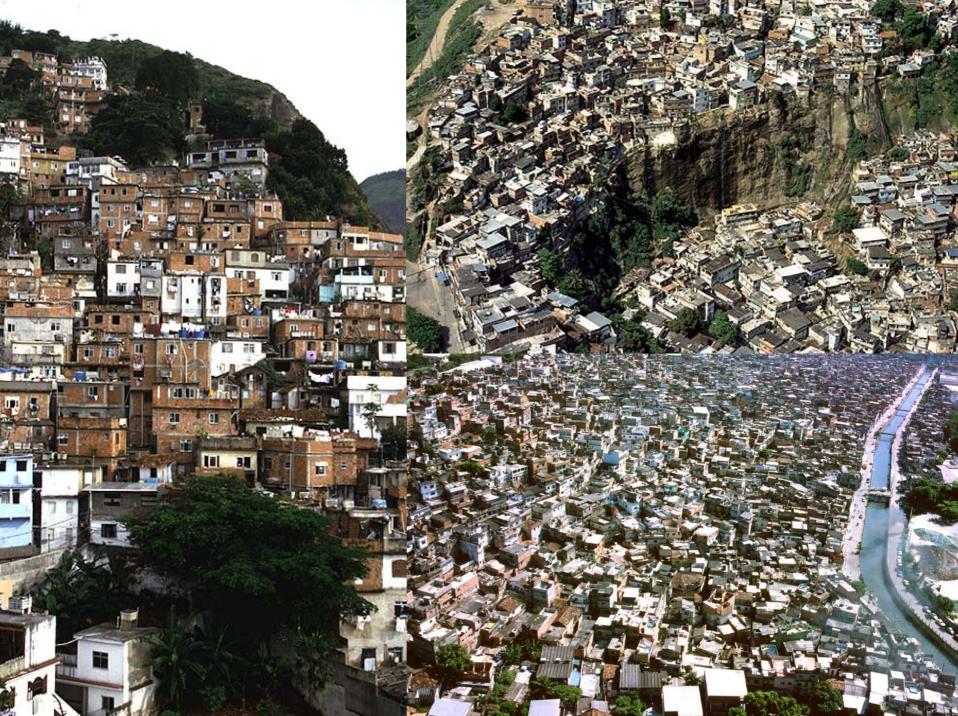


**A quarter of the world's population** today is living in "slums" or "squatter" settlements. Most built on illegally occupated land. The people have no claim on "their" plots and on regular urban supply of water and power. The slums, apparently inevitable elements of urban agglomerations, became one of the largest problems of the present with unpredictable political and social risks.

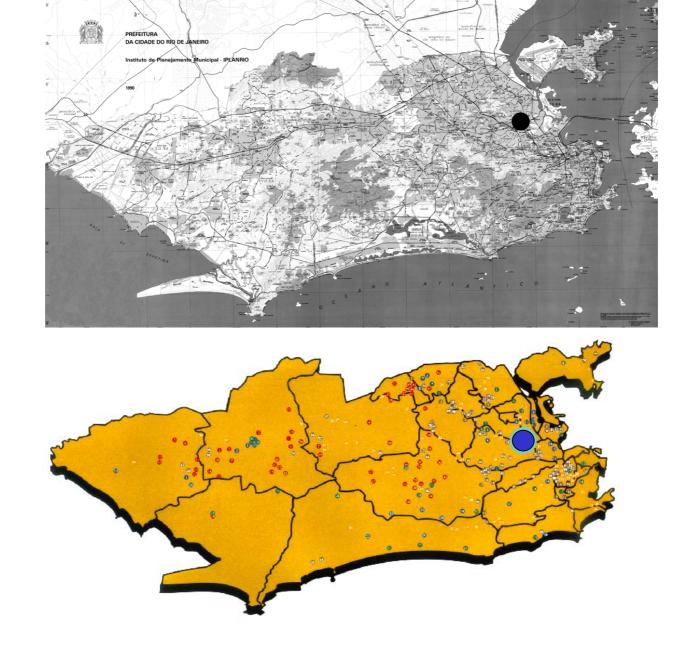


In 2000 the Bauhaus Dessau Foundation was invited by the city administration of **Rio de Janeiro**, to develop a project within the context of the Favela Bairro program. The goal was to turn one of the misery accomodation boroughs into a model project for one of the 500 Favelas in the Brazilian metropolis. This international cooperation on a Favela project represented an innovation.





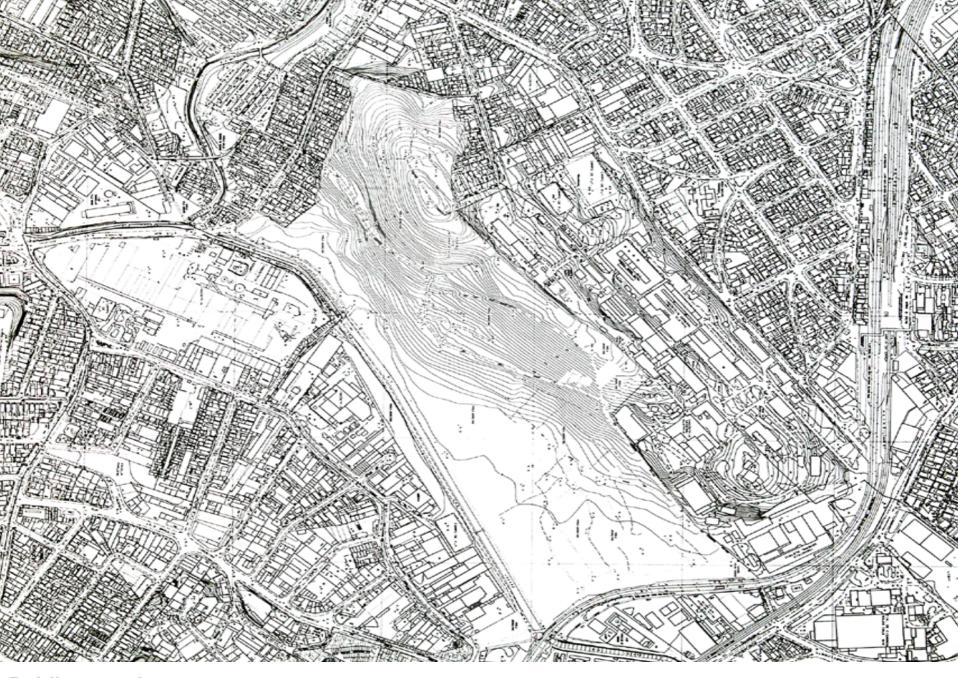
**Favelas** - outside of urban control and established on mostly illegaly occupied ground. Today approx. 1,2 million people in Rio de Janeiro are living in Favelas. For the past 10 years Rio de Janeiro has been operating on a new policy with the Favela Bairro for the integration of Favelas into the total urban connection. Besides a legalization of the ownership and opening the Favelas, the program introduces new infrastructures and urban services into the disadvantaged quarters and places.



Rio de Janeiro with Jacarezinho, the second largest favela and the interventions concerning town construction in poverty areas



The **Favela Jacarezinho** is a "city within the city", which increased in the last 70 years to today 58,000 inhabitants. The 35 hectars large area is limited by industrial sites and railway lines.



Public attention Jacarezinho has been added to the land register of Rio de Janeiro as late as in the 1990's.



**Blackplan** for the aproxx. 350 by 1000 m large Favela - with 58.000 inhabitants, only about 6qm are available to each inhabitant. Only few constantly passable roads exist, so that urban services, such as rescue, fire brigades and police remain hopelessly stuck in a tangle of lanes.

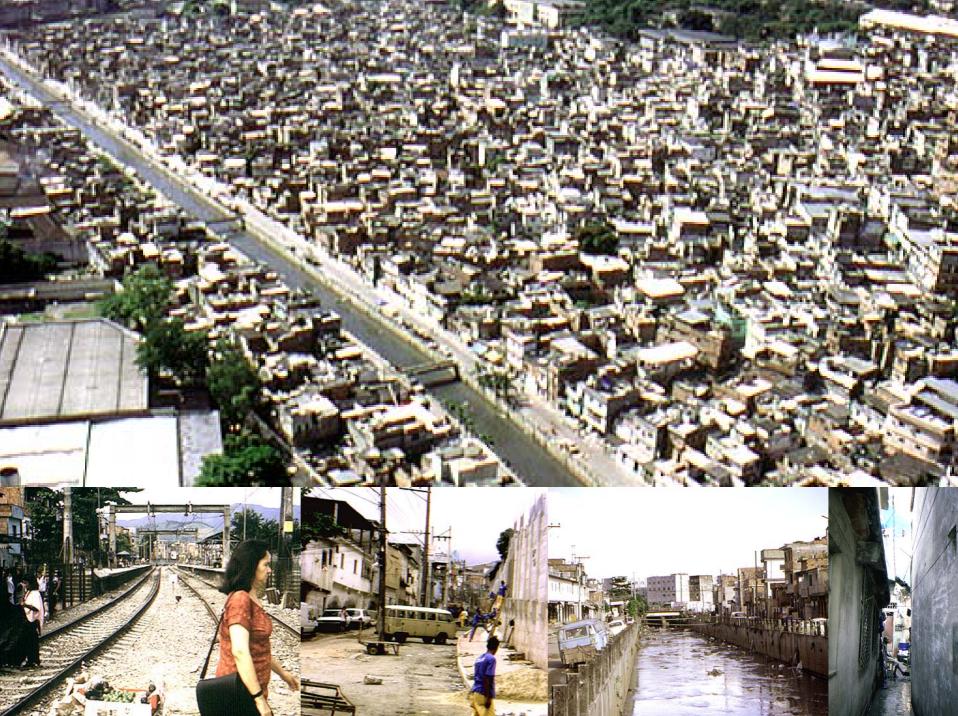


**A vital city culture** and a complex and almost autonomously city mechanism, has developed from these condition with a comprehensive and informal service structure. There are business quarters, bars, restaurants, dentists, attorneys, shops, churches and schools.

