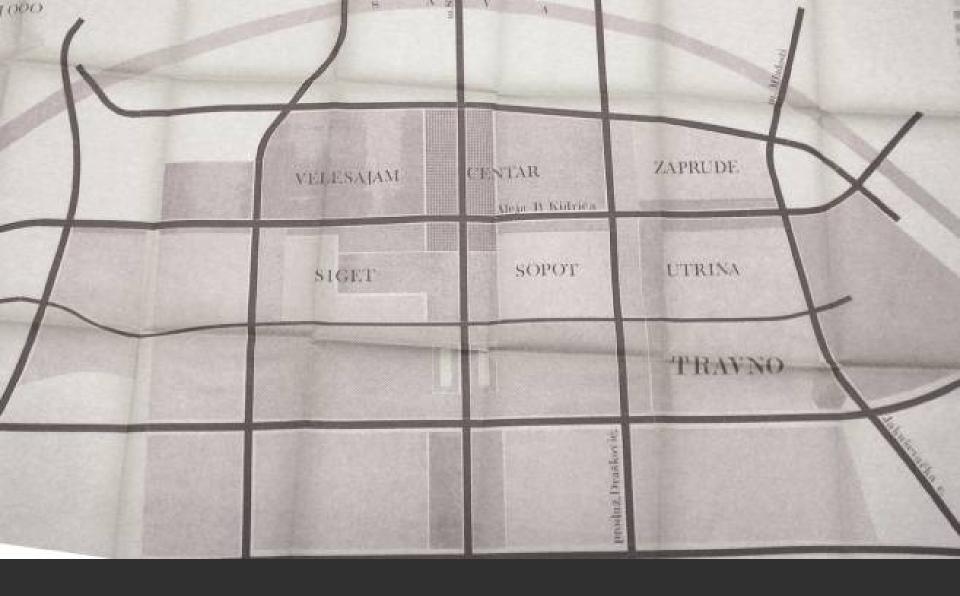
Aerial view of Zagreb Fair, with various national pavilions, 1960s







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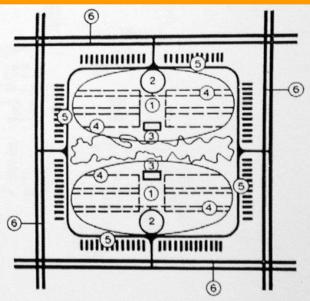


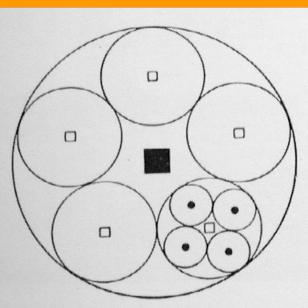
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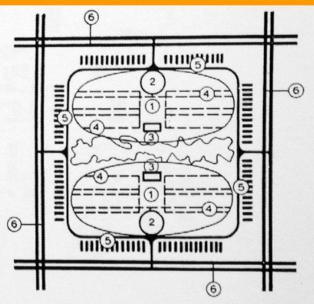


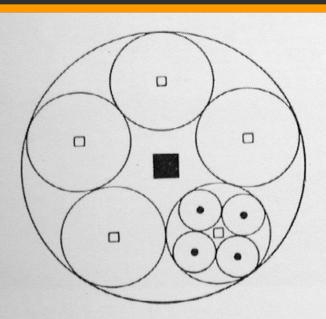


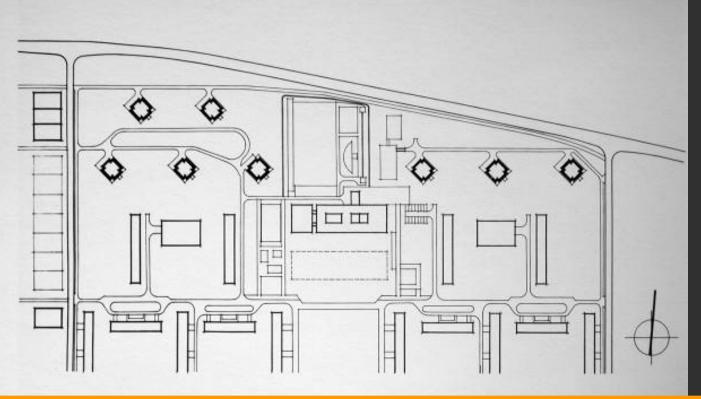
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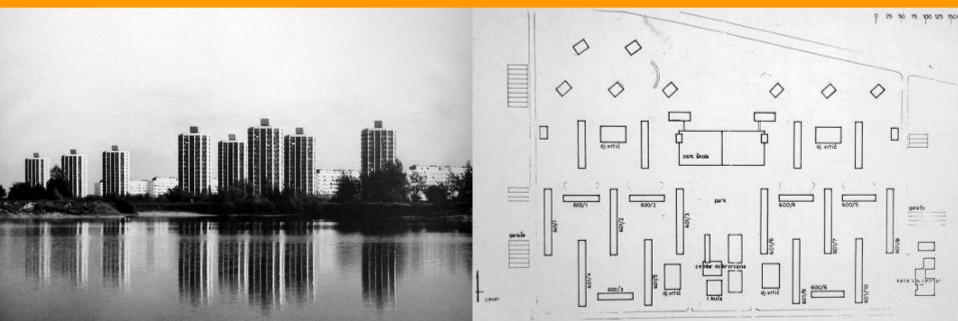
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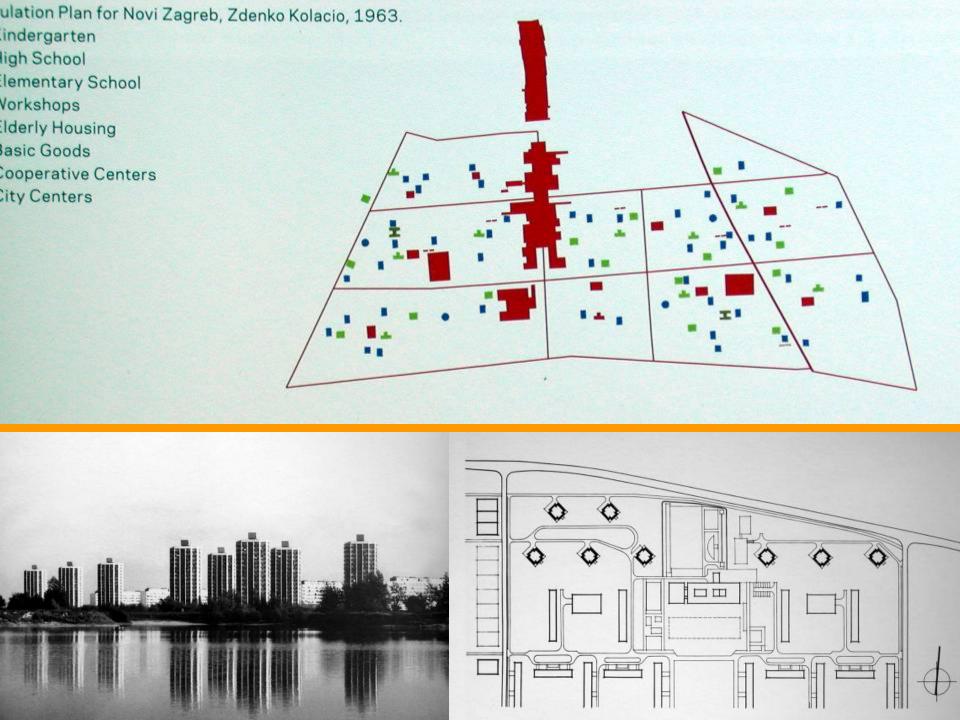






