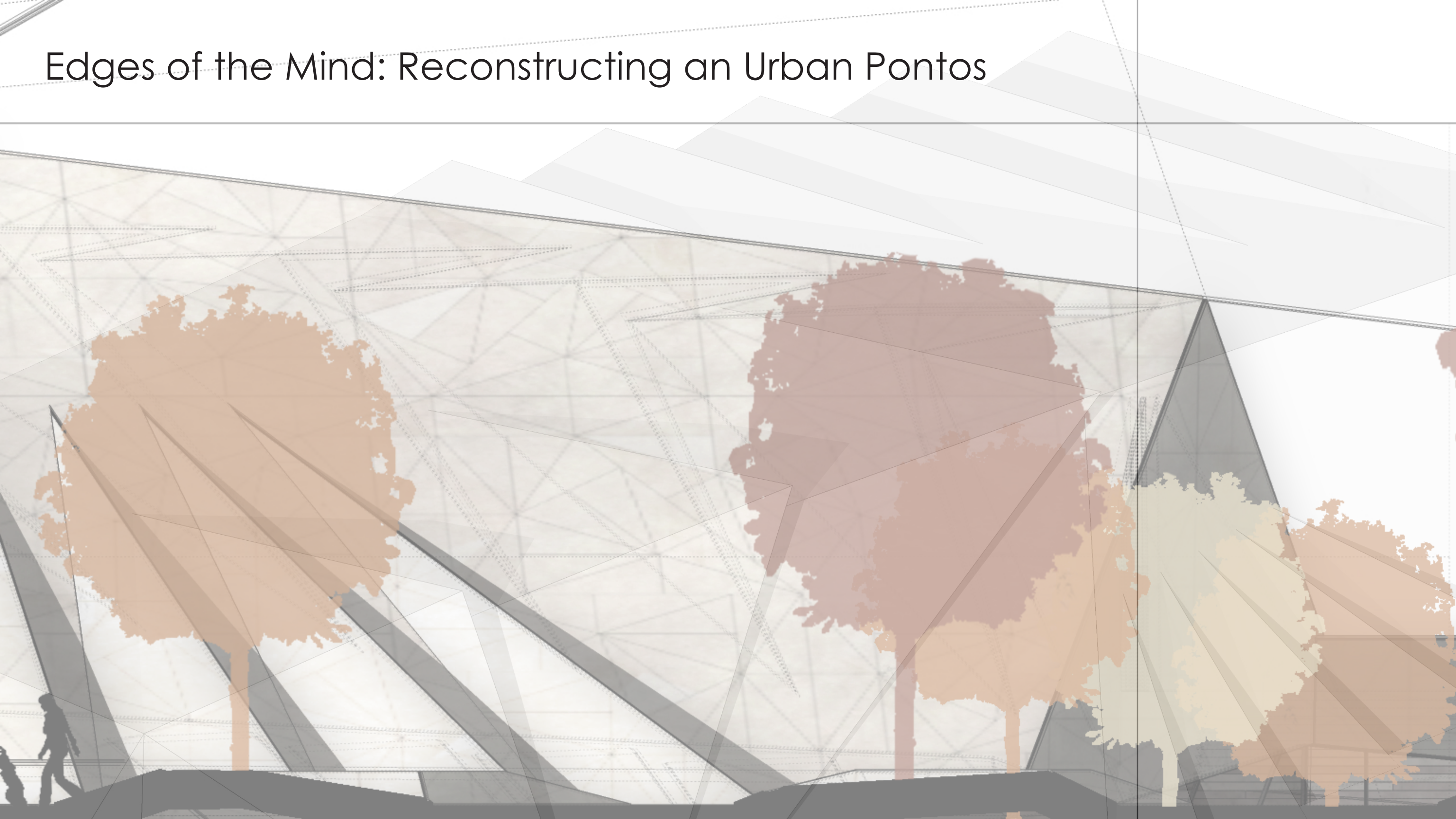


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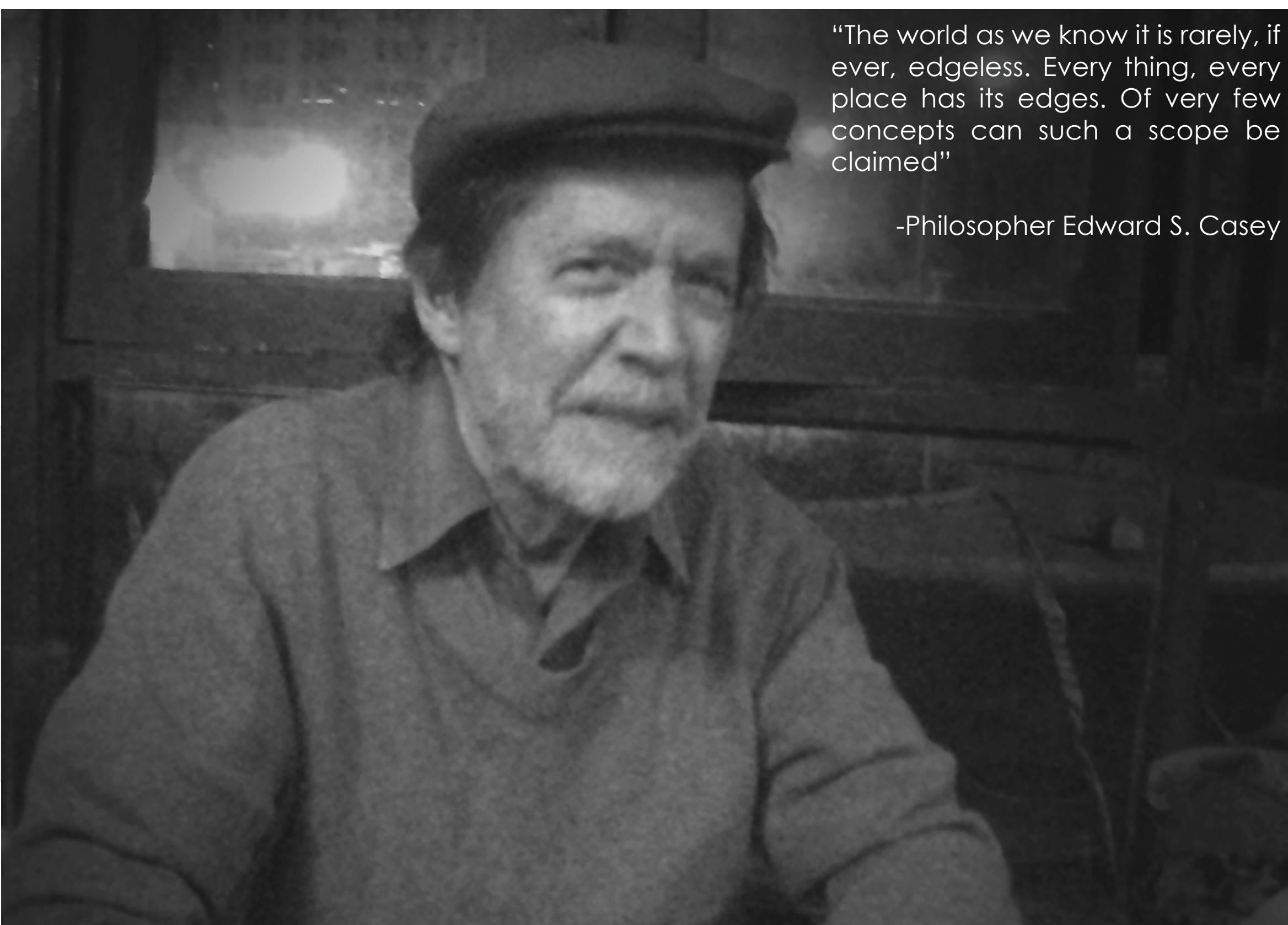


“Once upon a time, so Vitruvius tells us, men lived like animals, taking shelter in woods and caves, and foraging in the fields. One day, in a certain place where the trees were densely crowded, stormy winds caused the branches to rub together, kindling a fire. The people fled in terror, but as the flames subsided they came back and – discovering the advantage of its warmth – threw logs onto the fire to preserve it. They then brought other people, through gestures showing them the benefits of the fire. Although each person at first spoke in his or her own voice, they gradually fixed words as they came across them in their daily routines. Over time, they began to speak in sentences and to hold conversations. In this way the discovery of fire held the origins of deliberative assembly and a life in common.”

