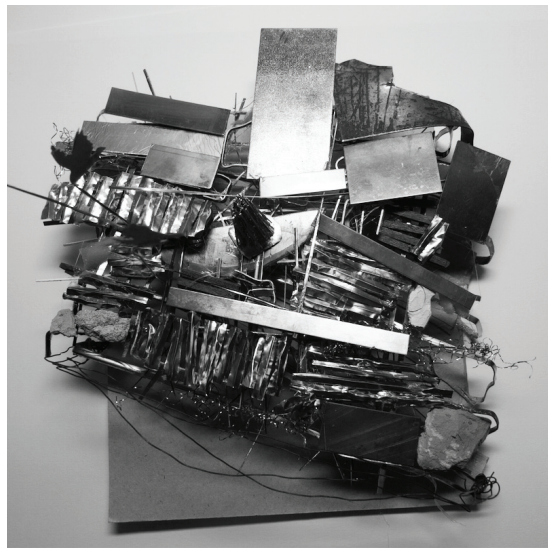


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IMAGINING ART SPACES IN SLUM C I T I E S

*'Birds eye view' chronicle: Projection community
hub in Kibera Slum, Nairobi*

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MAXIMUM CITY: CITIES INSIDE CITIES

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‘Slum, semi-slum, and superslum... to this has come
the evolution of cities.’*

Patrick Geddes*

*Quoted in Lewis Mumford, *The City in History: Its Origins, Its
Transformations, and Its Prospects*, New York 1961, p. 464.
Planet of Slums/ MIKE DAVIS/ 2006

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PREFACE

One billion people in the world live in slums, and that is the third of the worlds urban population or the sixth of all population on the planet. This data raises the question whether the reality of slums would once become reality of every growing city in the world. Surprisingly, ignorance of state institutions in countries with the most high rate of slums along with institutional inability to deal with the growing population leaves slums to self-control and self-organization. Study of both positive and negative aspects and inverse of power and urbanity opens up interesting points for the strategic intervention.

Project takes upon the area in part of Kibera slum in Kenya, third largest Slum in the world, and focuses on the architectural and artistic approaches of an architect coming to the 'Reality of Slums' or a 'Slum City'- aiming to gain better understanding of the site, and aiming to create stage for communication and interaction that would be interesting for both - community outside and the slum itself.

Project aims to speculate on the existing lack of knowledge on the slums as an emerging phenomena and detached vision, therefore the choice of 'Birds eye view' metaphor for story telling is chosen. Investigation in both theoretical/ research part, and architectural/ artistic methods result in artistic strategy for integration, strategy for upgrade of some slums and in creation of a new object on the site as an architectural intervention.

Project tells several stories in its content:

- The story of an architect, aiming to communicate and understand the slum (Outlook and research on the role of an architect and research of the site)
- The story of society, presumably being interested in understanding slums more and more (Program)
- The story of the slum, in the context of global world (Research and Statement on the theme)
- The story of the proposed object itself for people in both communities (Artistic intervention and Concept)

Thus, by layering these aspects together, the project captures the visions of the present time on Slums, provides an artistic and architectural intervention for the site, and states the problem of current vision on emerging phenomena.

All those stories are brought up and chosen to be told in the form of architecture project, art works, and media art installation.

Research methods.

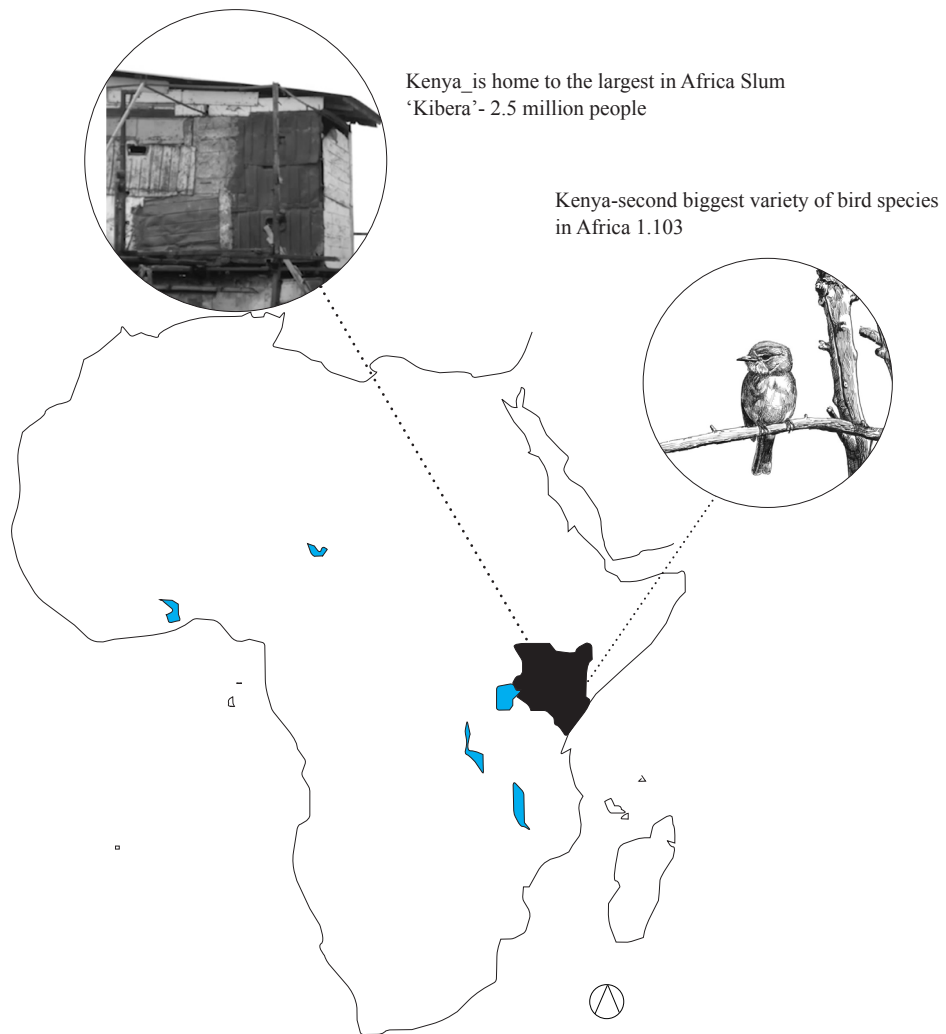
Referring to Gareth Morgan and Linda Smircich's chart of subjective and objective assumptions, the research is based on combined strategy: mixed-methodology design, which would include qualitative research, with such attributes as: holistic, open-ended, having researches –as measurement devise, and would include analysis through words and visual material: observations, artifacts, sites, and other documents.