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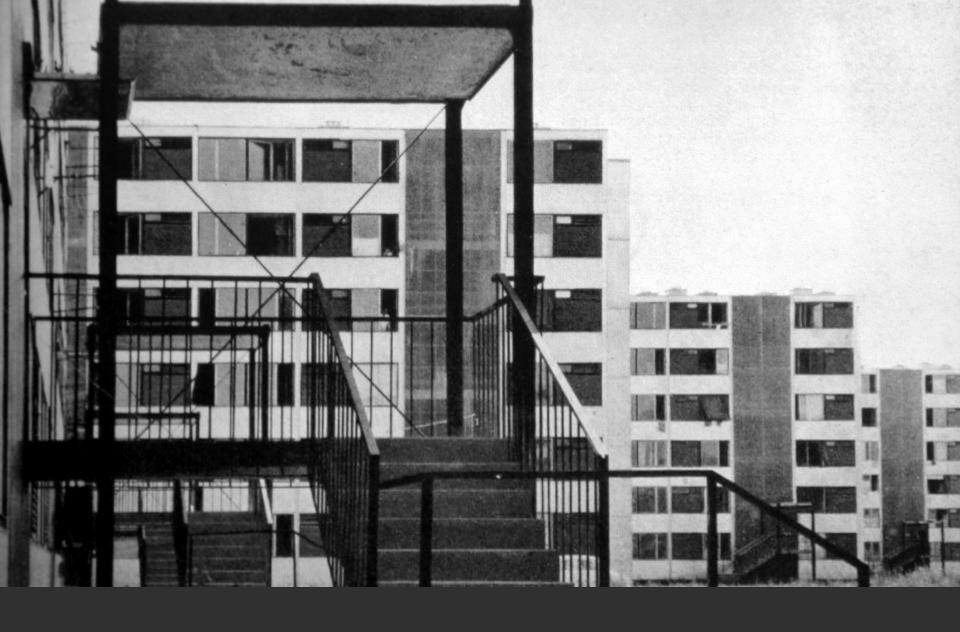














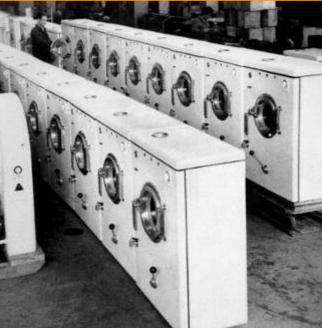
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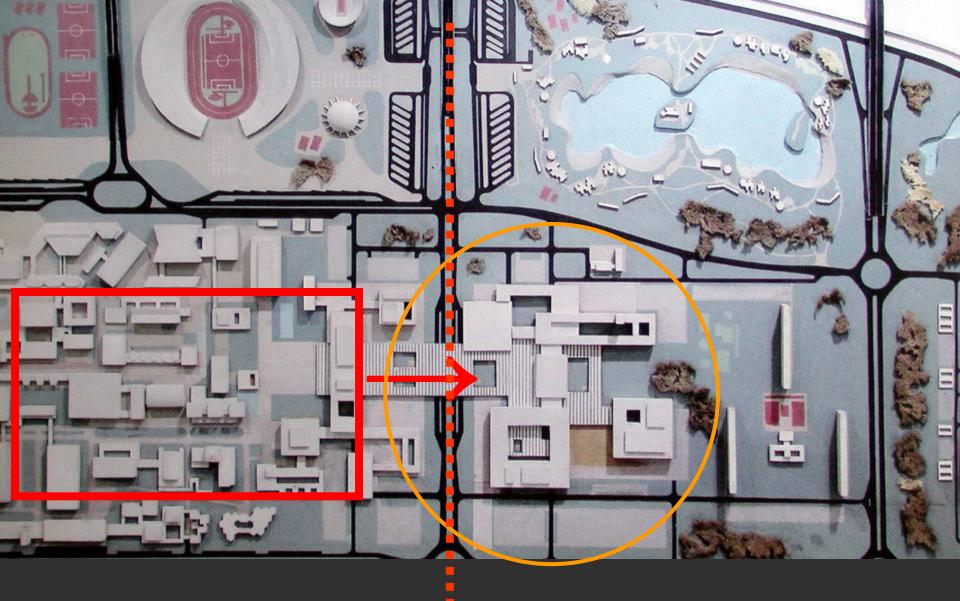
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**Zagreb Fair as** consumption space:

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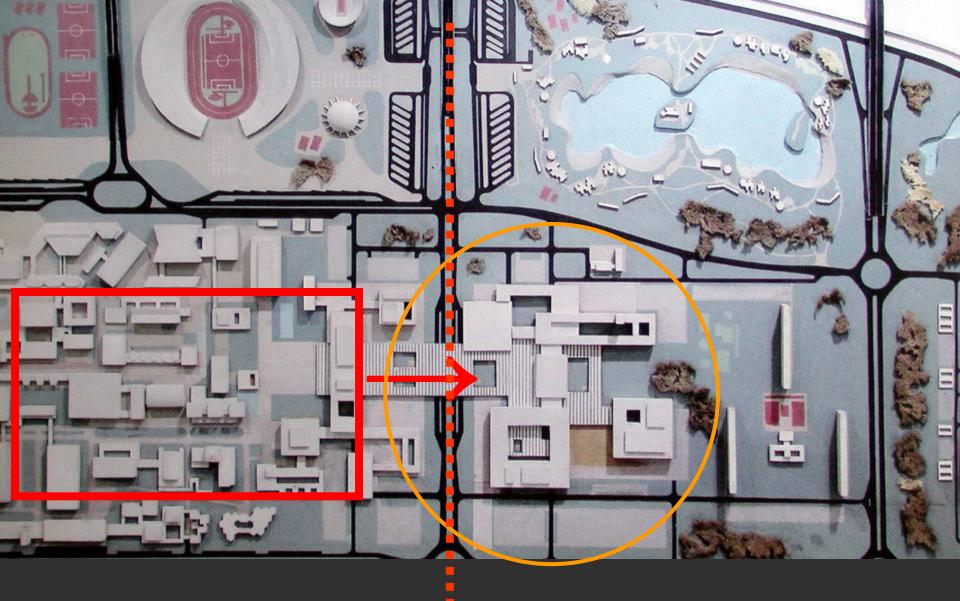




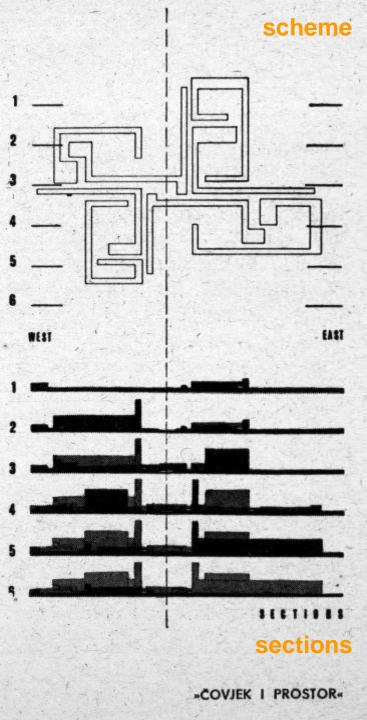


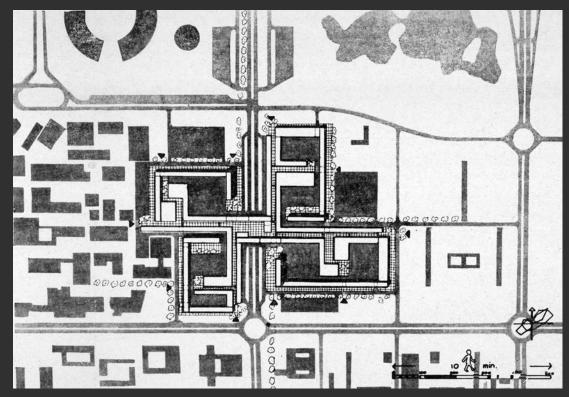
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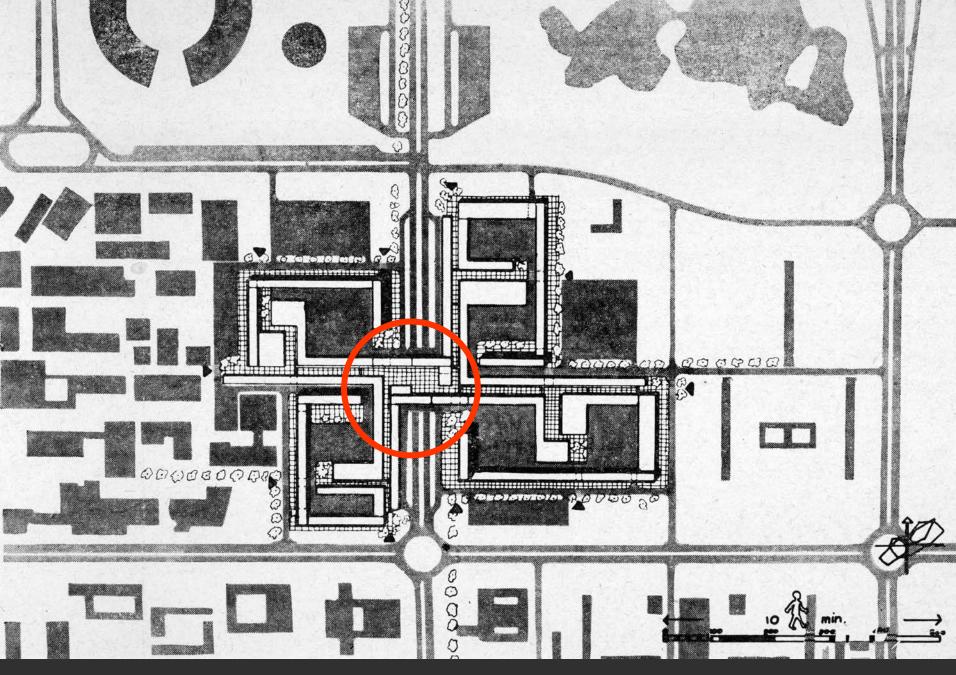