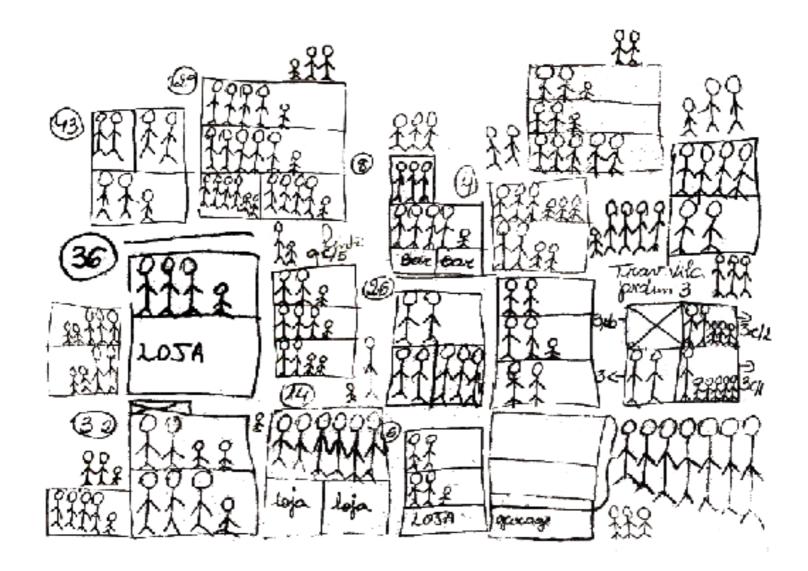




**Borders and entrances** - town development within walls. Trade and business are concentrated along the entrances and the few drivable ways. There is hardly any public area and open spaces. Approx. 50% of the inhabitants are less than 30 years old. No more building possibilities are available for coming generations.







**Housing conditions:** *looking at the extreme residential density, Jacarezinho brings out completely unique compensation forms. Rhe roofs replace free space, playgrounds, street cafes or also gardens, stables and storages. Roofs serve at the same time as development land in the informal property market in the Favela.* 

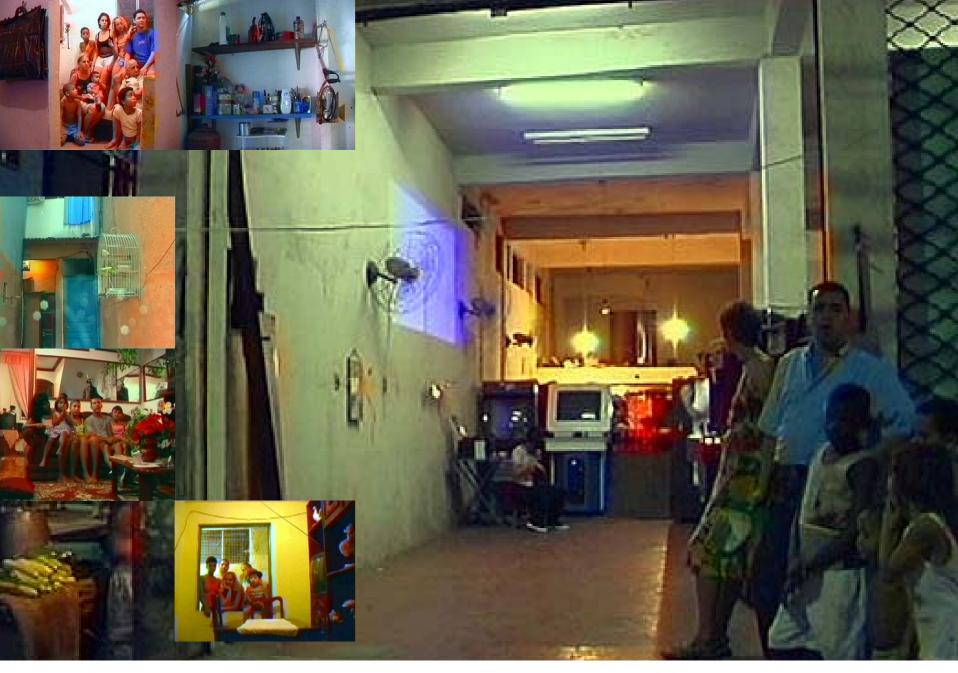




**How to plan**, *if the concern is to improve housing conditions, open new building options and economic perspectives for the inhabitants and to open the "city" for an exchange with the metropolis?* 



The draft and planning work was preceded by **artistic ideas and actions**, developed within the 1. international Bauhaus Kolleg ComplexCity in 2000 during a visit in Jacarezinho. The group - media artists, architects, computer scientists, designers and historians was influenced by the prejudice of the Favela as a dangerous and criminal place. It was not its only concern to develop an architectural and townplaning concept in the sense of a spatial and infrastructural integration into the entire town. above all stood the beginning of an integration process to realize experimental interventions and actions which could open the Favela for communication.



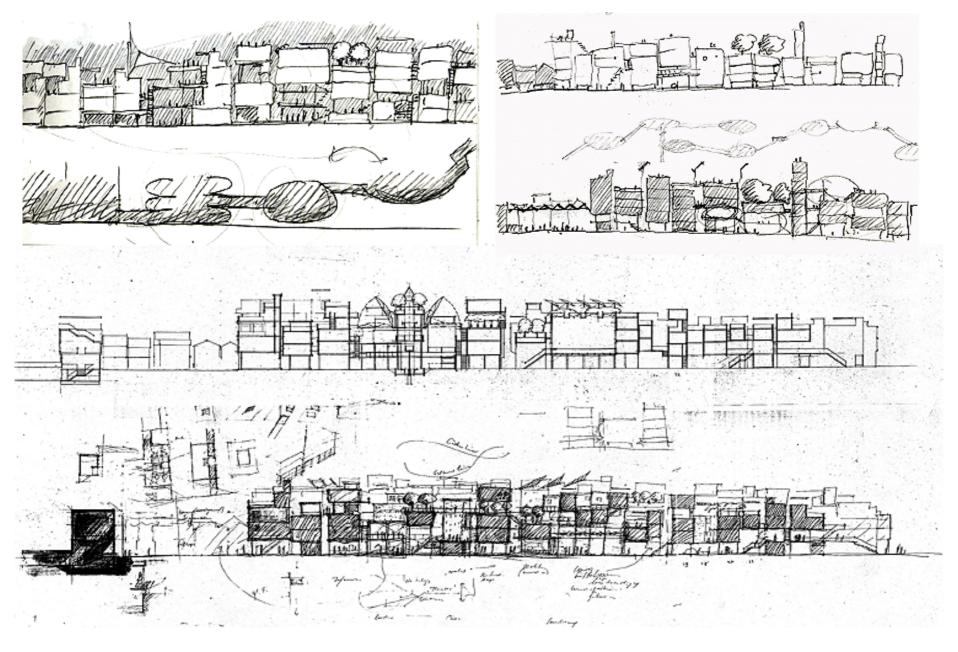
**Building "recording"** in the broadest sense: interviews document the living situation of the inhabitants. For the presentation and discussion a storage hall was coverted into a media workshop and information center for Jacarezinho.



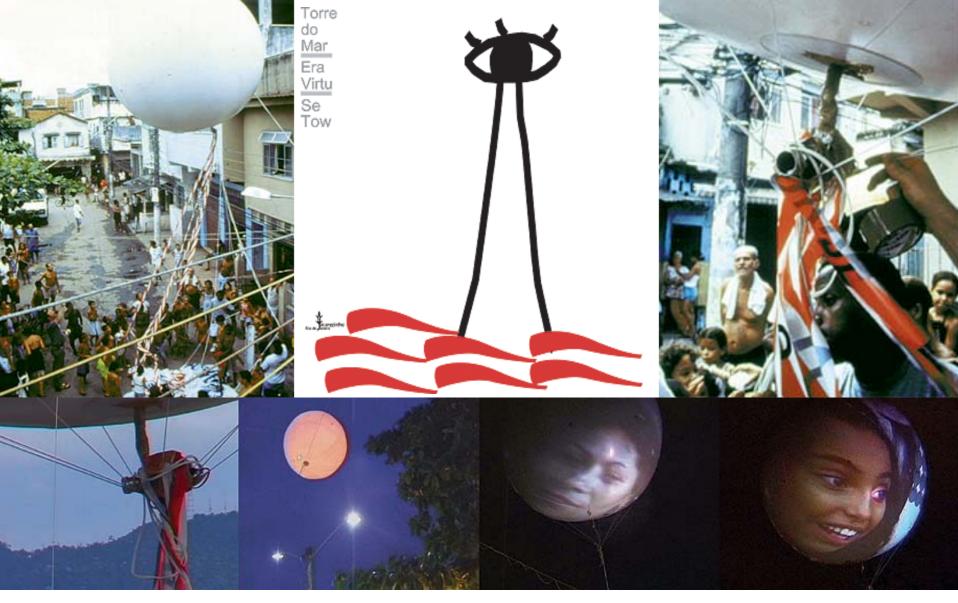
**Art and communication** workshops with children, young people and also adults opened new communication levels and revealed the large interest in education of the inhabitants.