The paradigm of choice is referring to vision of Mike Davies ('Planet of Slums')- where slums prevailing and spreading over the city provide the environment of informal settlements as major context for urbanity, and the tendency is likely to increase.

CHAPTER 1

SLUM CITY

Nairobi, Kenya



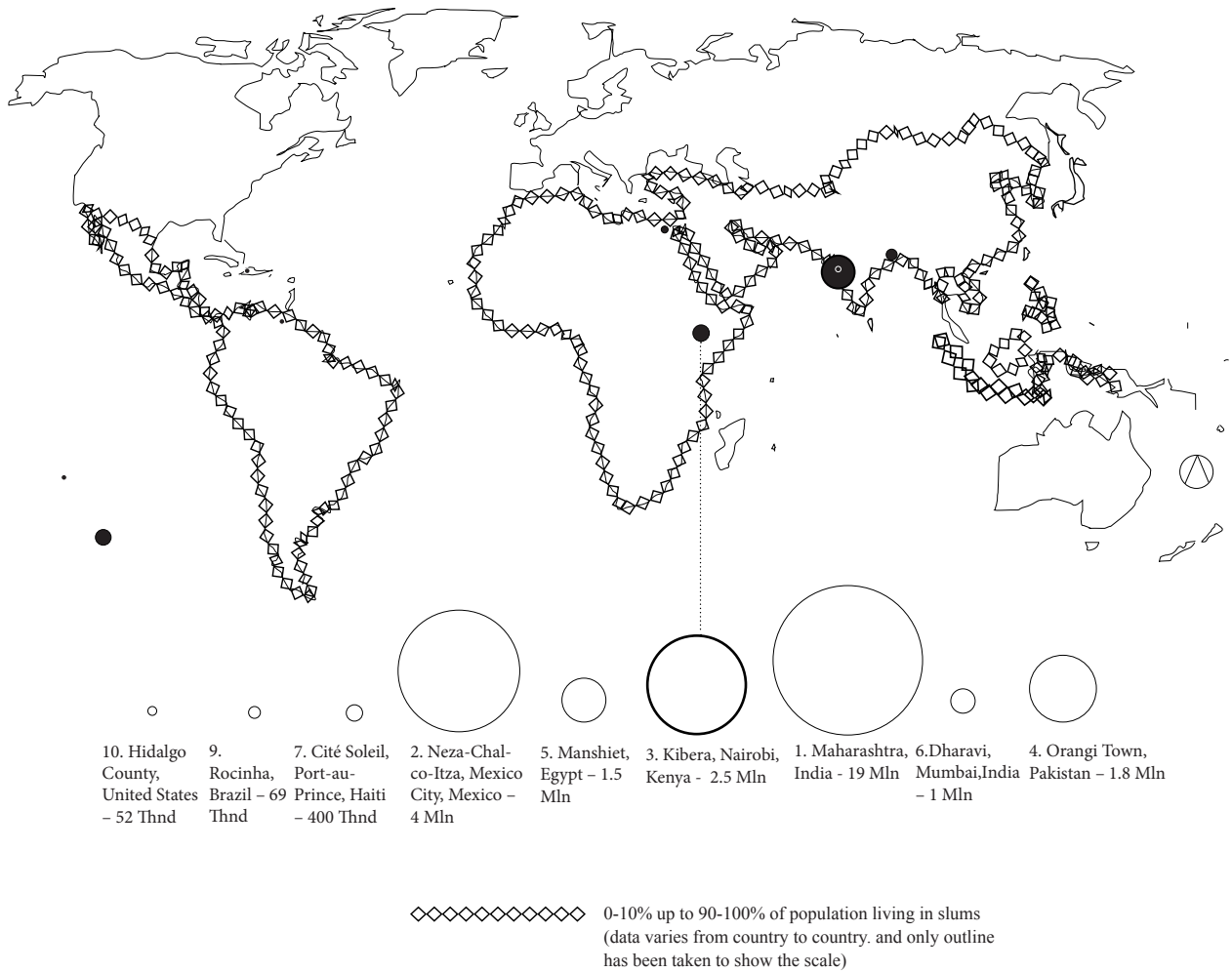
KENYA, NAIROBI: HIGHLIGHTS

Kenya has the largest SLUM in Africa and the 3rd largest SLUM in the world, counting more than 2.5 million people living in KIBERA SLUM in Nairobi. Identifying the character of the place, I looked at some other outstanding and interesting features of Kenya in order to tell the story of the place equally as the story of the project. Bird was chosen as one of the story telling tools, as it speaks for rather 'detached' vision, 'Bird eye view' in this case.