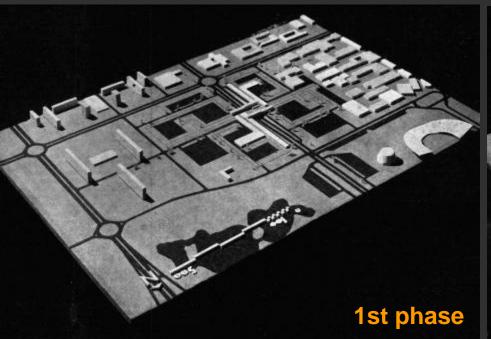
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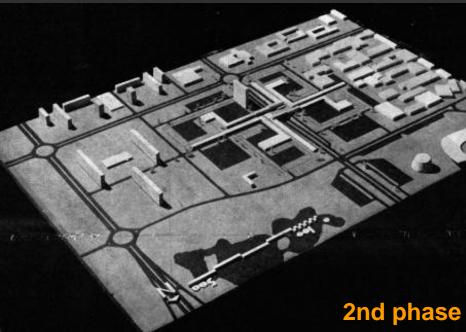
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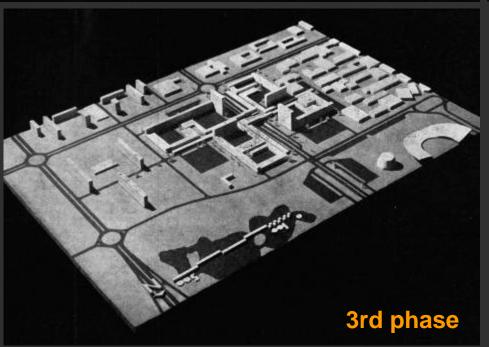
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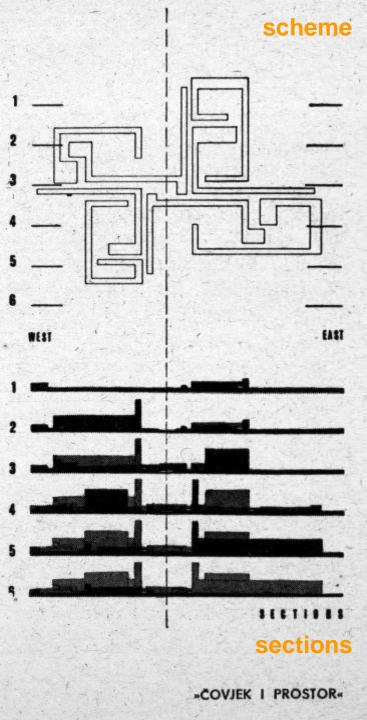
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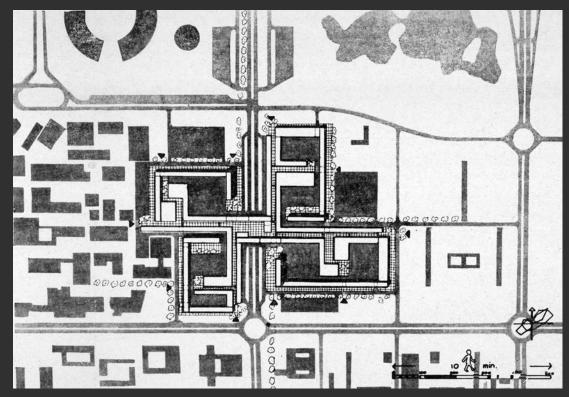






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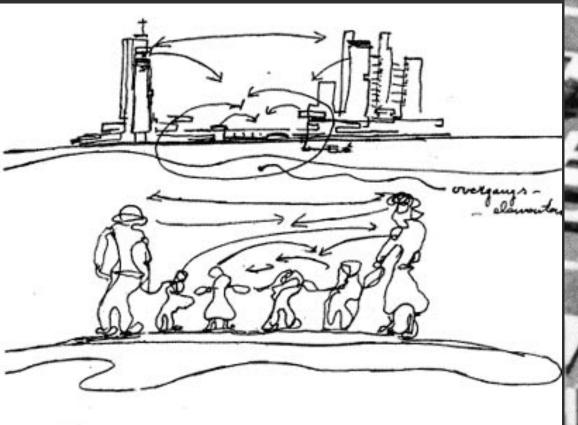