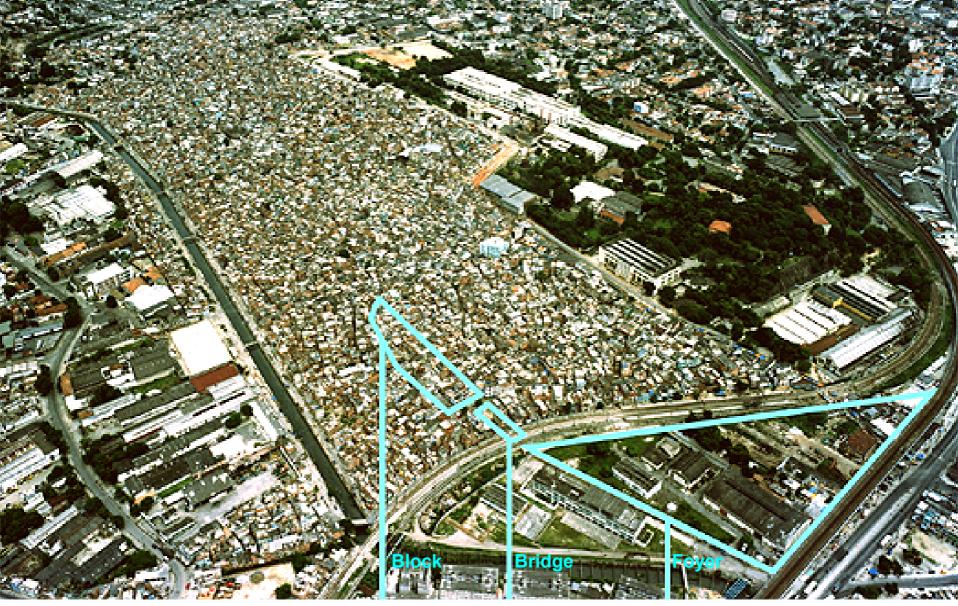
**Transformation** of art and architectural elements in the city center / downtown.



**Labyrinth** - sketching play with the relations between public and private space as well as the attempt to develop a new quality out of this labyrinth-like urban structure



**Virtual architecture** – an "observation tower" made the view into the metropolis possible - and for the first time on the own town. It was a sign of the presence and the self consciousness of the inhabitants of Jacarezinho. The art actions led to a discourse, not only with and among the inhabitants of the neigbourhood, but also between them and the metropolis. Jacarezinho was noticed for the first time positively by the broad public and as place with its own qualities and specific potentials. From this experiences ideas for drafting and the transformation of the architectural-spatial structures were developed.



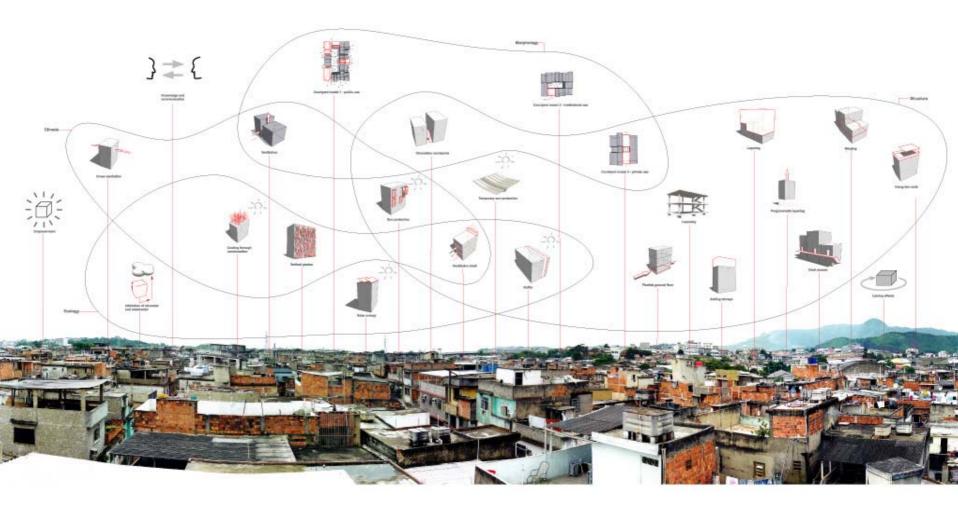
The Bauhaus Dessau Foundation continued the plan for the model project **Celula Urbana** and accompanied it up to the realization. In the context of Favela Bairro a special urban development policy was pursued: spatial-social structures grown inside the Favela as well as the Favela architecture as something evolved are actually recognized and serve as basis for planning. The city development was to consider the individual life perspectives of the inhabitants. Above all it was to initiate a lasting and self-dynamic processes by cultural, technological and economic interaction with the urban surrounding and to create a new image for the Favela .



Core of the project is a **model block**, the "urban cell", in which solutions for prototyping, for the entire Favela are suggested which are applicable to city development and architectural solutions.



**Block, bridge and foyer** with campus formulate a new entrance, as well as the content and spacial interaction of city and neigbourhood.



An extensive set of **tools** of possible measurements, methods and principles, applied prototypically in the first project phase the "Block", alowed the inhabitants, business people and institutions during a process of self organization to make punctual interventions for the reevaluation of the residential environment and for the development of their own life perspectives - independently of superordinate city planning. The suggested interferences in building structure and property organization gradually stimulate an economic, social, building-climatic and ecological development of Jacarezinho - to an open and equal quarter of Rio de Janeiro.



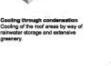
ige and co During the process of Celula Urbana a high construction standard and the passing on of professional know-how make comprising transferable and open up new business opportunities Education and culture thus contribut to the improvement of economic capects as well as to the promotio of multivity and self-confidence. Space for communication and interaction is hence created in a due



**Cross ventilat** Air movement and air exchange in the upper floors by openings and both the windward and leaward sides of the building



Enhancing the status of the single buildings as structural and social core plaments of the city by legalising ownership, introducing const standards entancing the quality workmanahip and user friendlives The re-evaluation of existing urban opeces as a separate culture is the Foundation for constructive social and economical development. This supports a sense of identity for the population and promotes broader public acceptance.





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Courtyard model 1 - public use Creating a series of voids used on courtyards within deep building structures (made up of small units). Sharing owners run the courtwards and define the use, building form as well as respective comper-



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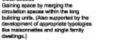
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Densification by means of additional stoneys. Structural solutions: Reinforcing existing structure, new independ structure, reducing the weight of existing building or using lightweight



Using the roofs Quality of life increased by using the pofs as private recreational





Lasting effects "Celuie Lifeste" infinite the creatiof an auto-dynamic and independent economic development, whilst establishing and supporting spaces in which business, cultural and residential uses can develop. This will be supported by co-operatives, institutions and private initiative

One goal was also to improve, apart from optimizing the floorplans and the realising of minimum standard of space and dwelling sizes, the climatic protection. The shade-giving gualities of the dense building structures will be connected with elements for the aeration of the buildings, e.g. by openings, yards or ventilation shafts. Sun protection elements on the roof and at the front prevent from to much heat inside the rooms. Front and roof greening produces shade and at the same time evaporation surfaces. Like the water-storing layers on the roof, this will cool the rooms below.



Courtyard model 3 - private use Creating courtyards within two deep adjacent piets by removing the core A shared ownership is established, in

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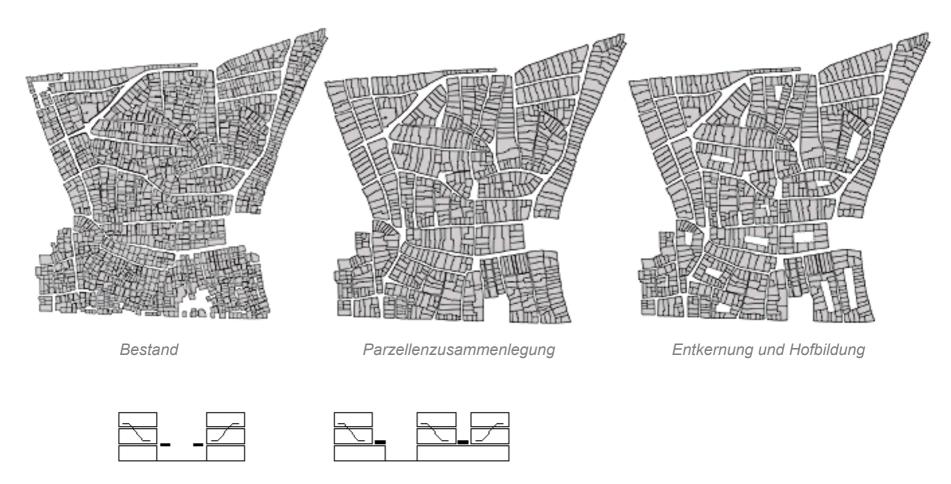
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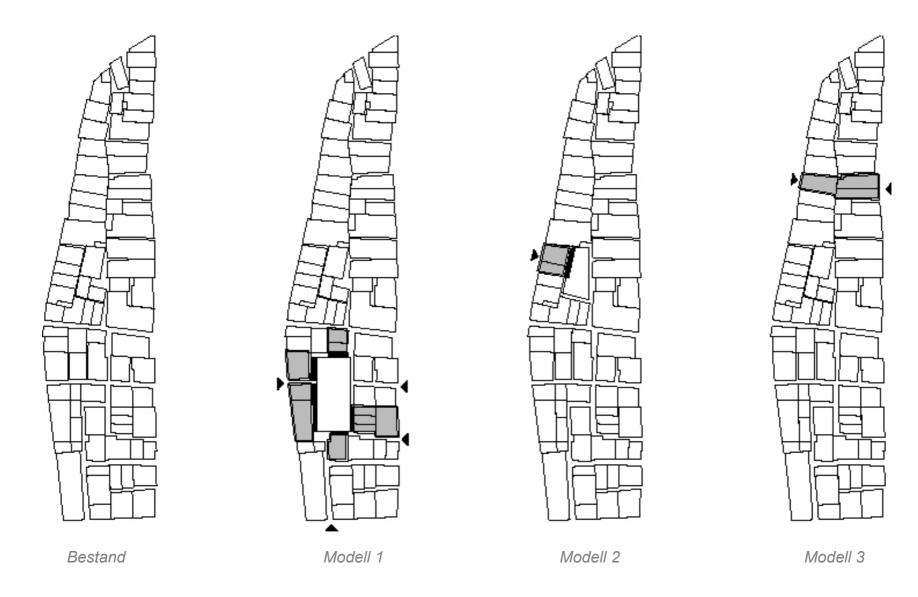