-L. Chang

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Fire - Cosmo Cesariano



“The world as we know it is rarely, if ever, edgeless. Every thing, every place has its edges. Of very few concepts can such a scope be claimed”

-Philosopher Edward S. Casey

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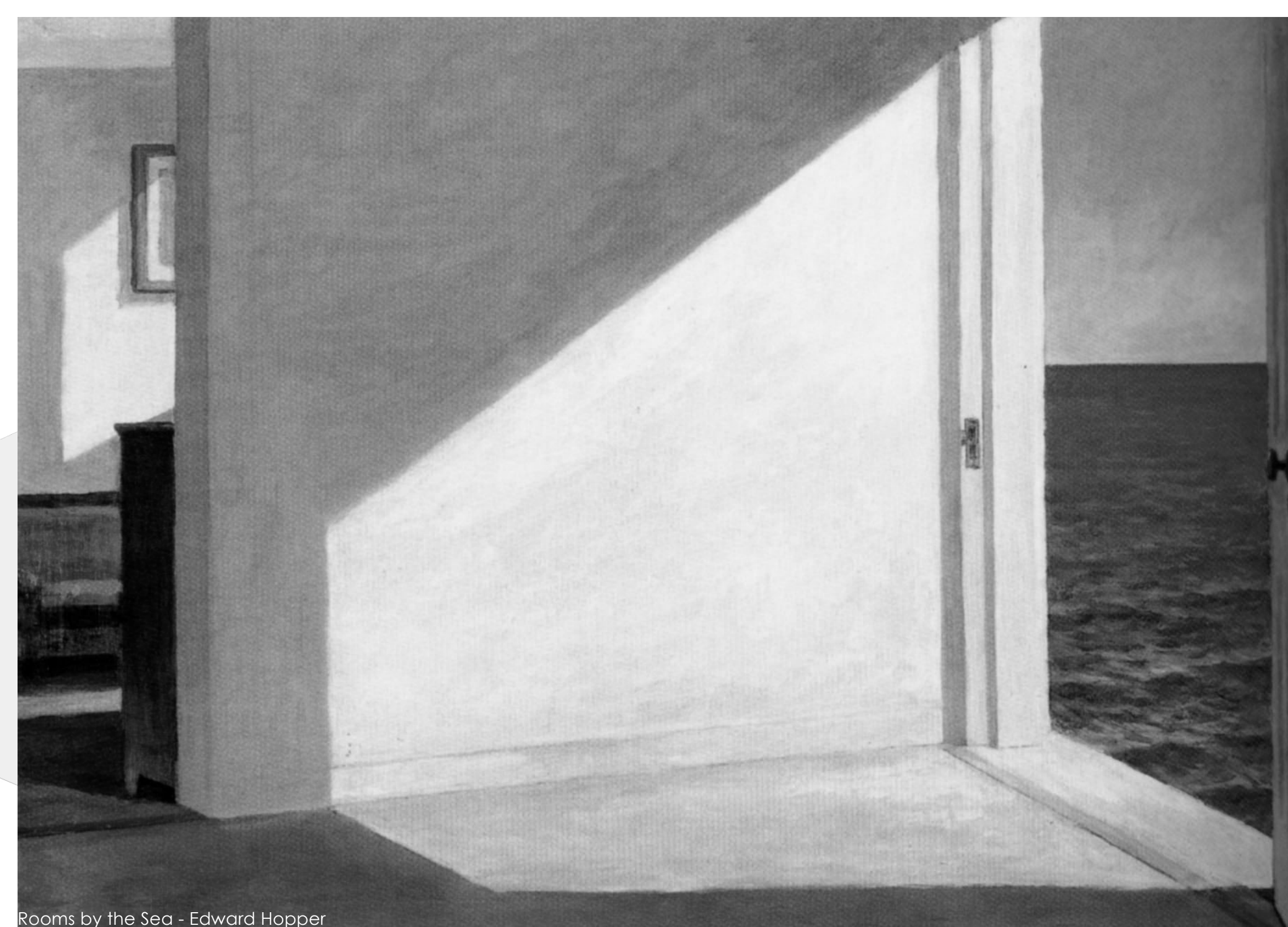


Nostalgia of the Infinite - Giorgio de Chirico

“Edges conjoin and they separate. They are at once linked and disjointed. They are factors of fusion as well as fission”

-Philosopher Maurice Merleau-Ponty

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Rooms by the Sea - Edward Hopper



Pontos - The unknown lying beyond the edge of the horizon

Costagierre - The known region within eyesight of the edge of land

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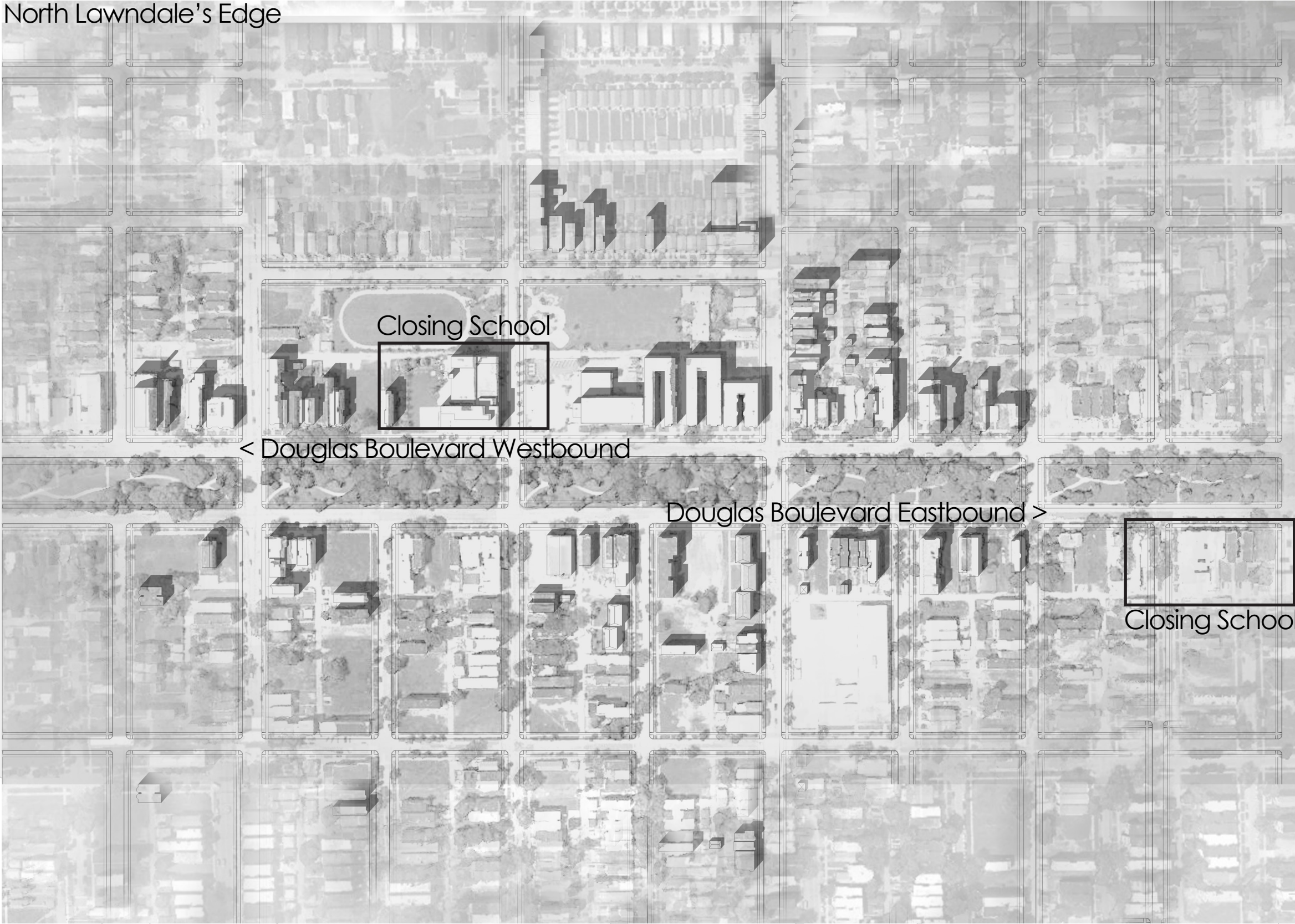
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North Lawndale's Edge