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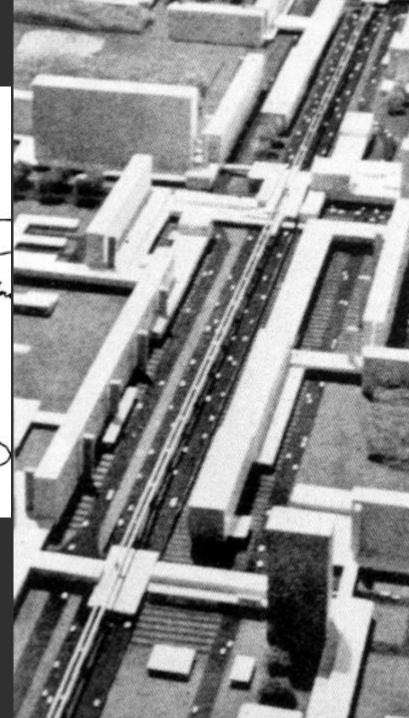
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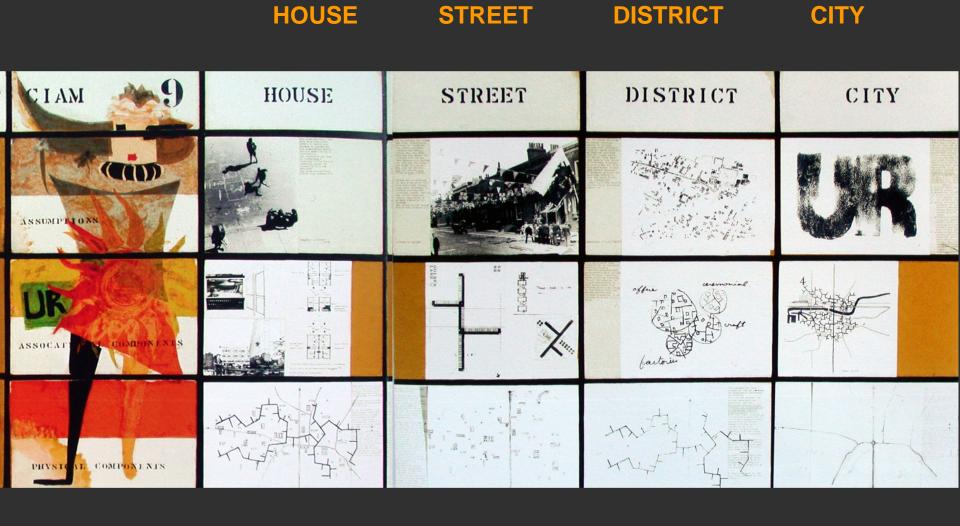
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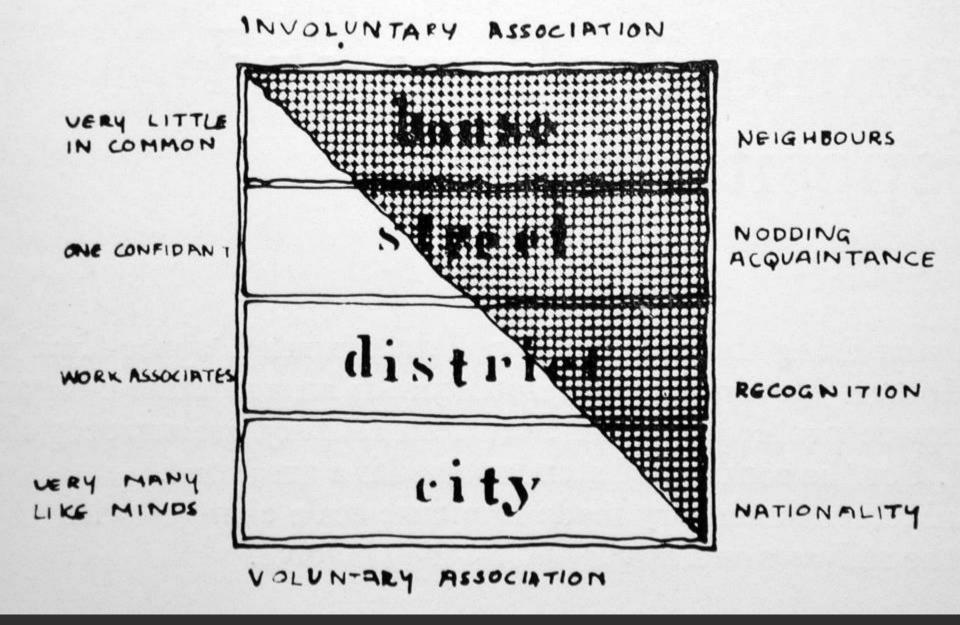


**Transitional Elements, sketch by Bakema, 1961** 



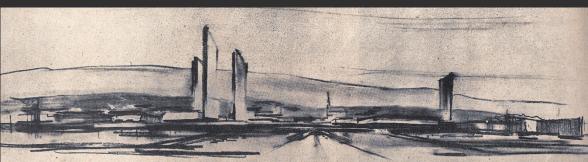


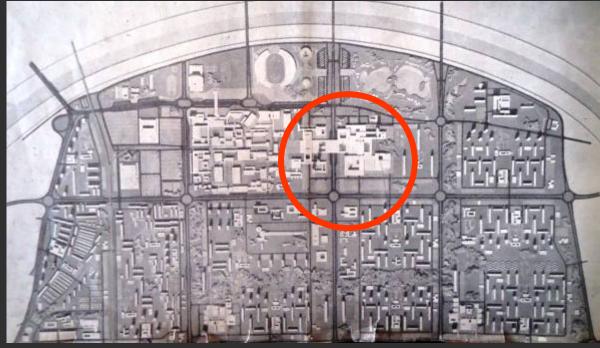
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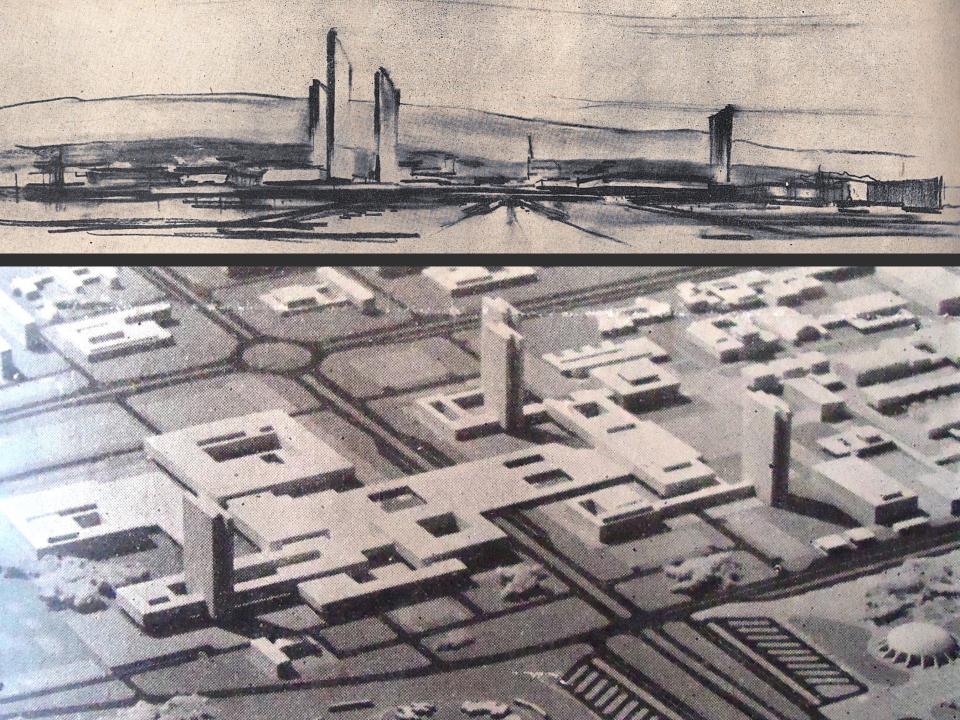