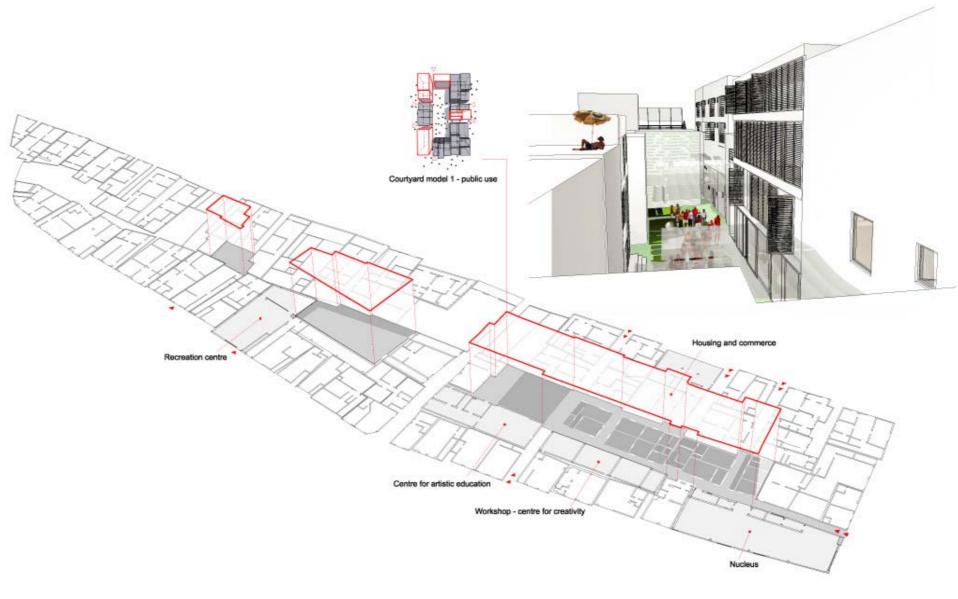


Anheben der Wohnlagen und Erschließung über Gassen zum Hof und vom Hof ins Haus

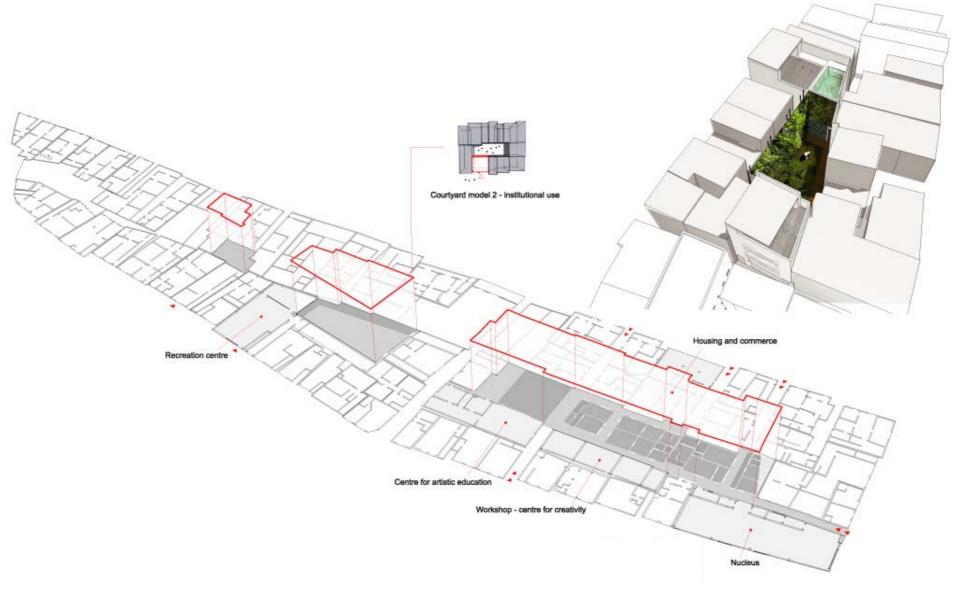
First in the sense of a careful urban redevelopment a **new plot structure** was suggested, which permits an enlargement of the tiny plots to economic size. Each plot can be attached by this re-organization to at least one access road. On the one hand this makes an optimization of the floorplans possible and on the other hand it gives the chance to produce flexible and economical units, i. e. constant service or trade uses in the ground floor. The usually bad dwellings in the ground floor are "raised" by a separation and a misalignment of the access into the first floor level. Maisonette flats are reached from their own entrance.



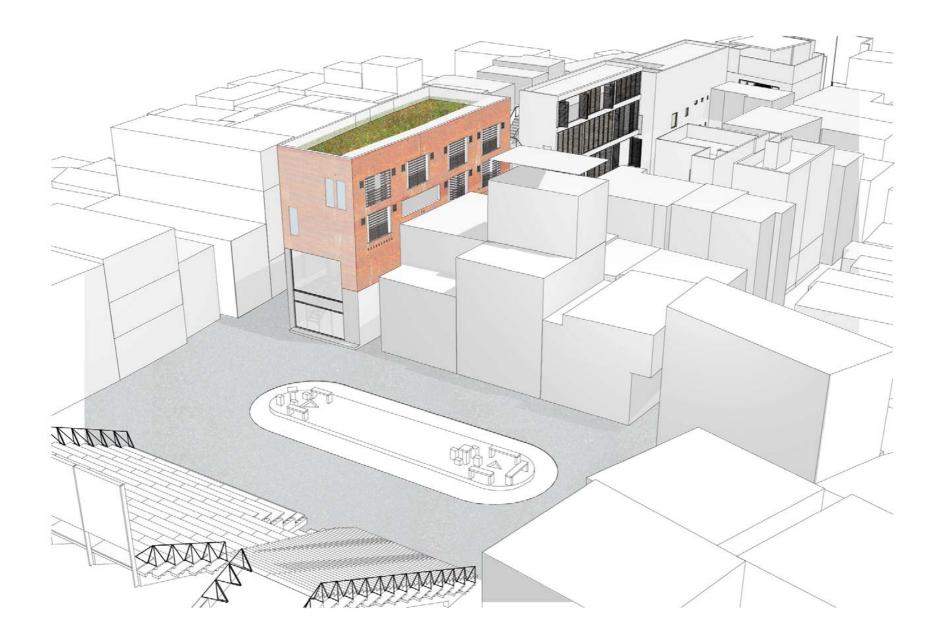
**Courtyards** will be inserted into the interlocked building structures by core removal. This improves the living and the trade conditions, creates open space and contributes to enriching the urban structure.



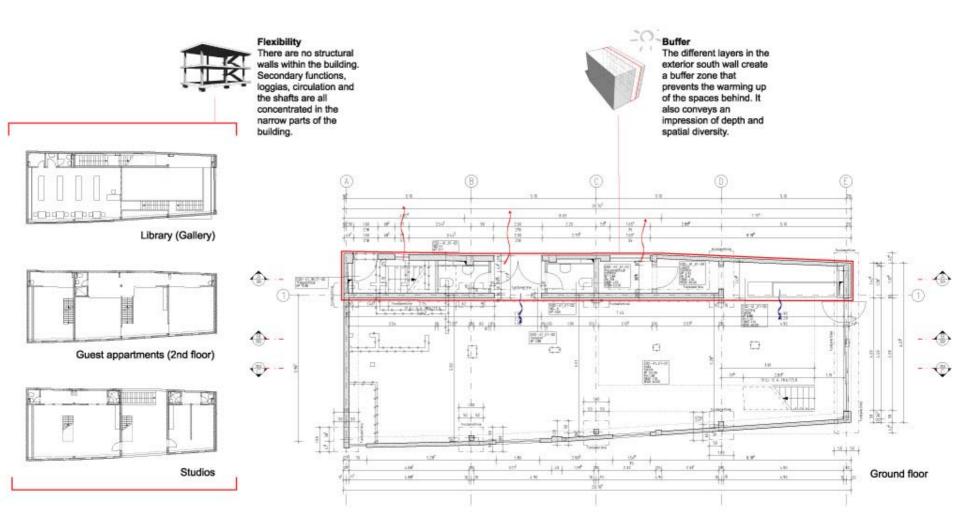
**Courtyard model 1 - public use** The model presents a first prototype for the emergence of a new typology of yards in connection with the reorganisation of the plot- and access-structure: within the deep plots core removal takes place. In favor of greater building units and for trade and service constantly usable, flexible groundfloor zones, plots are connected and the access is arranged again from he yard. Within the yard cultural, commercial and service functions are concentrated, which creates an important point of attraction and communication area for Jacarezinho together with the use as place of event.