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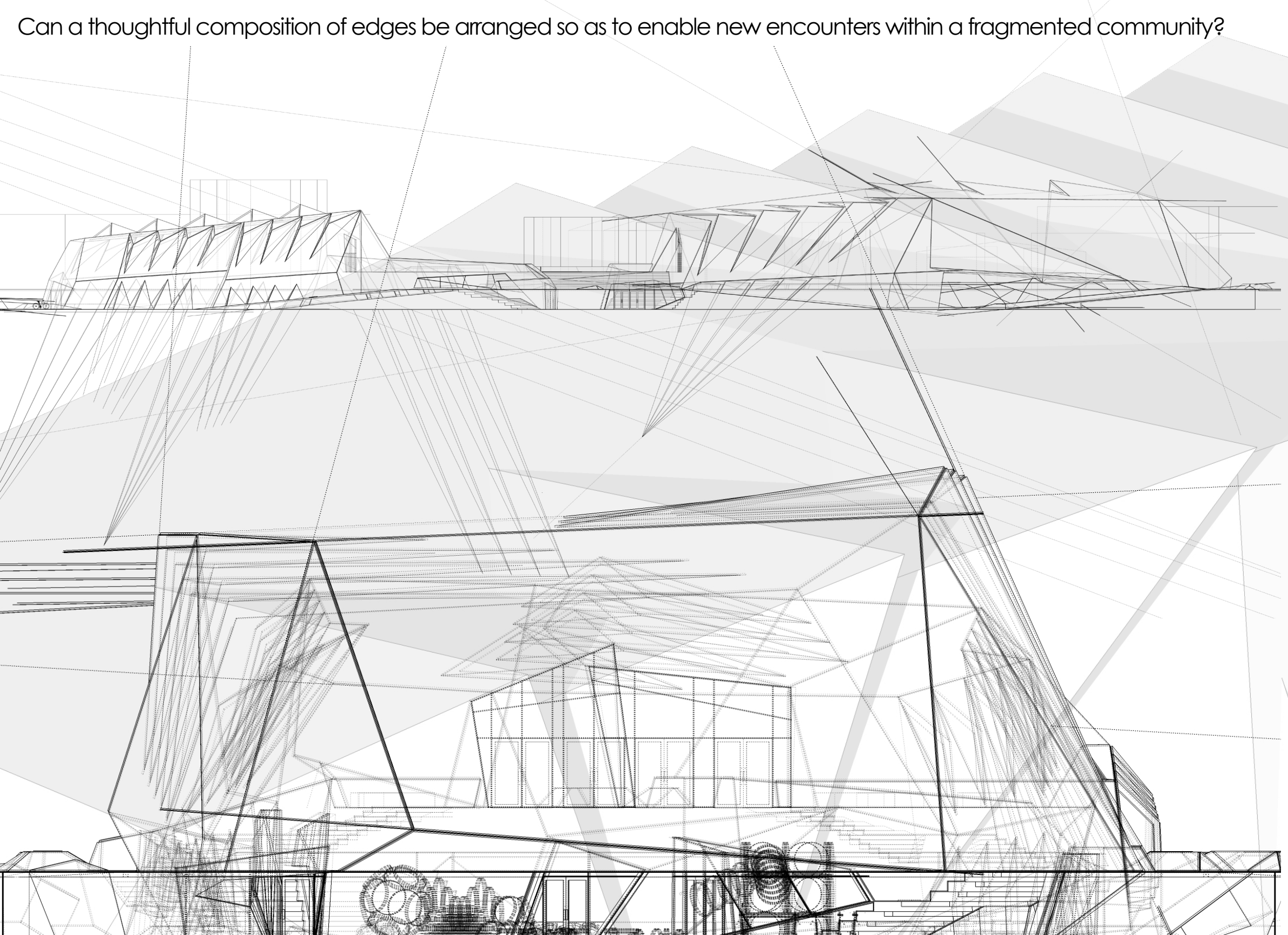
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Can a thoughtful composition of edges be arranged so as to enable new encounters within a fragmented community?

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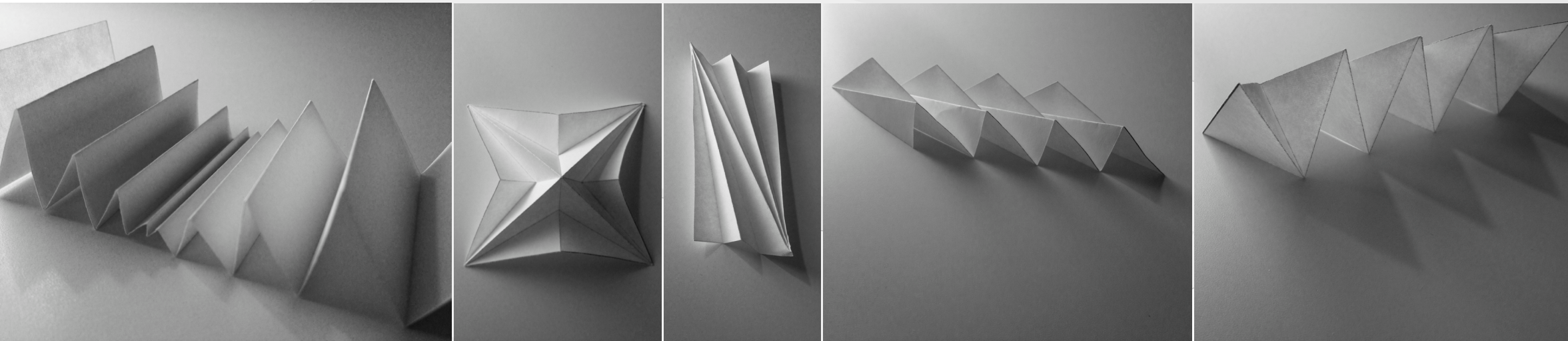
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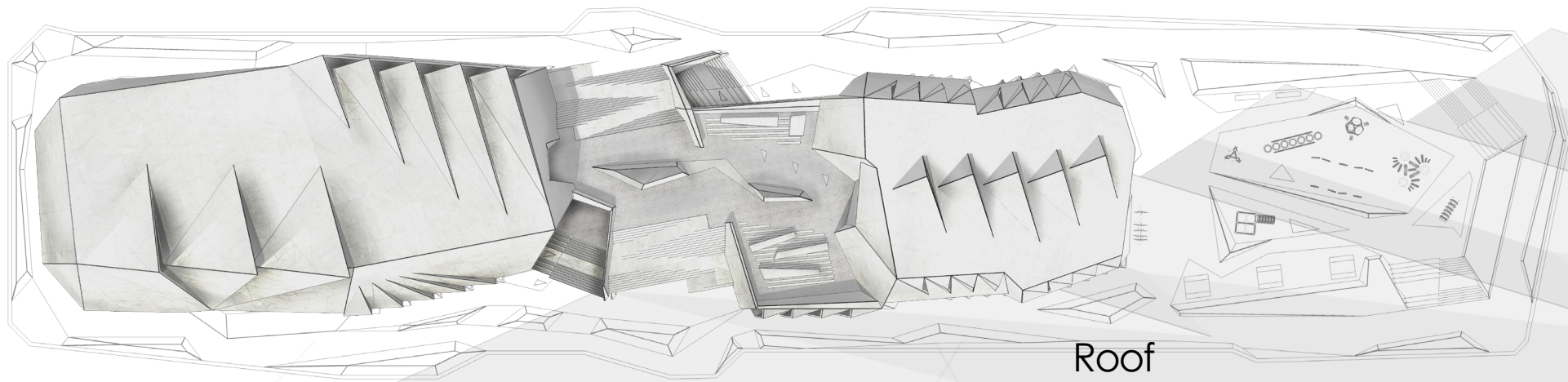
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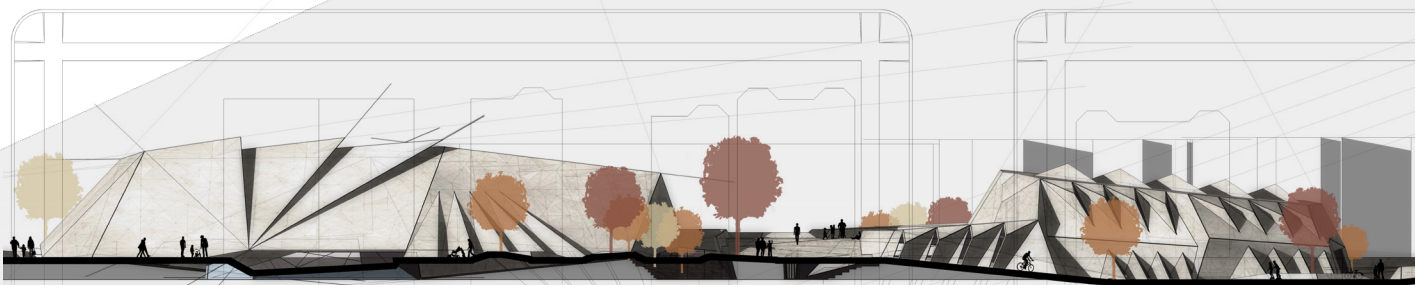
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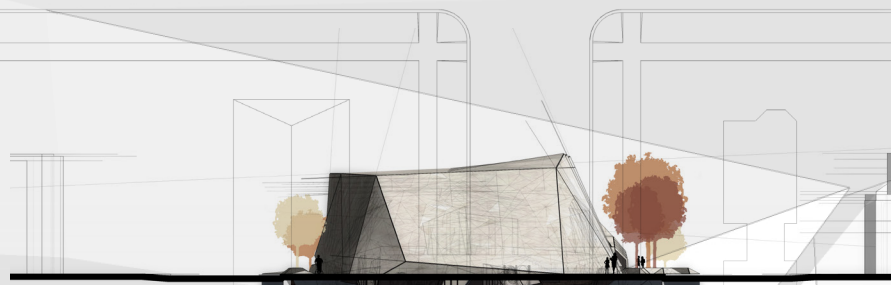