CHOICE OF PROTAGONIST BIRDS EYE VIEW CHRONICLE

Story telling tool for the narrative would be developed in series of drawings/ installations, that would relate to the site. 'BIRDS EYE VIEW' name was chosen as an indicator of statement - lack of knowledge on the theme, as a matter of phenomena of slums being not so well studied and currently emerging. 'WIND-UP BIRD' name serves as a expression of methods applied as a strategy, where there is an urge of community to continue the program to function, even if the mechanism / strategy/ structure is provided.



'SLUM' WORLD MAP

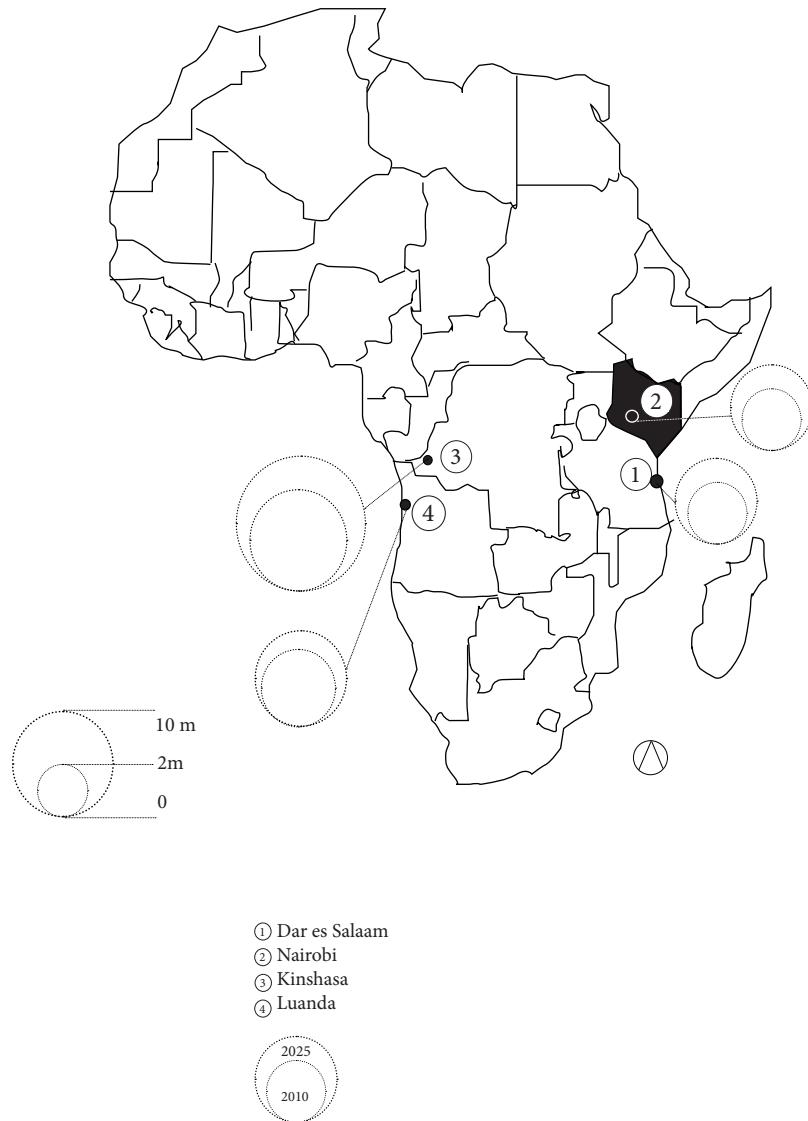
Already from the first glance, the world map with slum settlements on it indicates that the new 'reality' would have to be outlined and studied, therefore it is taken as a stage for intervention with slums communities.