**Courtyard model 2 - institutional use** (as center for recreation) With this model a second prototype is presented, where an institution or also a tradesman is buying and manages a building with a connected plot within a deep plot structure, chosen for demolishing. The owner regulates a reconciliation for the torn down flats i.e. by remuneration, by replacing buildings and/or by adding floors at the site. A sale of health and body care articles, massage, fitnessroom, swimmingpool with the attached garden yards, is offered in the center for recreation. The peace and closed character of this area and the special climate by a watered vertical garden, will be a counterpart to the extroverted and lively urban culture of Jacarezinho.

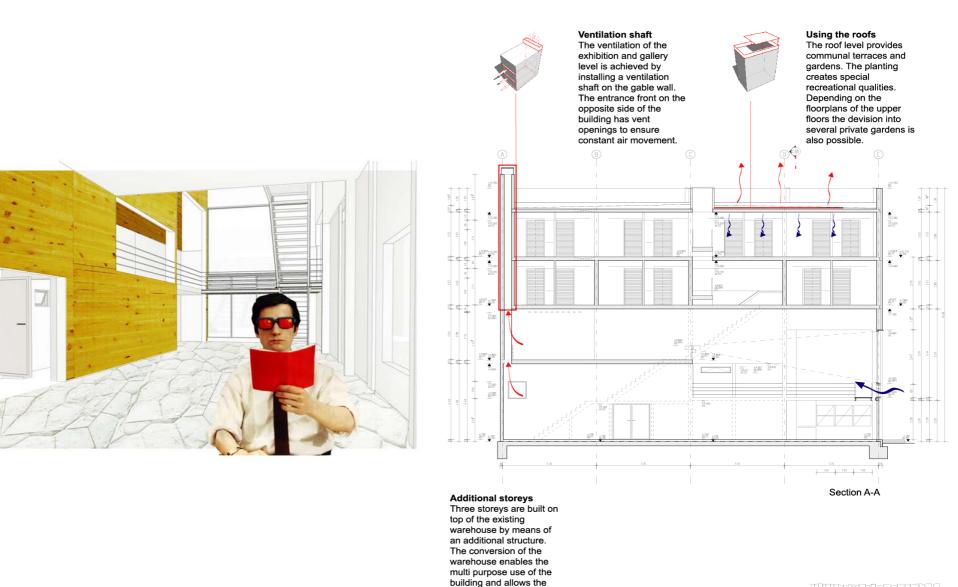


View on the place **Praça Concordia** with tribune, nucleus and the buildings at the courtyard 1



**Nucleus** initial project of the Celula Urbana and use as media- and information-center. An existing storage hall is supplemented around three floors. Within the building are no bearing walls. Secondary functions, loggias, access and manholes are arranged concentrating within a narrow area of the building. A buffer zone From results in this layering of the outside wall on the sunny side, which prevents from heating of the rooms behind it. Thus not only the impression of depth, but also more space variety is developed.



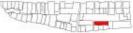


running of a gallery.

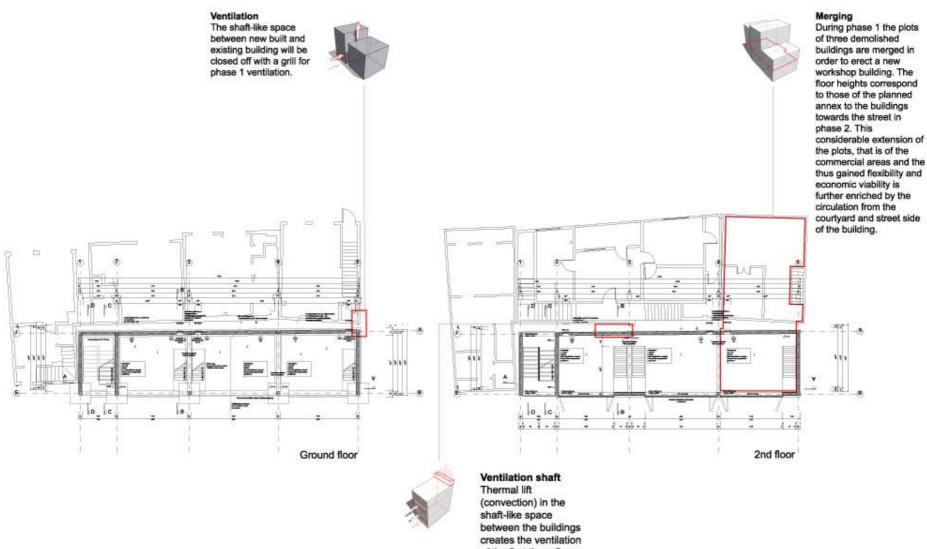


**Nucleus** interior with gallery and section of the ventilation principle





**Workshop** creativity center – view from the yard



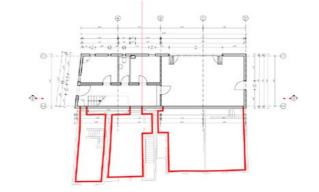
#### Workshop example for a plot pool

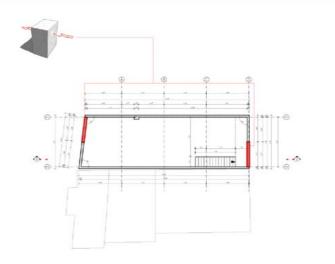
Partial demolishing and new building prepares the connection of buildings in a second building phase.

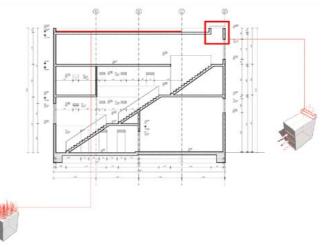
Thermal lift (convection) in the shaft-like space between the buildings creates the ventilation of the first three floors during construction phase 1. It is possible to temporarily install a mechanical ventilation system in this space.



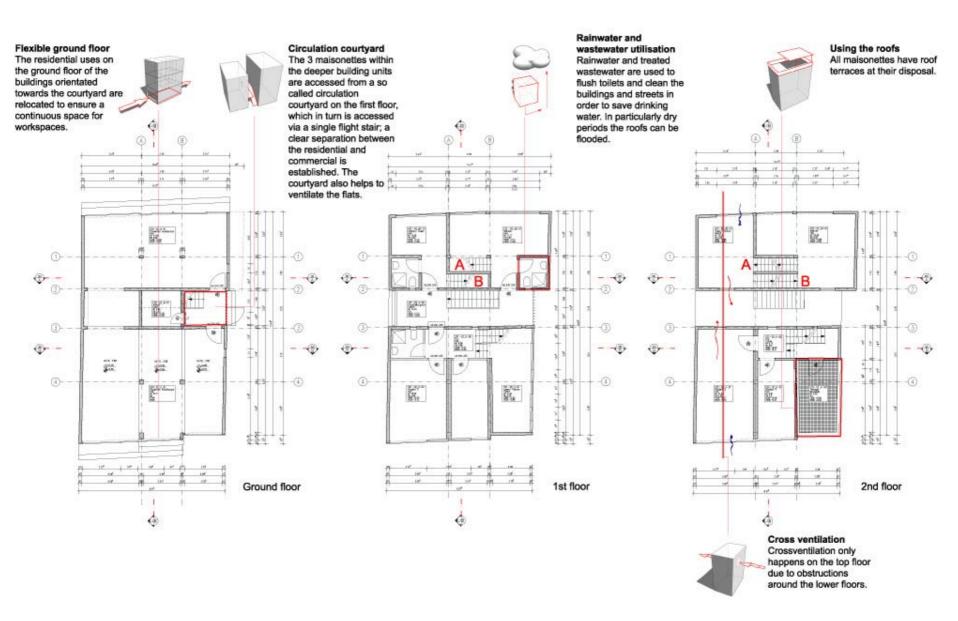




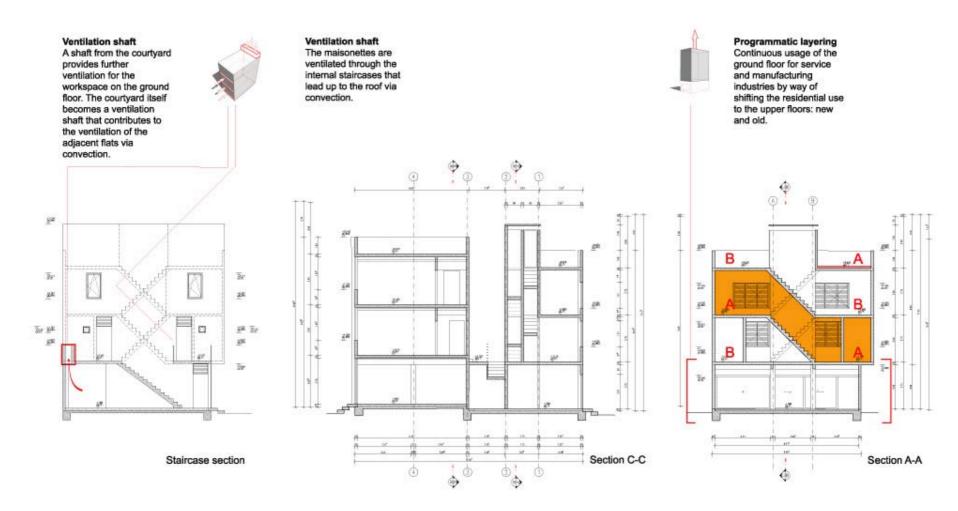




**Dance school** view from the courtyard connection of buildings in a second building phase



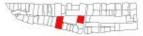
**Housing and commerce** connection and rebuilding of 5 buildings from the existing structure for commercial use of the ground floor with upper level maisonette flats, acessed from the yard.