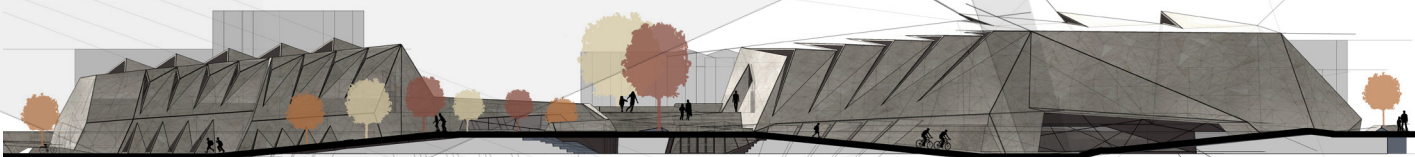
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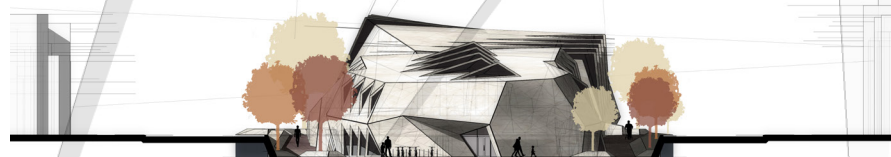
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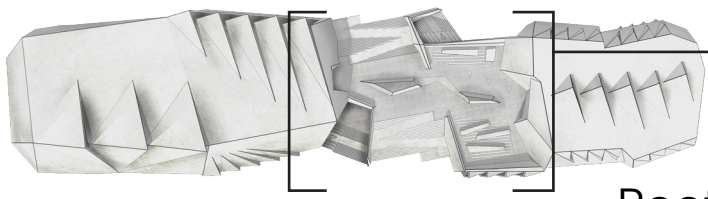
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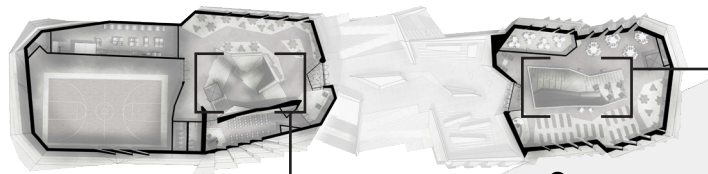
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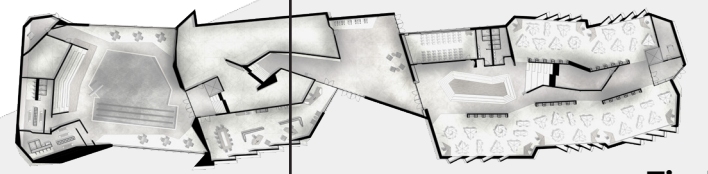
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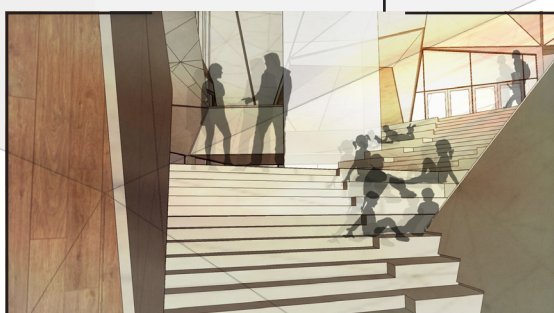
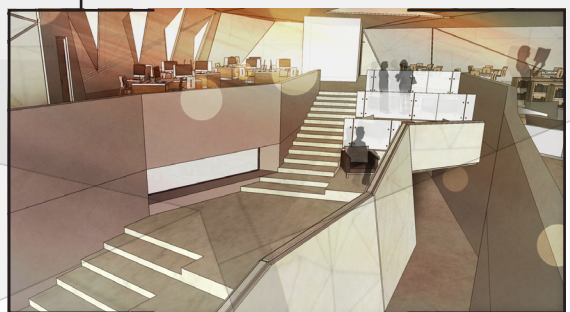
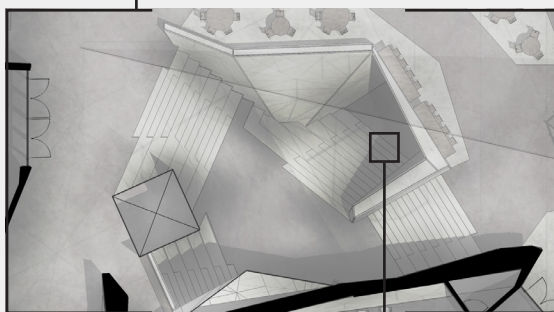
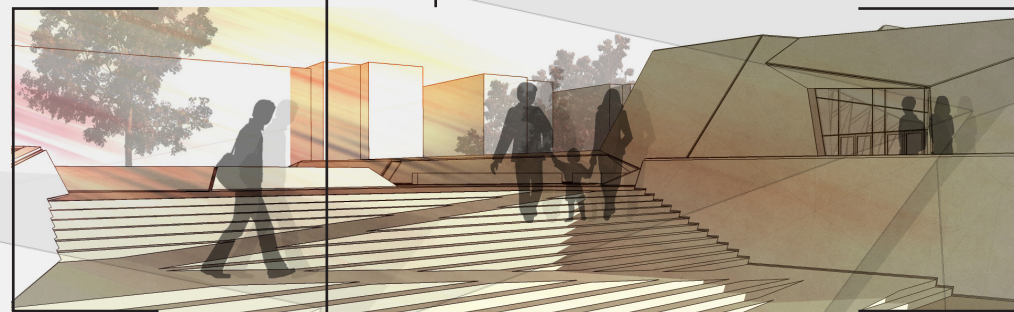
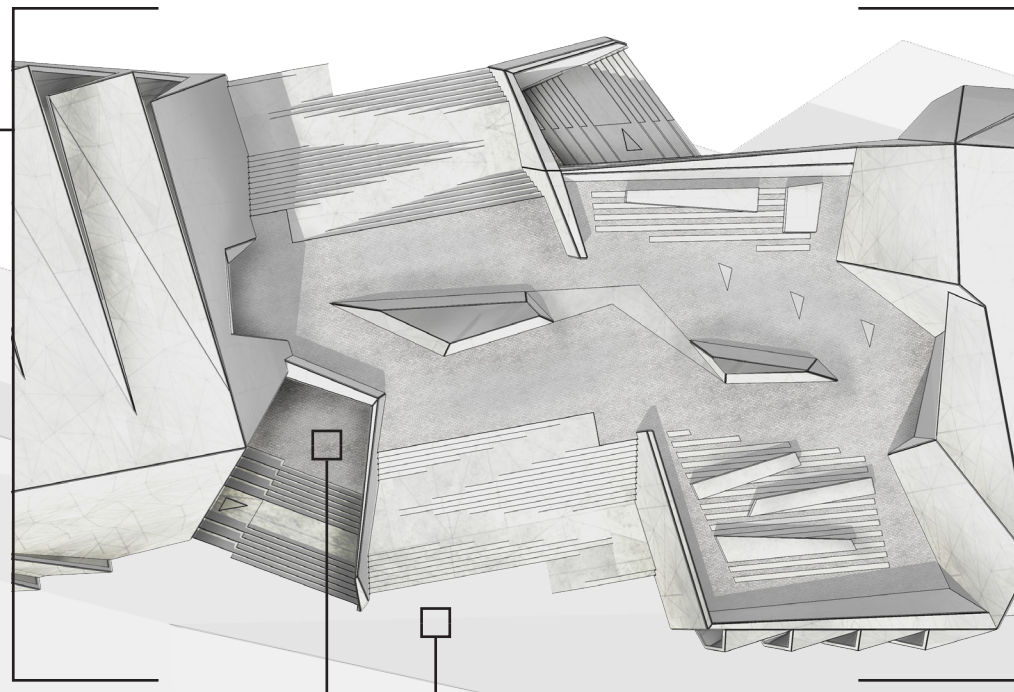
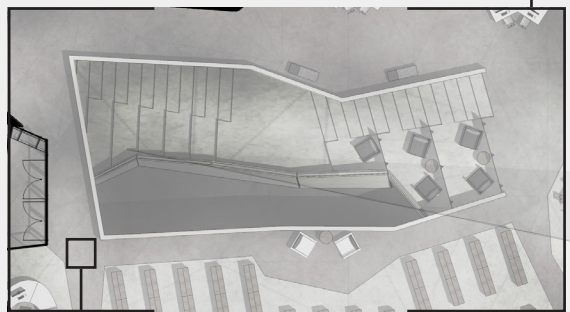
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Library Stair