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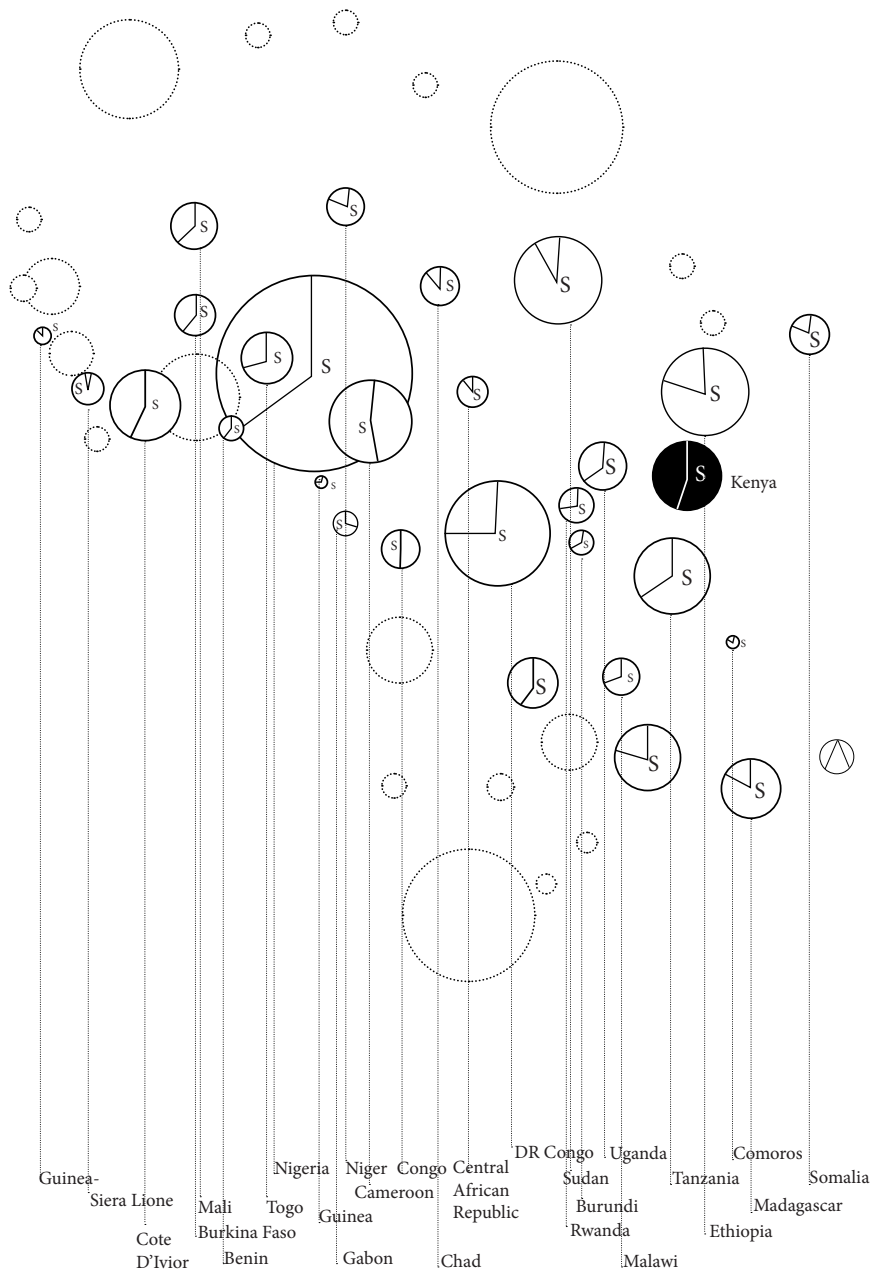
REALITY OF SLUM CITIES

One of the prognosed realities to be accommodating the activity and profession of an architect on the site of slums and in global context would happen to be informal settlements and poverty, just as Mike Davis outlines in his 'Planet of Slums'



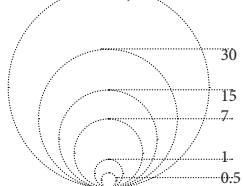
GROWTH OF AFRICAN CITIES

Lagos and Cairo are Africa's largest cities. A third of Africa's 1 billion inhabitants currently live in urban areas. However prognosis suggest that Nairobi is second largest growing city in Africa at the moment (UN Habitat)



Total population by country

Million inhabitants, 2005



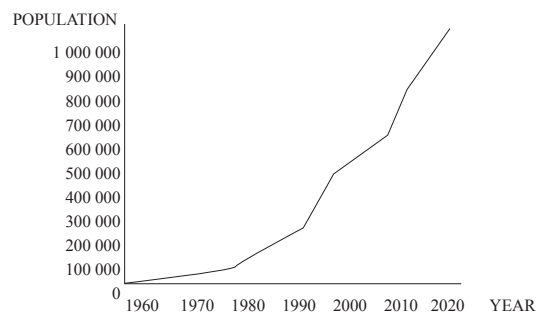
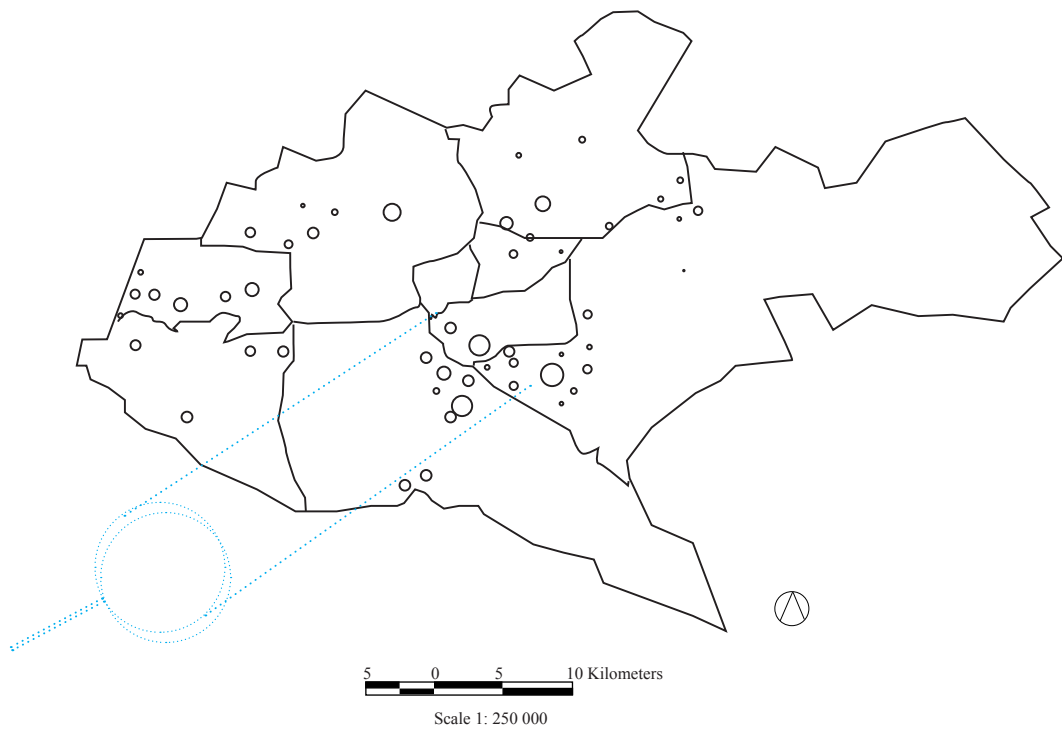
Share of Urban Population living in slums