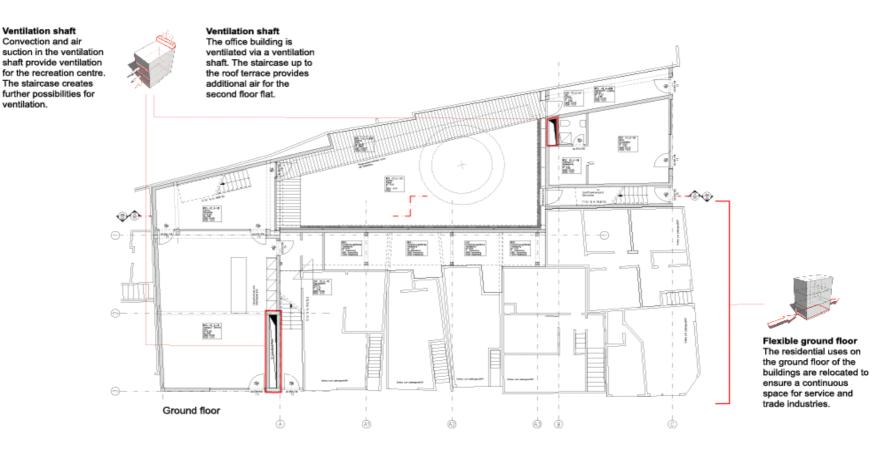


Housing and commerce sections with acess yard and ventilation principle

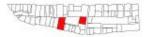


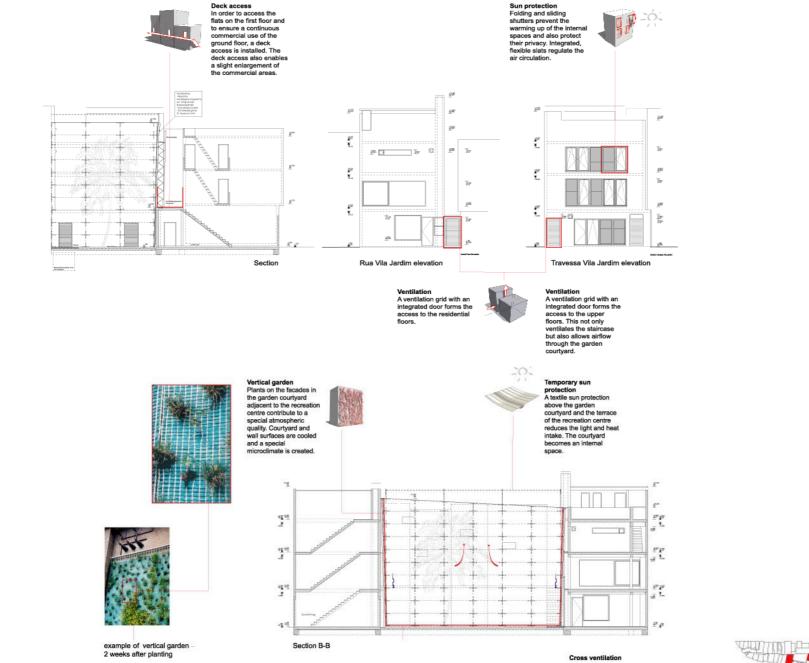


**Recreation Center** view from the second inner court

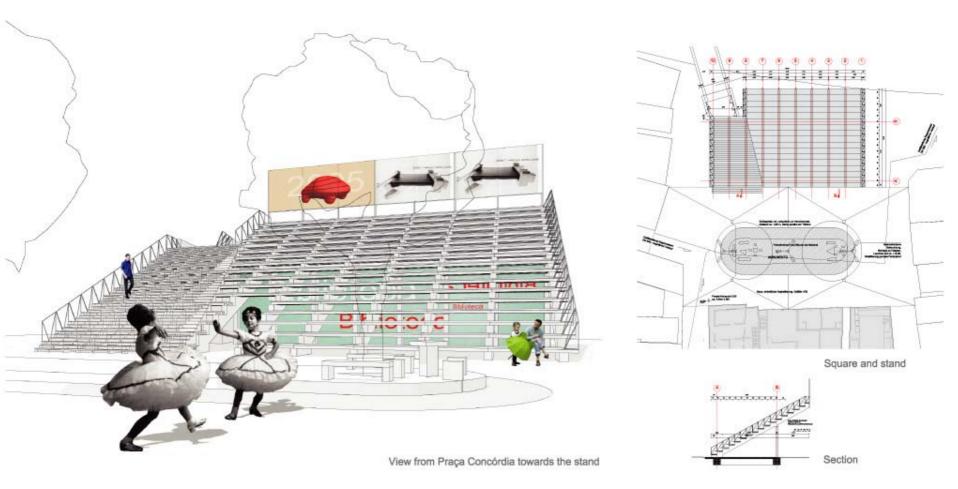


**Recreation Center** building with garden yard and legal advice - core removal, new building and integration of 5 existing buildings.





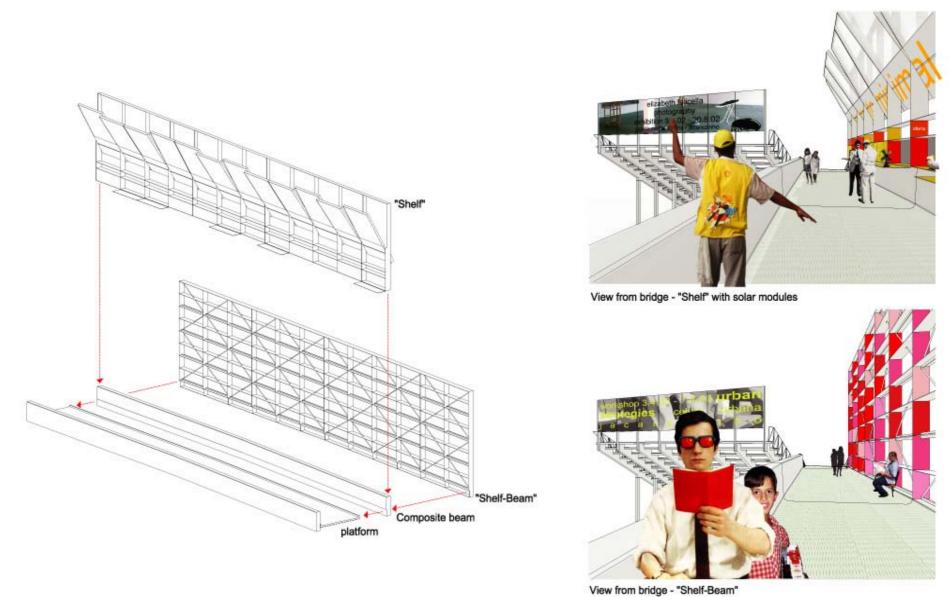
Recreation Center sections, views and vertical garden



# Praça Concordia

The new entrance into the city quarter of Jacarezinho. The tribune is astaircase, a place to stay, an advertising media and a name sign all at the same time. The space below the tribune can be used as a library and cafe in a further stage of the development.