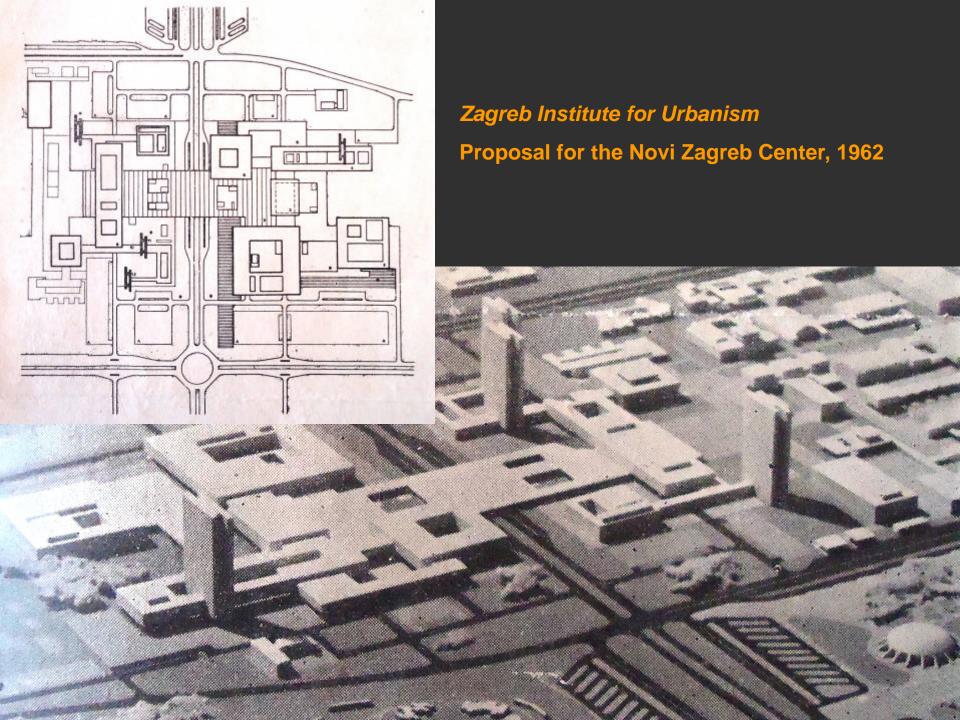














## Bakemin prijedlog za rješenje

Već dvadeset godina Bakema je zaokupljen problemom gradskog centra i centara novih naselja.

Ta njegova aktivnost je dvojaka i on piše studije, članke, knjige, drži predavanja na radiju i televiziji, sudjeluje s tom temom na svim poslijeratnim kongresima CIAM-a i kroz cijelo to vrijeme projektira i realizira raznovrsne centre.

Po završetku prve etape roterdamskog trgovačkog centra «Lijnbana» projektira i djelomično realizira centre Bergena, Marla, Bochuma, Berlina, Frankfurta, St. Louisa i još mnogih drugih manjih i većih naselja da bi došao do rješenja Tel Aviva i našeg Skoplja.

U svim rješenjima koja su redovito bogata originalnim idejama on polaže naročitu pažnju i brigu na mogućnost realizacije. U međuvremenu roterdamski «Lijnban» postao je u pravom smislu riječi prototip brojnih sličnih zadaća širom svijeta. Zato je za nas interesantan njegov prijedlog koga je prikazao u zadnjem od tri predavanja koja je održao početkom 1965. godine na Arhitektonskom fakultetu u Zagrebu za centar Južnog Zagrebo.

U ovom konkretnom slučaju zatekao je već određenu lokaciju, neposredno susjedstvo Zagrebačkog velesajma, označene glavne prilaze i što mu je dosta otežalo zadatak prve vizije tog centra nabačene od arhitekata Gradskog urbanističkog zavoda. Usvojivši lako ili bolje reći prilagodivši se bez mnogo razmišljanja i dilema ortogonalnom rasteru postojećih gradskih prometnica Bakema stvara čvrsti arhitektonski prostor križne osnove, koji svojim stepenastim rastom prema sredini i »jezgrovnim zidovima» akcentira novi City sa svih mogućih aspekata.

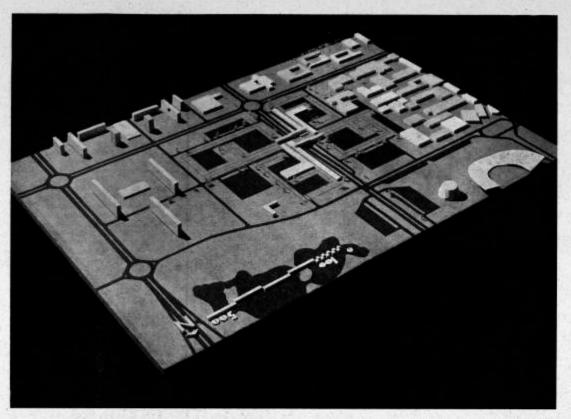
Osnovna kvaliteta njegovog prijedloga ne leži u izvrsnom odvajanju pješačkog prometa koji je čutrgovi oblikovani svaki na specifičan način.