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Dining Stair



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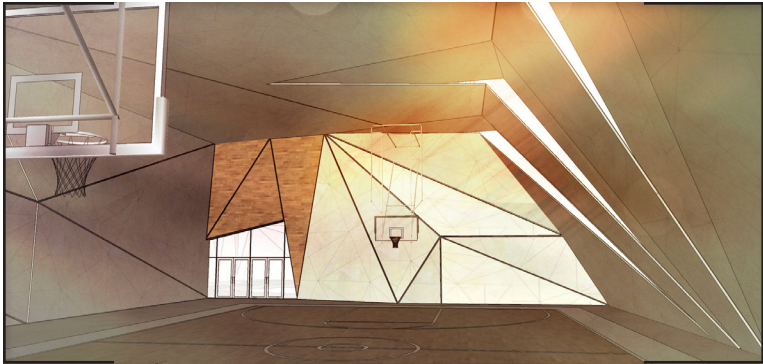
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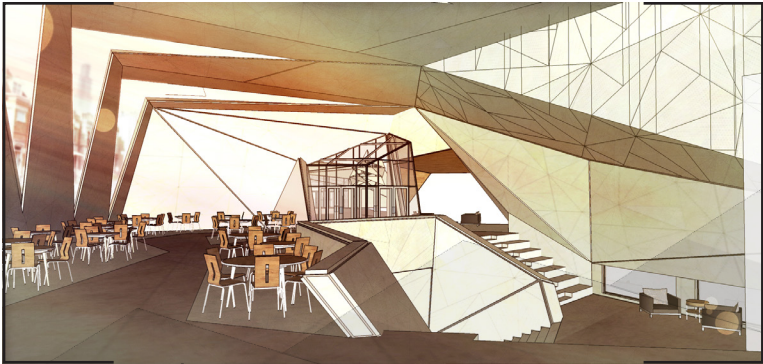
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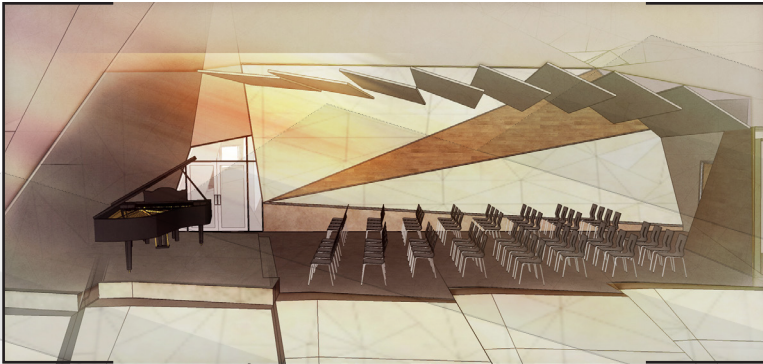
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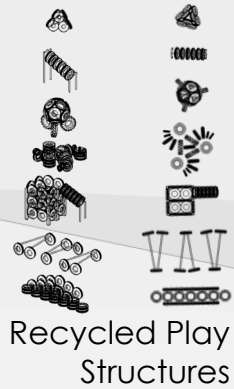
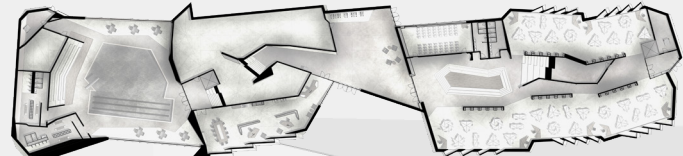
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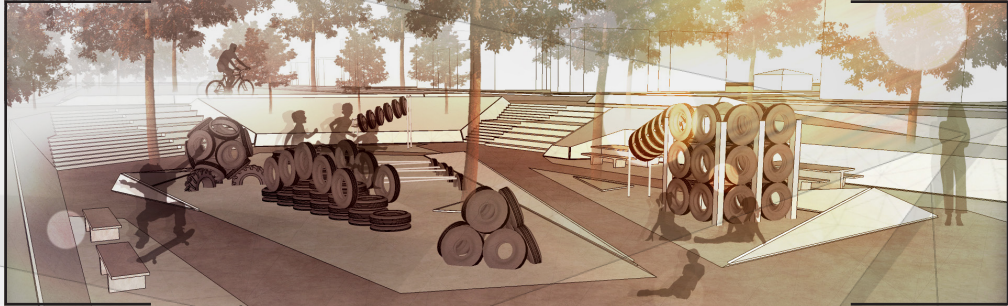