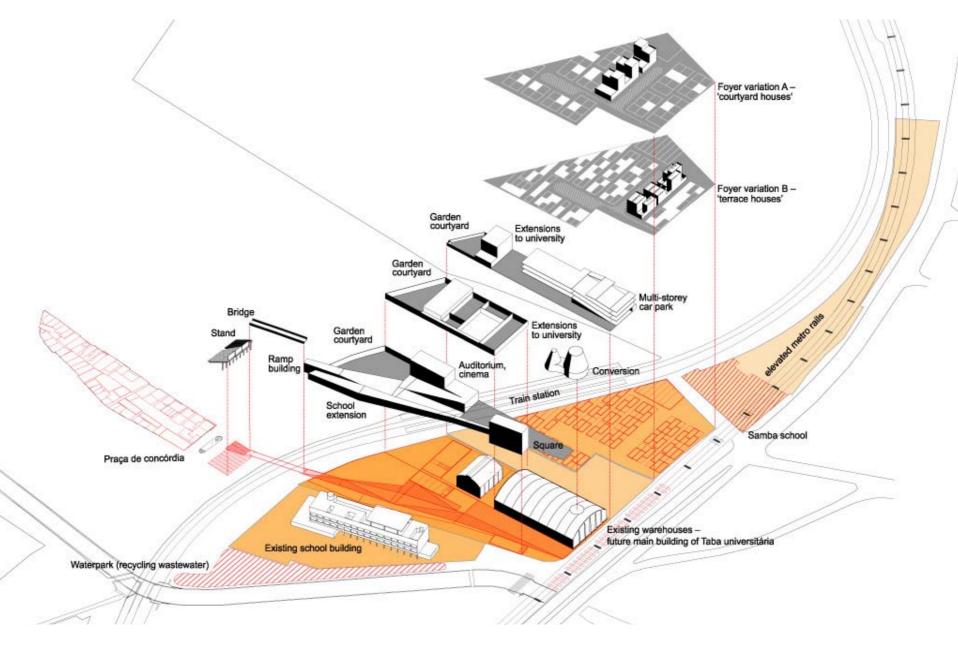




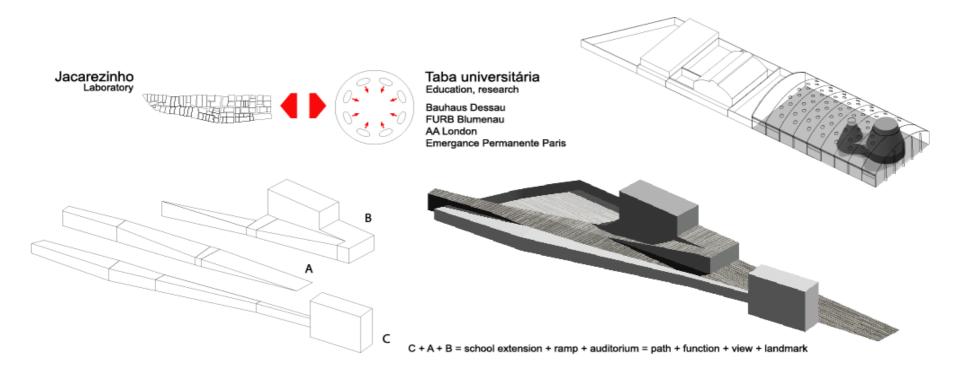
## Bridge

The bridge is conceived, in the first phase, as a simple footbridge, that, if necessary, can be completed with function furniture and shelf carriers to be used as minimal shops, sun protection and solar modules.



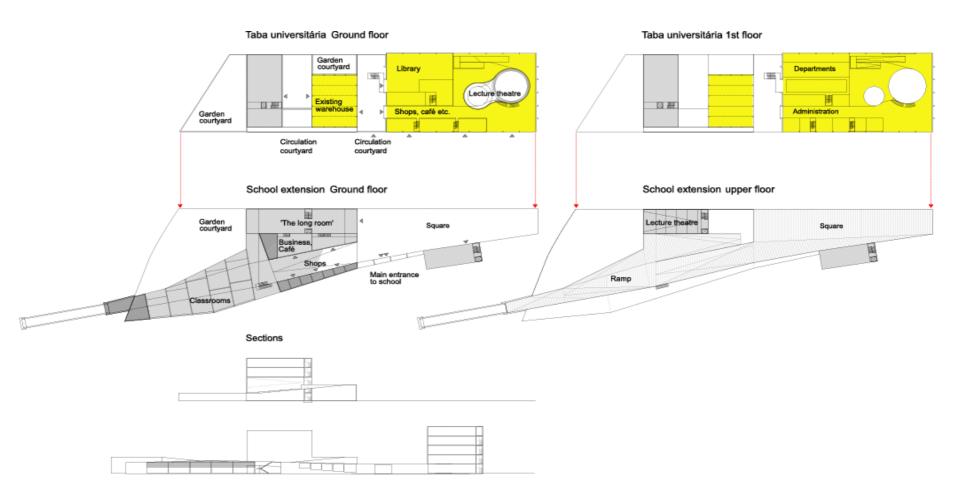


**Urban Modules** foyer, campus and bridge are designed as "modular", autonomous urban building elements, to contribute to the different development scenarios. The central ensemble is built with the re-used trade buildings, the rampbuilding and the bridge.



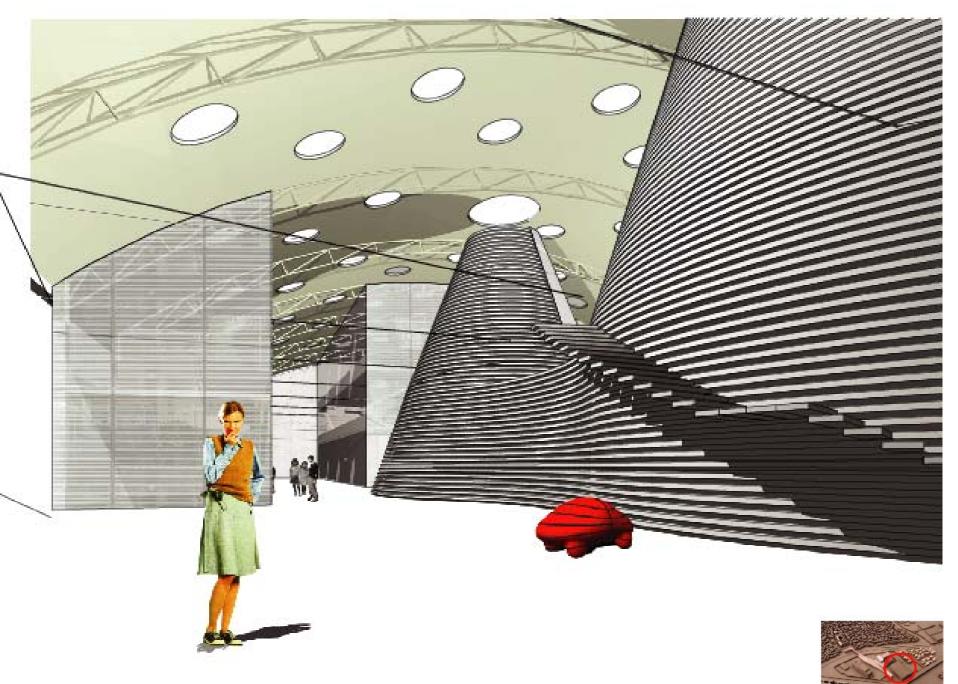
Foyer, entrance and campus of the **Taba universitaria**, an international center for projects in poverty areas. By setting fewer volumes, the ensemble of university, ramp, campus and school is defined as a unique place. are defined. The way to Jacarezinho declares itself as an open multi-functional area of interlocked uses.



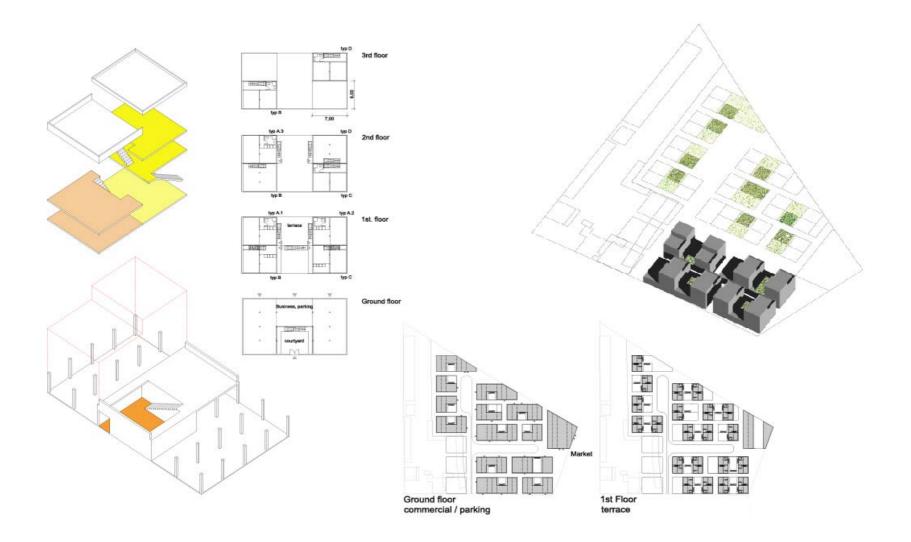




Taba universitaria floorplans and sections



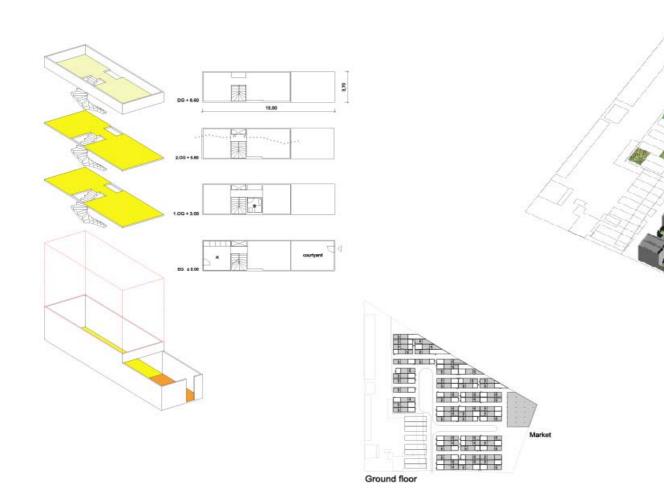
**Taba universitaria** Interior of the reused industrial hall



### New Typologies terraced building

The variaties for the townplanning re-organization of the foyer, contain different emphasis in their housing typology: this variant of the terraced building organizes combinable flat sizes around a central terrace through a constantly commercially usable ground floor. 2 - 6 flats form a social and economic unit.