Osjeća se želja da formira pješačke prostore inspirirane prostornim rješenjima naših mediteranskih gradova kao i nezaboravnim ambijentima dalekog sjevera.

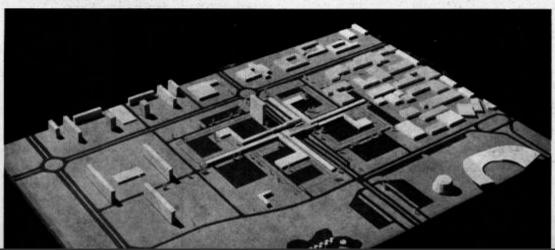
Duljim posmatranjem ovog preliminarnog rješenja, stvorenog u trenutku primarnog nadahnuća i odluke, otkrit ćemo, poznavajući široku skalu Bakeminih arhitektonskih kreativnih sposobnostl, nebrojene mogućnosti daljeg obogaćenja prostora. Ta je težnja danas nekako «u zraku» da se kreira gotovo scenski prostor isključivo ljudskog mjerila namijenjen samo intimi čovjeka. Očita je i u recentnoj realizaciji Bakeminog prijatelja Petera Smithsona za malo urbanističko arhitektonsko remek djelo kompleksa zarada »Economista» u St. James Streetu u Londonu. Arhitektonski »zidovi» Cityja namijenjeni stanovanju, uredima, maloj čistoj industriji, originalno zatvaraju «limene krovove- parkiralista koji su bogato dimenzionirani. Oni su na taj način vizuelno zatvoreni, a ujedno omogućuju laganu izgradnju samog centra. Promet i pristup vozila do parkirališta jednostavan je i jasan kao i separacija od puteva pješaka. Pješaci imaju vlastite prilaze kao i vozači koji se nakon parkiranja vozila pretvaraju u pješake. Tako su parkirališta nevidljivo dovedena u samo središte Cityja.

Uvođenjem stanovanja (7.000 stanovnika) u City obogaćen je i oživljen ovaj ambijent (noćna rasvjeta i stalna prisutnost života u njemu).

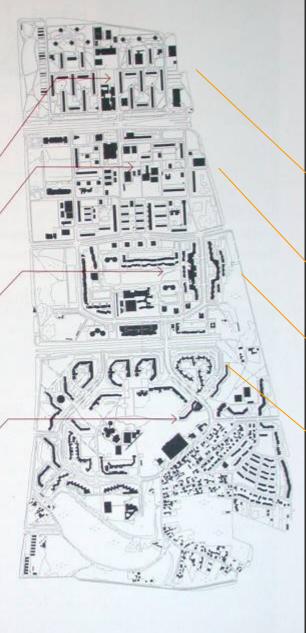
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#### **Novi Zagreb settlements**