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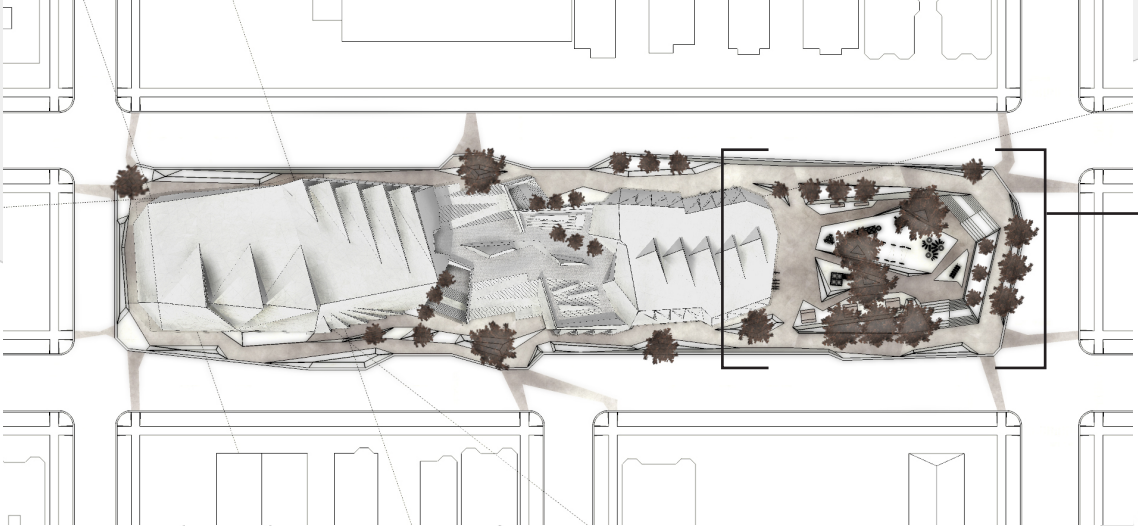
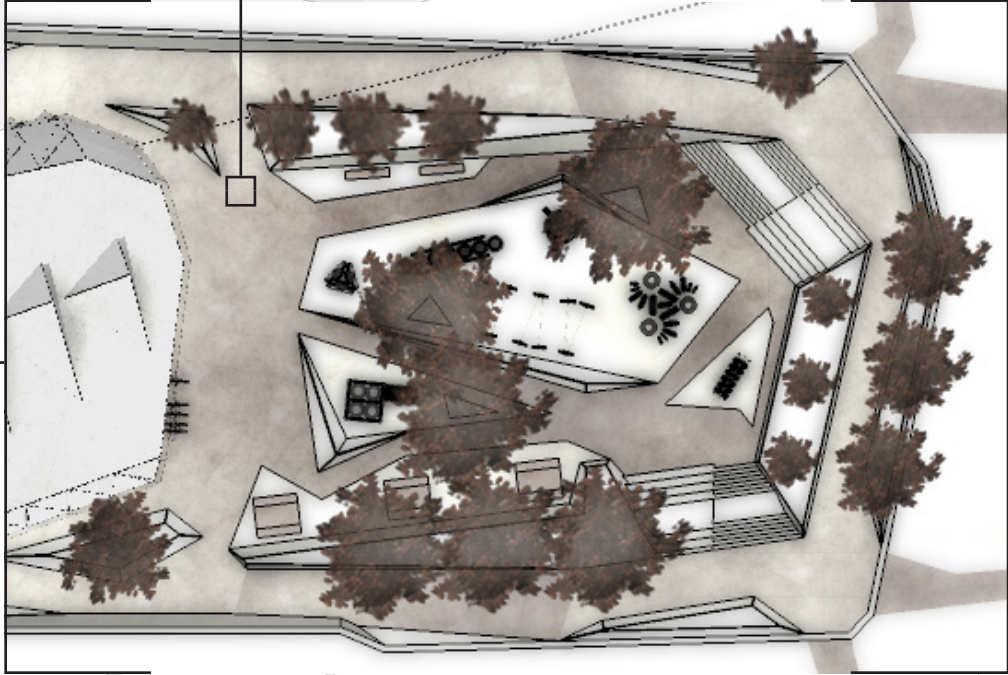
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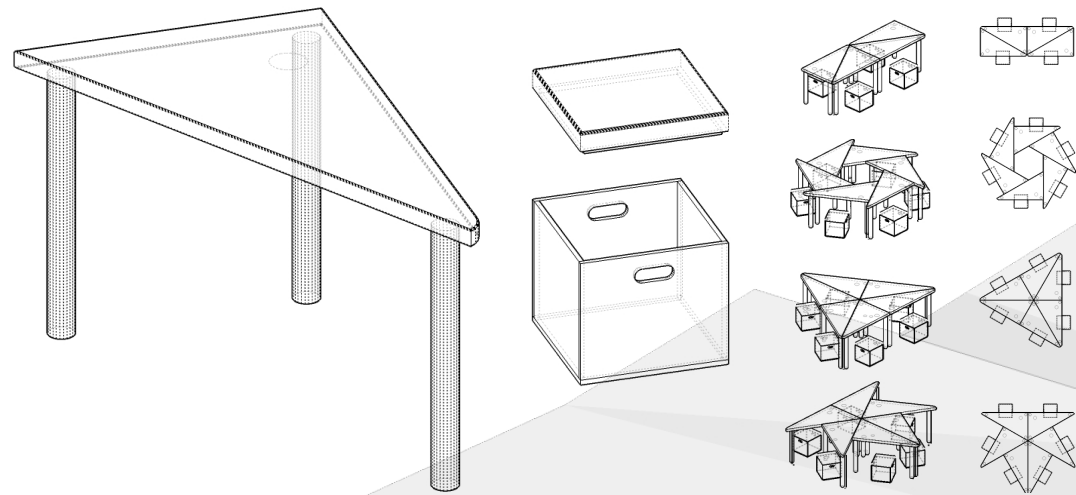
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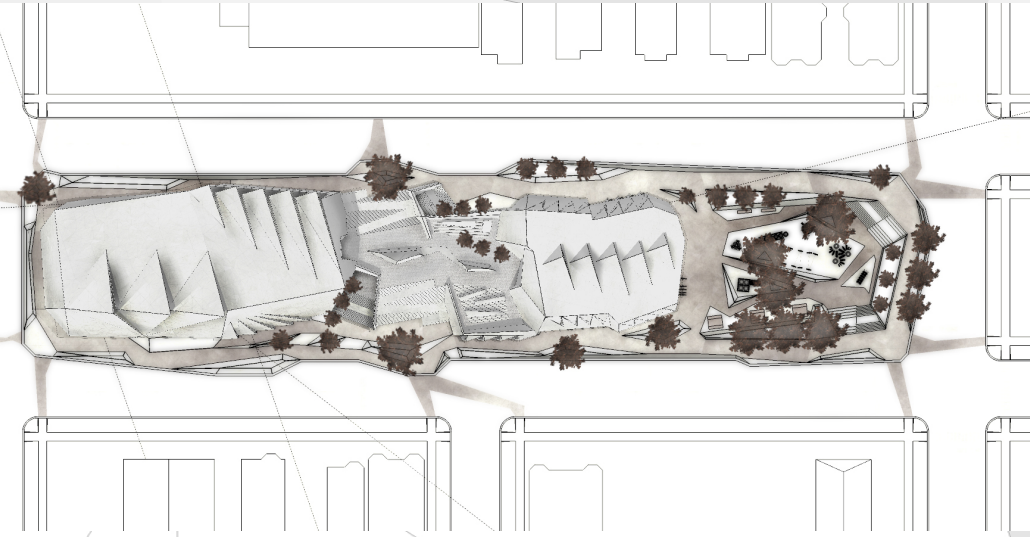
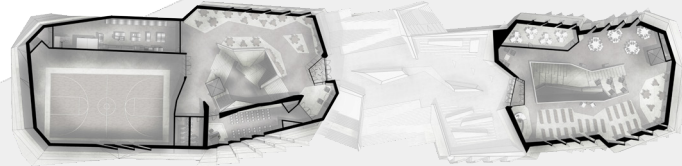
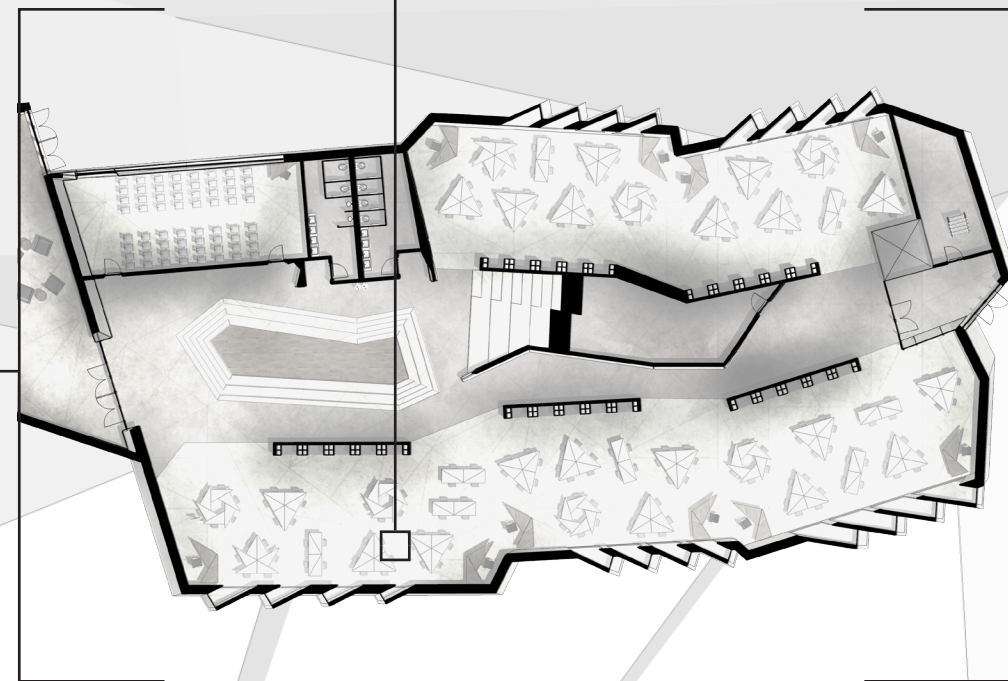
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Collaborative desk designs can be customized by small student groups