Counties where the urban slum population is less than a half

SLUM POPULATION IN URBAN AFRICA

Source: UNDESA, The World Urbanisation Prospects, The 2009 Revision, 2010



NAIROBI, KENYA - SITE ALLOCATION OF INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS ON THE MAP OF THE CITY

Due to the assumptions of the researchers such as Michael Batty (urban planning) and Mike Davis (socio-geographical studies), for the project Nairobi was chosen as one of the sites to look at. Inceasingly growing number of informal settlements in the city is indicated on the map above. One of the biggest slums in the world - Kibera - is located in Nairobi.



- ① Main Roads
- ② Secondary Roads
- ③ Railway
- ④ Water Reservoirs

PARADIGM - GROWTH OF SLUMS

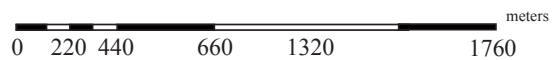
COMPUTER AIDED EXPERIMENT SHOWING POTENTIAL GROWTH

According to studies on the growth of slums and considering that the project is now focusing on different context rather than just existing slums, we are looking at the 'cities of slums' that undertake the areas of Nairobi. Those choice of study is taken Kibera in Nairobi, Kenya. Computer Simulation using CA (Cellular Automata) with particular existing data as an input was given to generate the pattern.

*Concentration of colour shows migration: the darker - the more generations stay at the point. the difference / absence of points - show migration



..... Kianda village in Kibera



KIBERA SLUM - SITE

Kibera slum was chosen to be the site for observation and further choice of particular location for the project as it has been among the very well studied slums, with number of sources to provide information on local conditions for living, reisdng, working. Thus providing sufficient information for site analysis. Kianda was chosen as a focus.