Zapruđe, 1965-1968

Utrine, 1968-1974

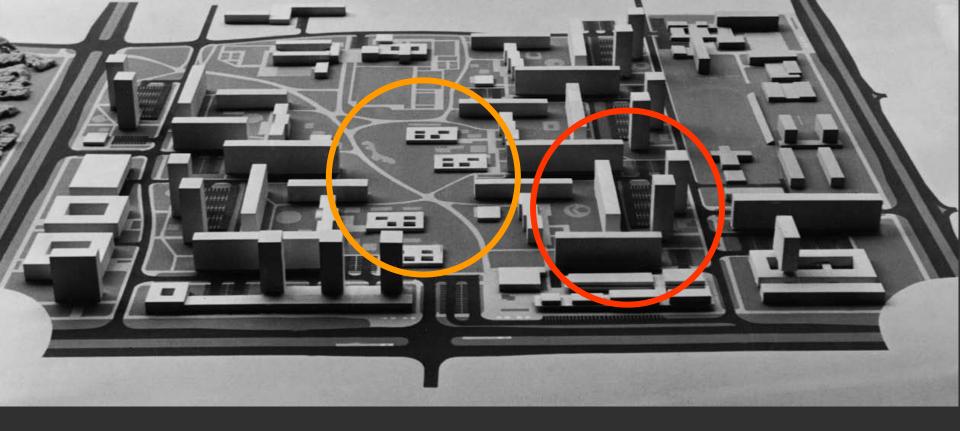
Travno, 1970-1977

**Dugave, 1970-1977** 



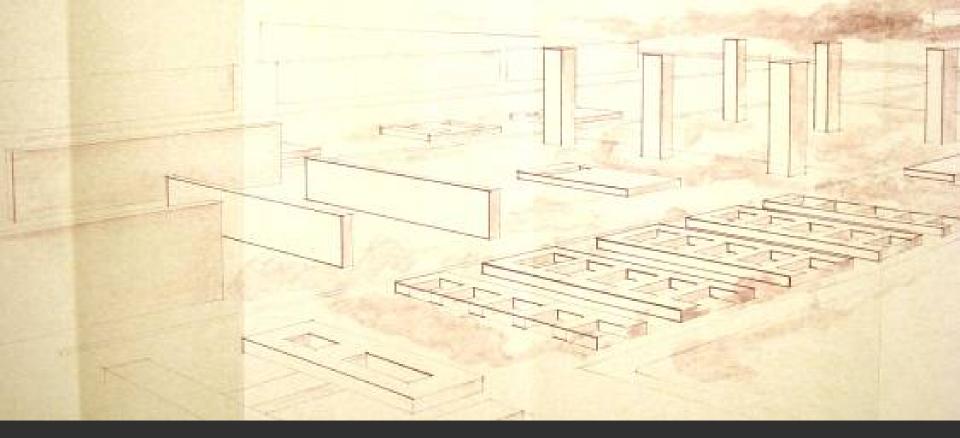
**Sopot, 1965** 



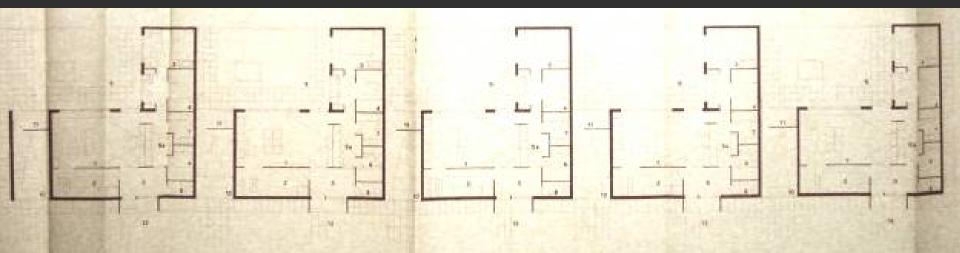


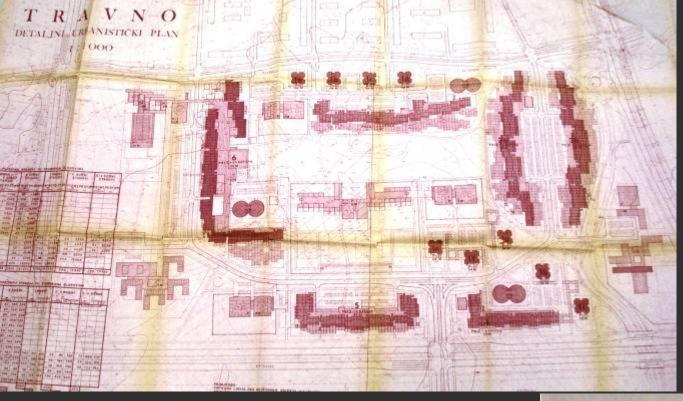
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### Siget "Housing Colony" – low-rise high-density single-storey houses





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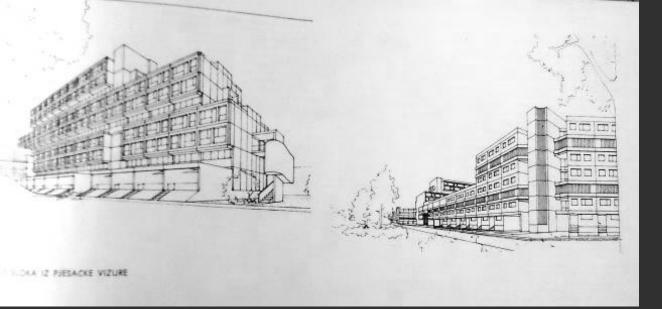
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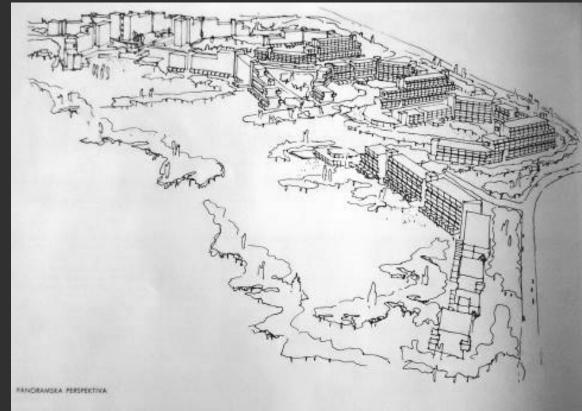
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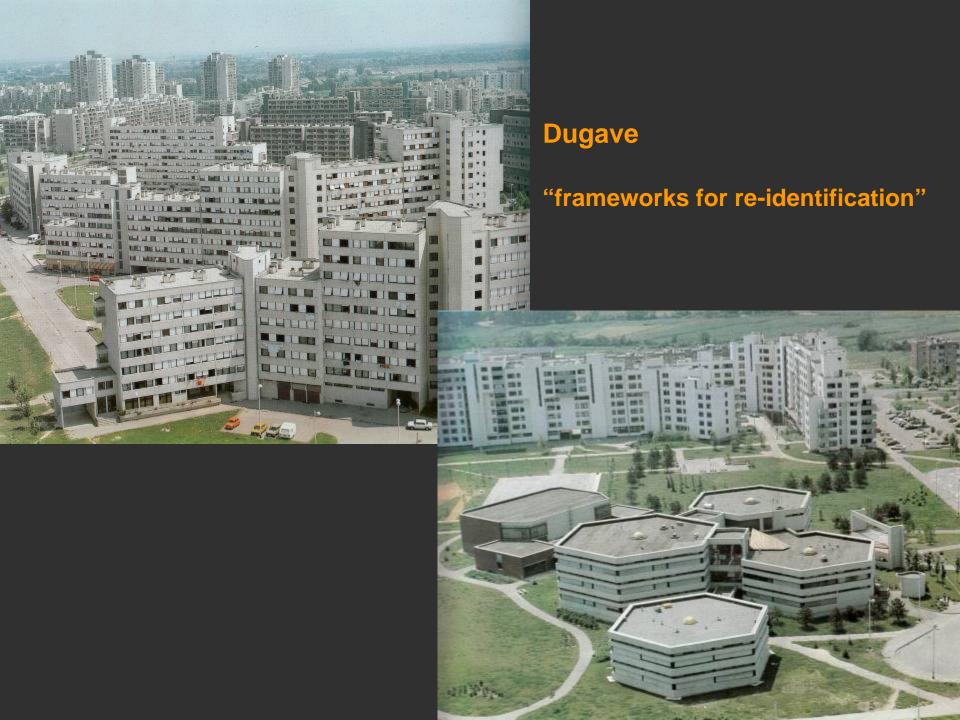




#### **Dugave**

"frameworks for re-identification"





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