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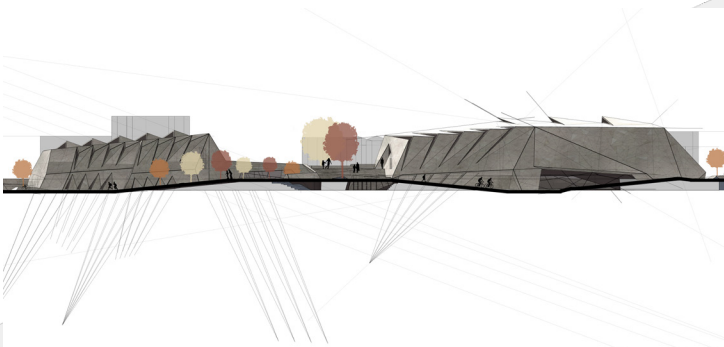
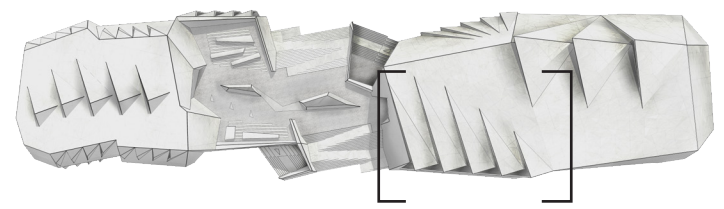
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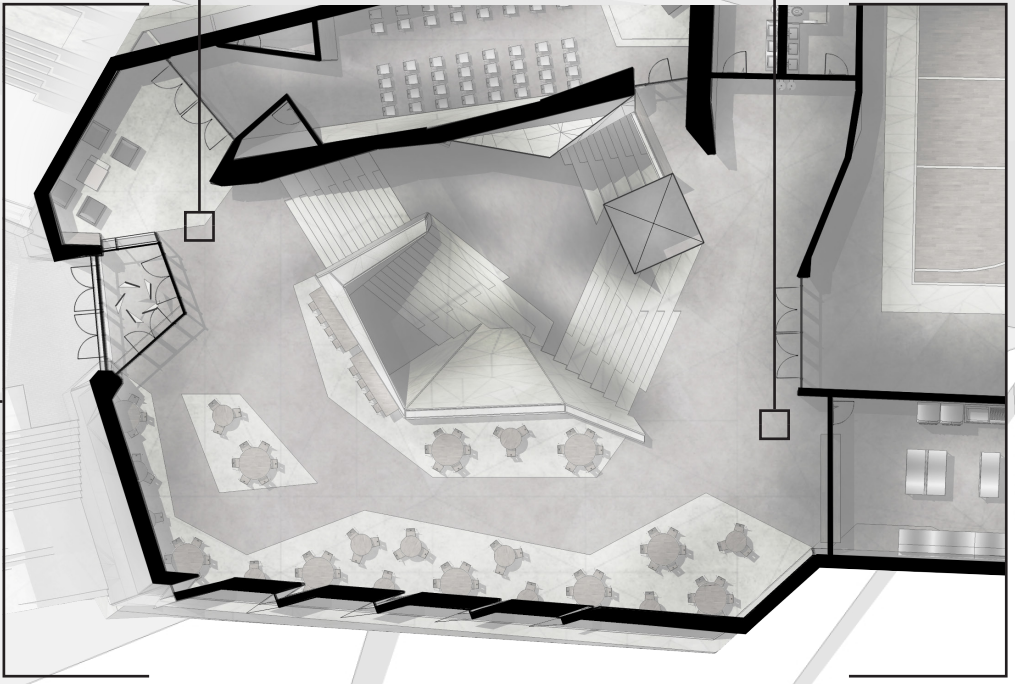