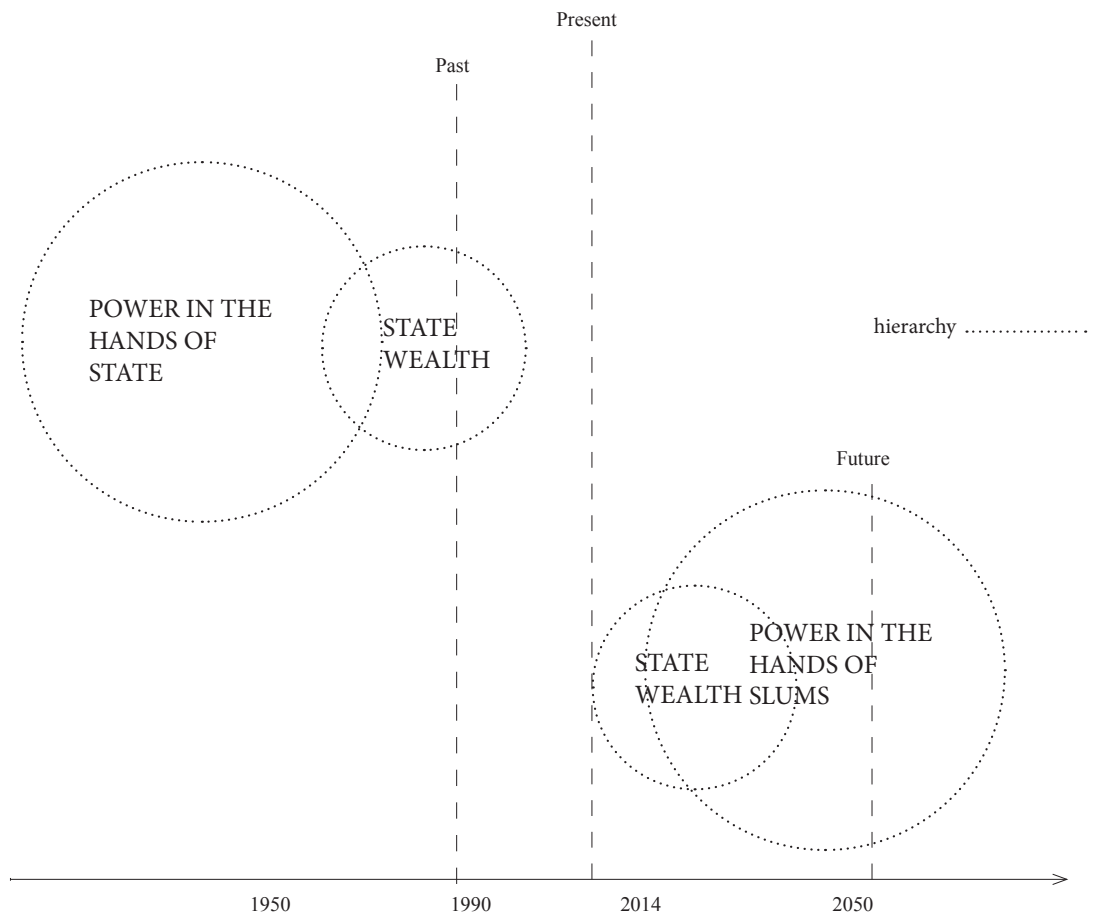
KIBERA SLUM

Photo from www.ariatlas.org
Google maps printscreen, 2014

CHAPTER 2

INVERSE

Inverse urbanity
Inverse power



ASSUMING INVERSE POWER

Many of the problems in the slums appeared due to concentration of power over decision making process in the state. Assuming and noticing already growing tension between slum residents and residents of Gated communities, the twist of power can be assumed to happen. Nairobi city centre is dead quiet at night, and even during the day is full of fear.

Hierarchy within the slums, inequality and sagrigation of society- part of INVERSE of power process.



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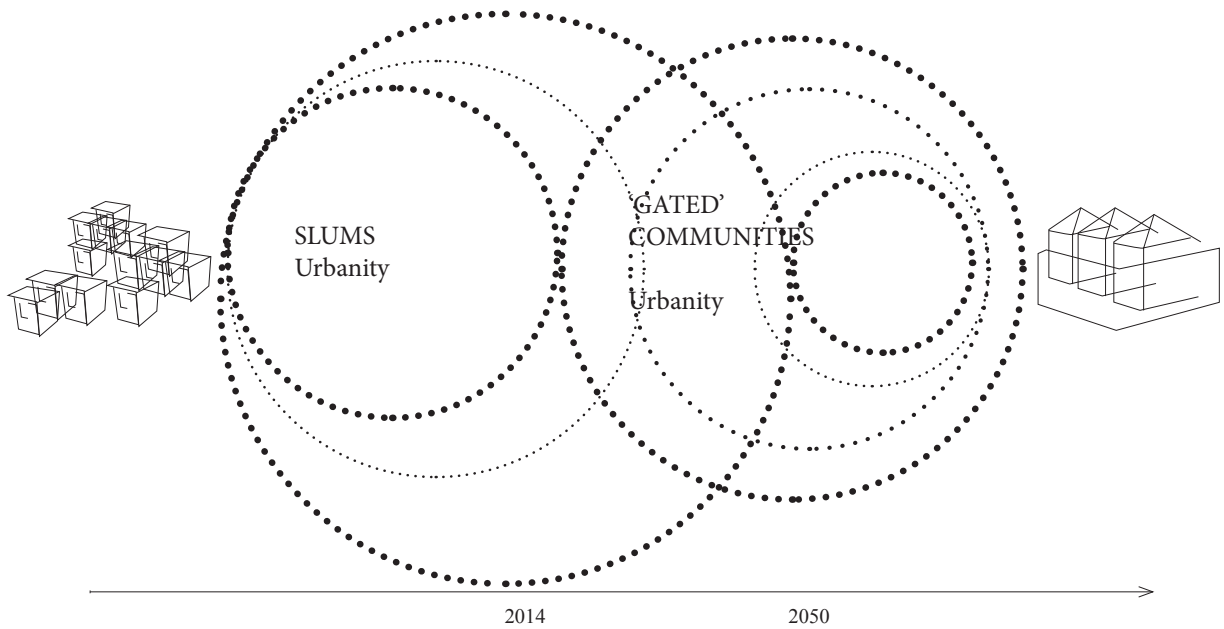


VITNESSING INVERSE URBANITY

During the visit to Nairobi (2 month in summer 2013) and after visiting the slum area in that period -the most striking and the most obvious observation was related to twist of urbanity - with its social, open and vivid living, as it was mostly observed in slums, rather than in the city. Slum urban life is full of vivid energy, dynamics, and sense of community, whereas Nairobi City Centre and Gated Communities territory in the city are more segregated and have less lively neighborhoods.

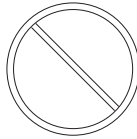
Photo from www.ariatlas.org

Photo from the site during visit



INVERSE URBANITY

It is clear that already at the present moment, urban life is happening in the SLUM 'CITIES' much more obvious Public spaces and shared zones, are mostly populated during the day and early evening. The problem of crime is highly cited on sites at night time, however the most number of criminal offenses in the city happens with participation of people from slums.



POWER GAMES_ TWIST_ EVIDENCES

From the report of UN representatives, spread around the members of staff in order to prevent the crime and hazards in Kenya, Nairobi and Mombasa.

