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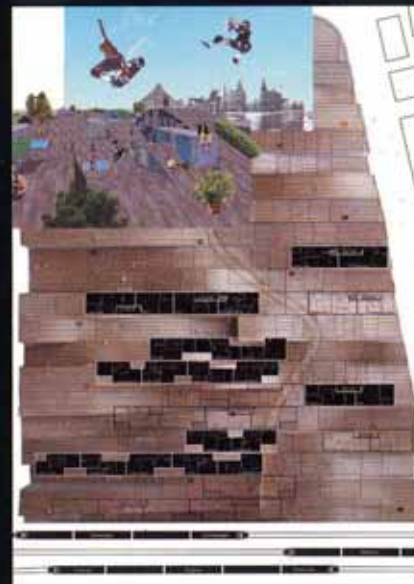
A PROJECT for the city of Gotha, Germany. A future kind of city. *The city as an extreme form of landscape*, an artificially created space for living.

However, there is much more to the building than this. The landscape is a building, the building is a landscape. The dense, extensive city. Space consists of slits, atriums, halls, alleys and these create spatial correlations. The horizontal lie of the building requires the large scale width.

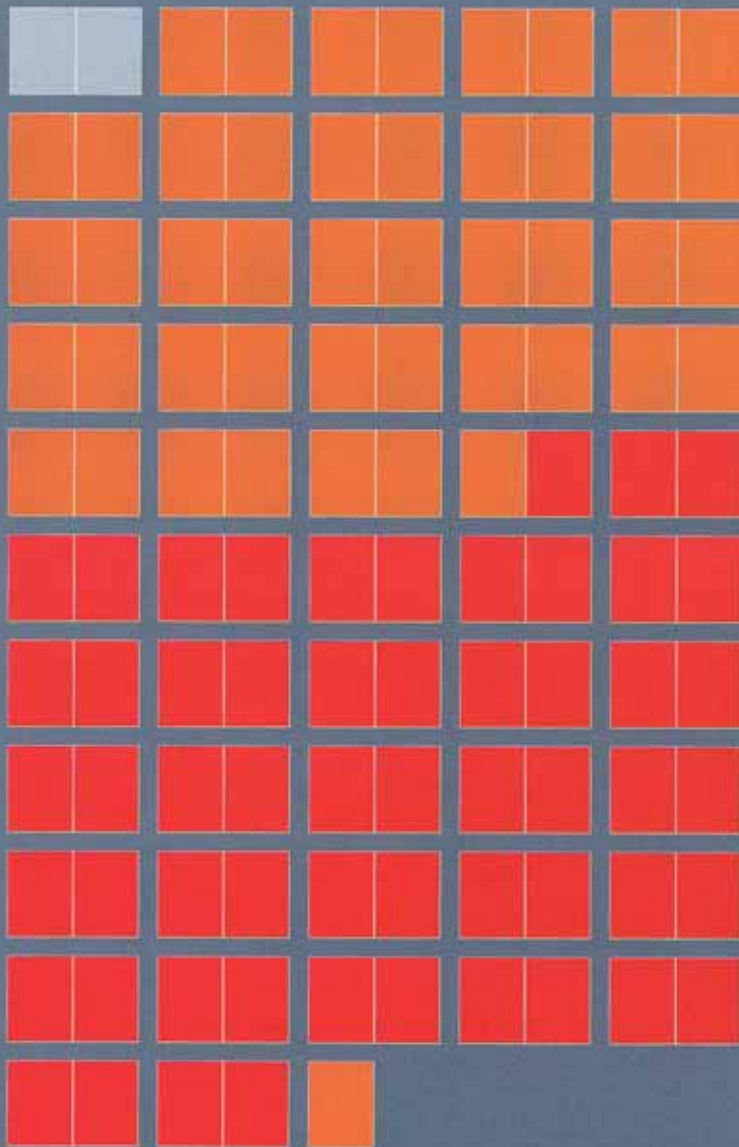
The many layers, lamination and interaction of the multi-functional urban contents create a hybrid, whereas the functional assignments act only as the frame of a developing process of the city landscape. Inside the structure it is possible to have multiple configurations. Only after a while, hubs, centres, suburbs etc emerge and can be identified as such, as the consequence of a process of combining, linking, connecting. The flat roof, in this context, serves as a stage for various public activities.

Architecture is here defined as a framework, within which individual and transformable needs are articulated and space created. The static elements, like walls or sanitary facilities, oppose the dynamic ones. Through flexible walls and variable arrangements, one is granted manoeuvring space for individual interpretation of the ground plan. An optional, rather than obligatory, way of thinking answers the question of distinctive living space (growing families, singles, couples, communal household, single mothers, homeworkers).

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