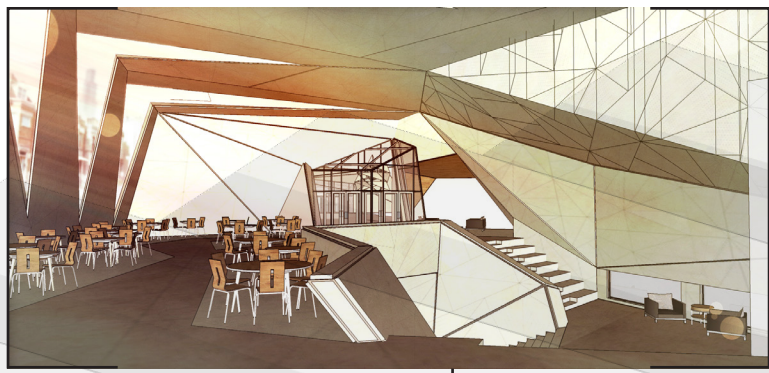
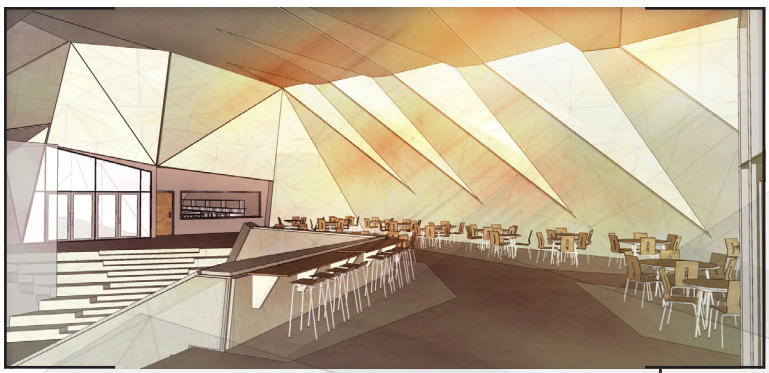
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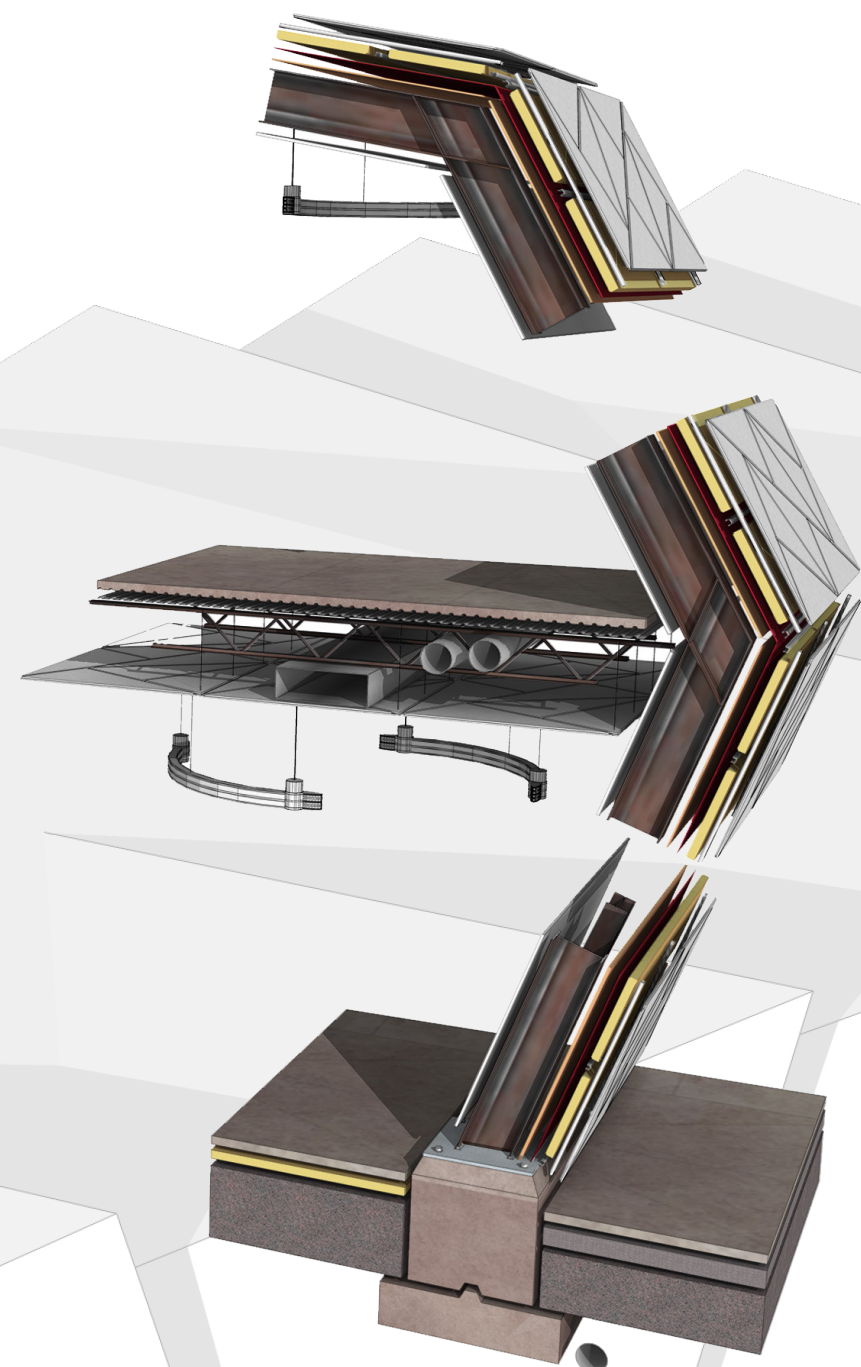
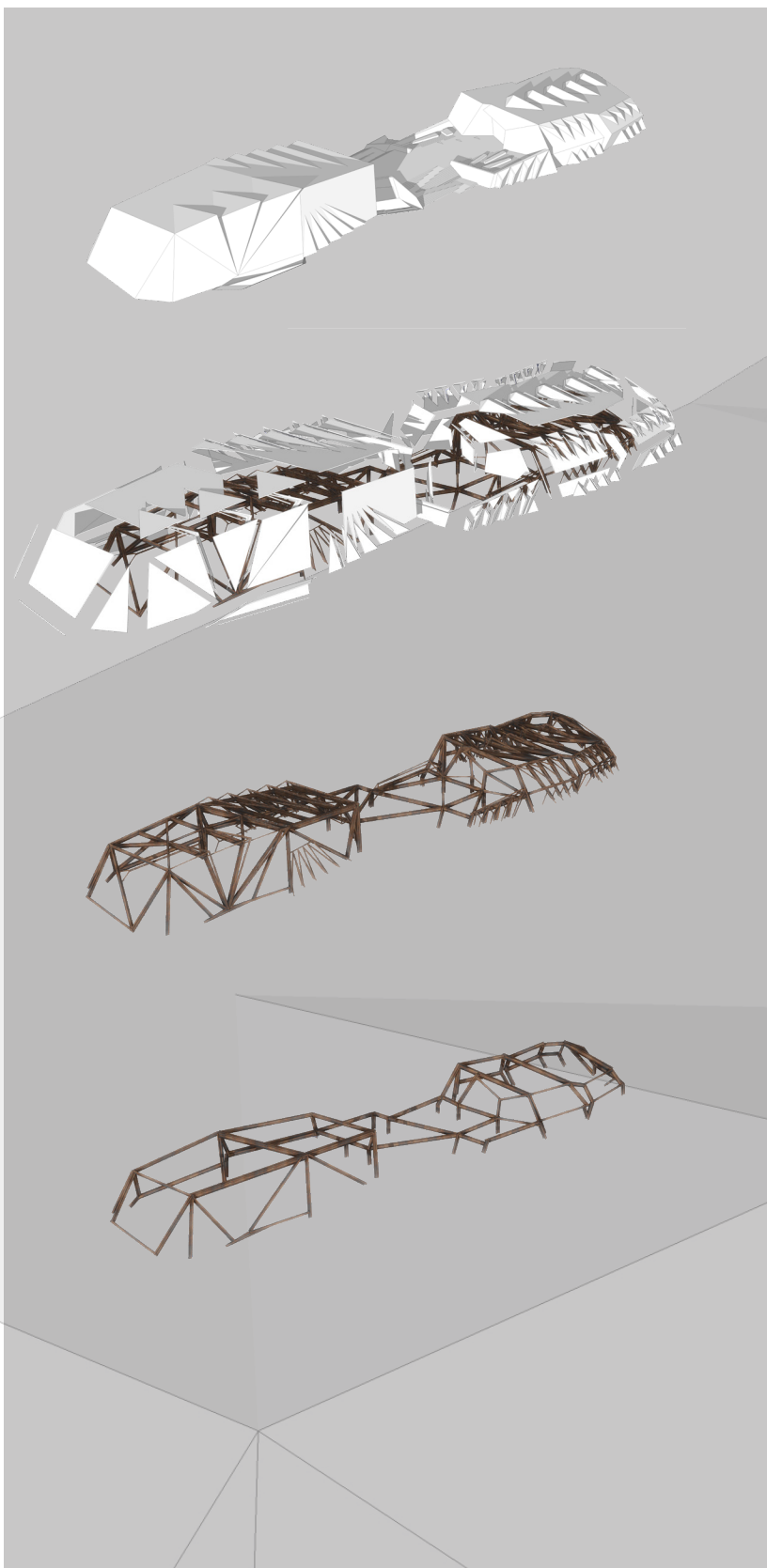
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