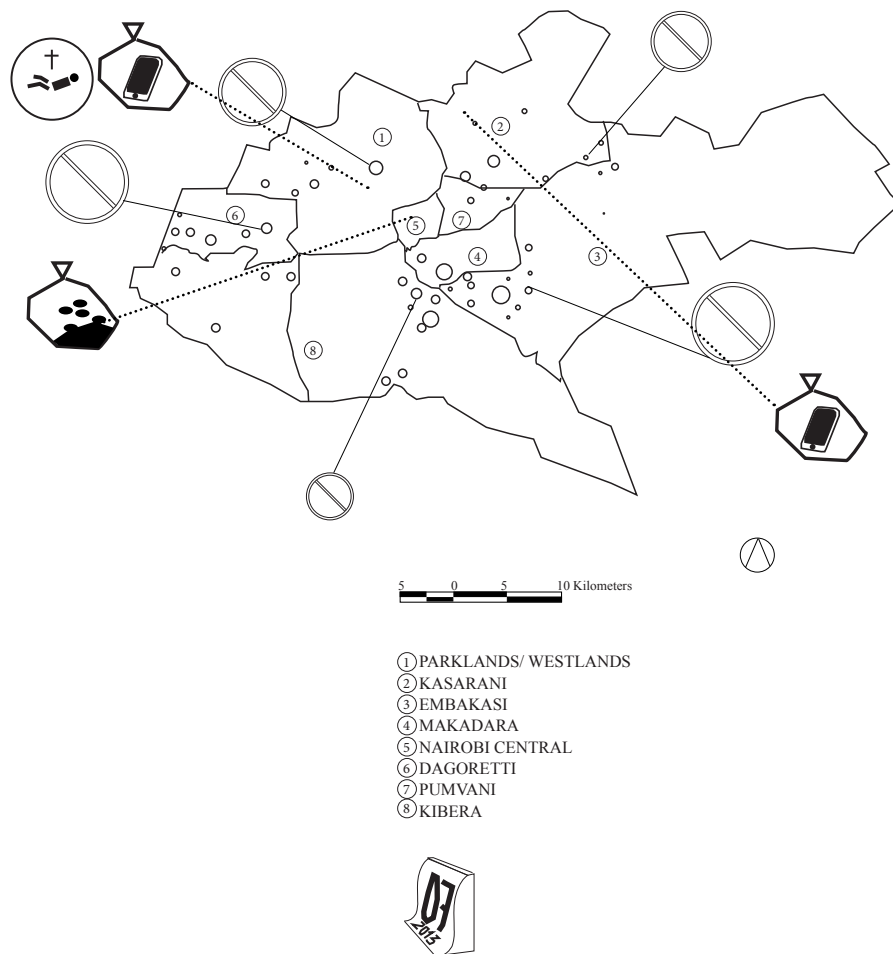
Following instructions are strictly advised:

- * Avoid frequenting crowded places and remaining observant whilst in public places.
- * Desist from any form of resistance when confronted by suspected assailants (thus drastically reducing the likelihood of assailants using violence).
- * Always switch on alarm systems whenever going to sleep as they may help call for emergency armed response.
- * Avoid carrying valuables that you do not intend to use immediately.
- * Minimize travel to only what is necessary, especially late at night and early in the morning.
- * Pay close attention when approaching your gate, take evasive action when you encounter suspicious or inconsiderate drivers.
- * Obtain Security Travel Clearance before any official mission and registering staff's private travel. This can be obtained at [_http://dss.un.org/p_](http://dss.un.org/p_) < <http://dss.un.org/public/> >
- * Adhere to advisories that accompany the Security Travel Clearance.
- * Receiving briefings from UN Security Officers or security focal points on arrival in the field and maintain daily liaison with such contacts whilst on mission.
- * /Staff reminded to pay close attention to obtaining proper certification when procuring Ivory (and similar) jewelry products./

Sourche: Nairobi *

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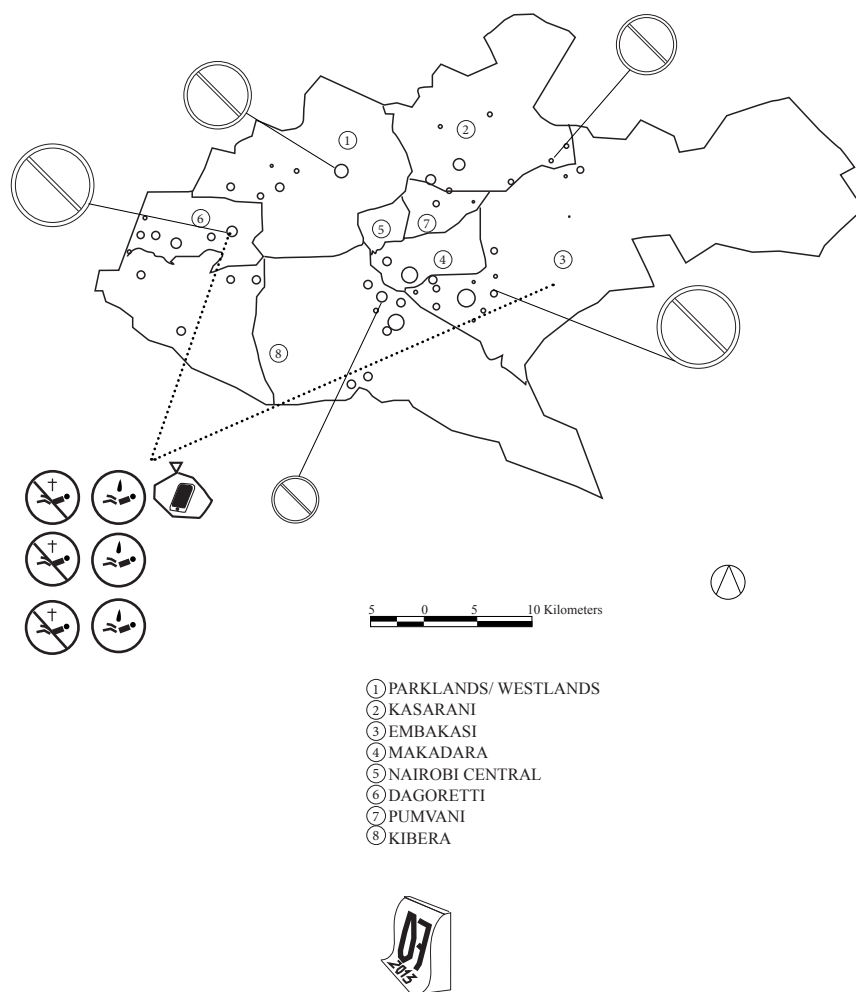
CRIME IN NAIROBI