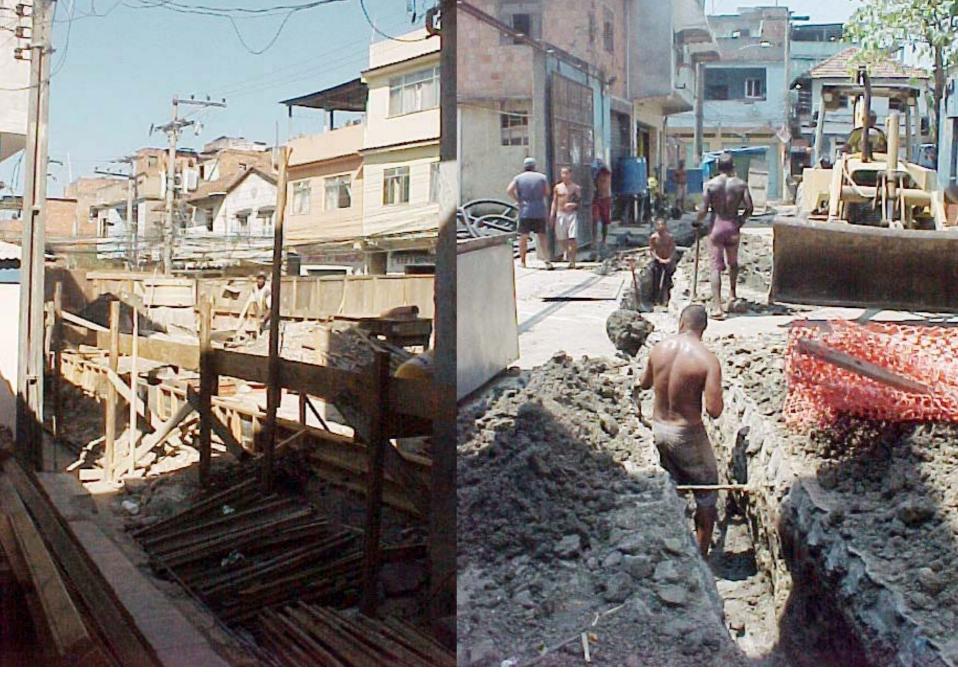
#### New Typologies courtyard house

The type of the courtyard-house varies for a uniform plot module type of the single family house. The house is acessible over a small yard, also commercially usable, and covers 1-2 upper floors.





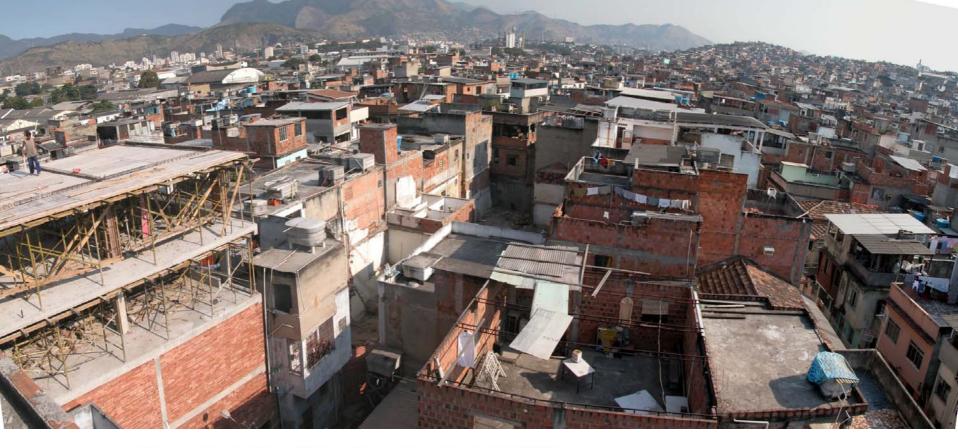
After the delivery and presentation of the planning in January 2002 as well as a further revision together with a Brazilian joint office, the core removal work for the realization of the first courtyard began in November.



First construction work at the Nucleus and laying of new infrastructure for the block in spring 2003



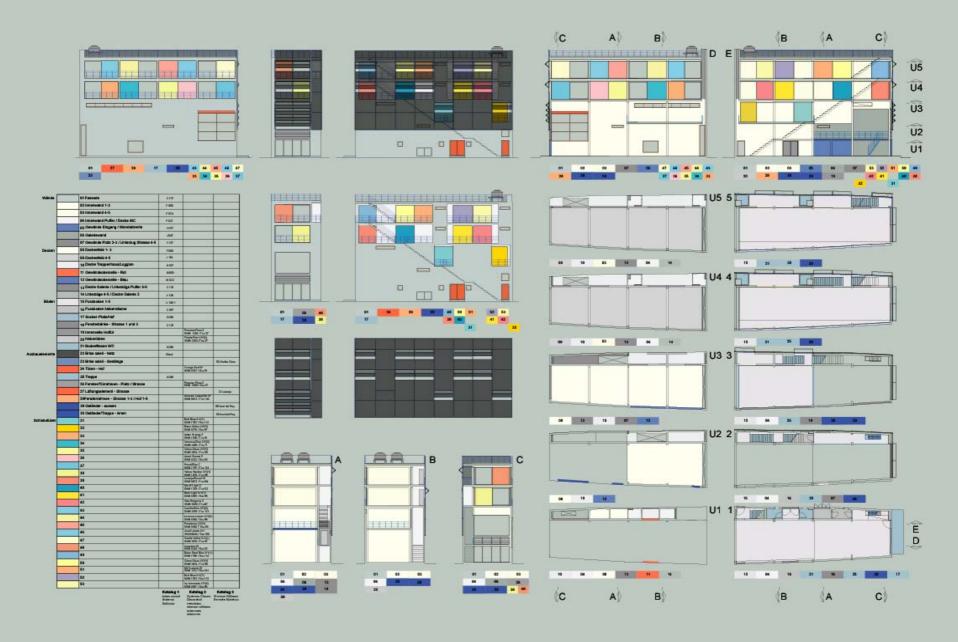






Nearly completely emptied space for the 1. Yard with the carcass of the Nucleus - June 2003 Color suggestion for the ground of the yard and adjacent constructions - January 2002





Colour design for the Nucleus, August 2003



Construction work in February 2004









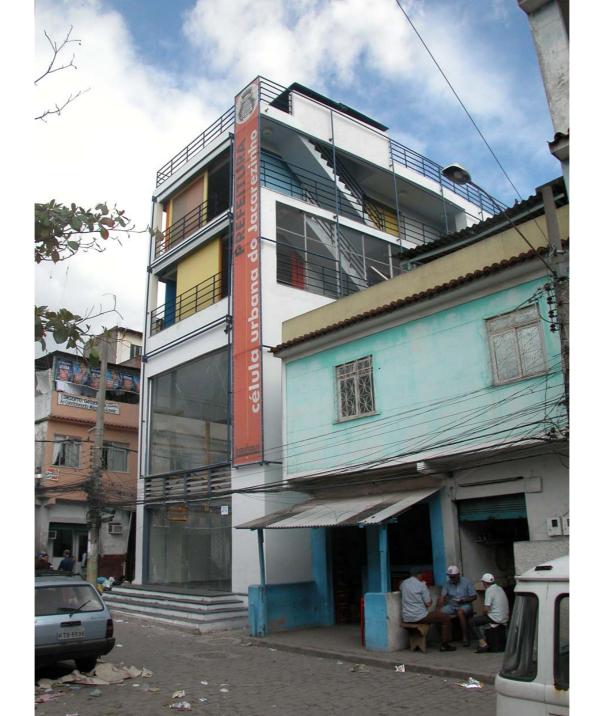


April 2004 - In August 2003 the opening of the Nucleus is planned as a media- and information center with a festival of Ars Electronica.



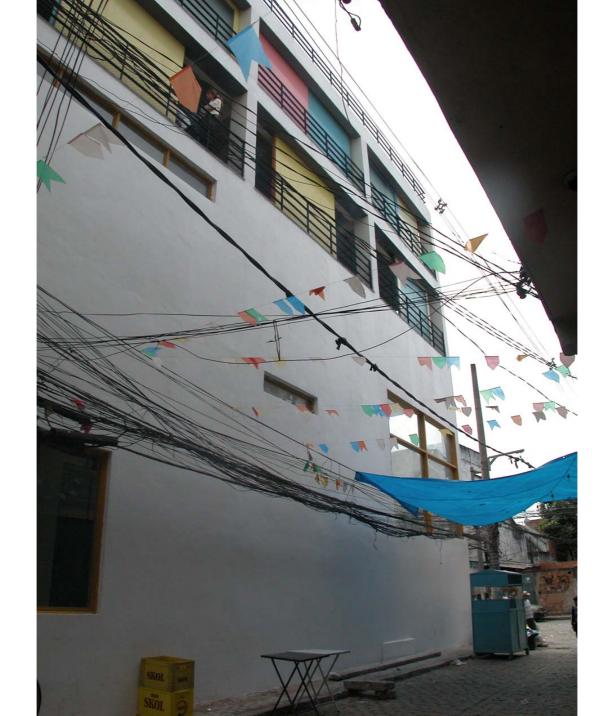


















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The first concept of the Celula Urbana goes back on an idea of the planners Lu Petersen and Dietmar Starke, City administration of Rio de Janeiro

> Photo: Rainer Weisbach, Regina Sonnabend, Jens Fischer, Dietmar Starke Picture composition: Rainer Weisbach

Model project of Bauhaus Dessau Foundation: Favela Jacarecino, Rio de Janeiro, 2000 - 2004