On 23 July at about 0800hrs, a staff member reported theft of his official laptop at his office in Treasury Building within the CBD where he is on secondment.

On 29 July at about 0330 hours, 4 armed suspects gained access into Victoria Heights Apartment, Westlands and entered into a 2nd floor apartment through the balcony door. The suspects stole several items including mobiles phones, laptop and cash. They moved into another apartment in the same compound and fired shots into the bedroom. One of the bullets caught the tenant (an expatriate with one of the private security companies) who was pronounced dead upon arrival at the hospital .On 29 July at about 2150hrs, a staff member reported an attempted break-in to her residence in Kahawa Sukari estate. Unknown assailants reportedly threw a big stone on the house roof.

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CRIME IN NAIROBI

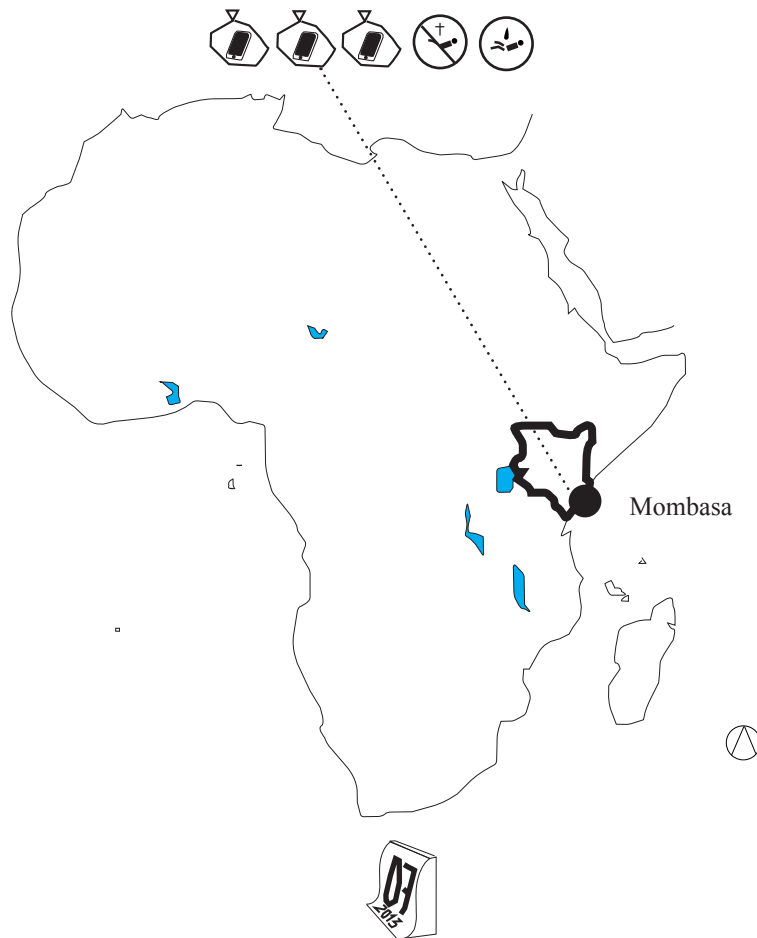
On 30 July at Chirr area between Funan Nyata and Kate, it was reported that a gang of four armed men ambushed a truck, shot and injured one person before robbing its occupants of cash and other personal valuables.

On 25 July at about 2210hrs in Hagadera Refugee Camp, it was reported that one person was stabbed to death after an argument between the two reportedly turned violent.

On 26 July at about 1800hrs in Kaputir area of Turkana County, it was reported that one person was killed and two injured by suspected Pokot assailants.

Source: Nairobi *

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CRIME IN MOMBASA

On 22 July at around 1900hrs along Nkrumah Road of Mombasa County, it was reported that unknown armed assailants robbed a business woman of cash. The lady was reportedly closing down the day's business when the aggressors who posed as M-Pesa customers requested to do a transaction.

On 23 July at about 1145hrs along Moi Avenue of Mombasa County, it was reported that unknown armed assailants shot dead a businessman before robbing him of cash. The suspected criminals reportedly later fled away by unregistered motor bikes.

On 29 July, in Mombasa, it was reported that at around 23:45 hrs four armed thugs attempted to rob a local pub at the Nairobi estate in Kisauni area. The thugs reportedly fled while shooting indiscriminately when the pub patrons raised alarm. Unknown number of people were injured during that incident.

Source: Nairobi *

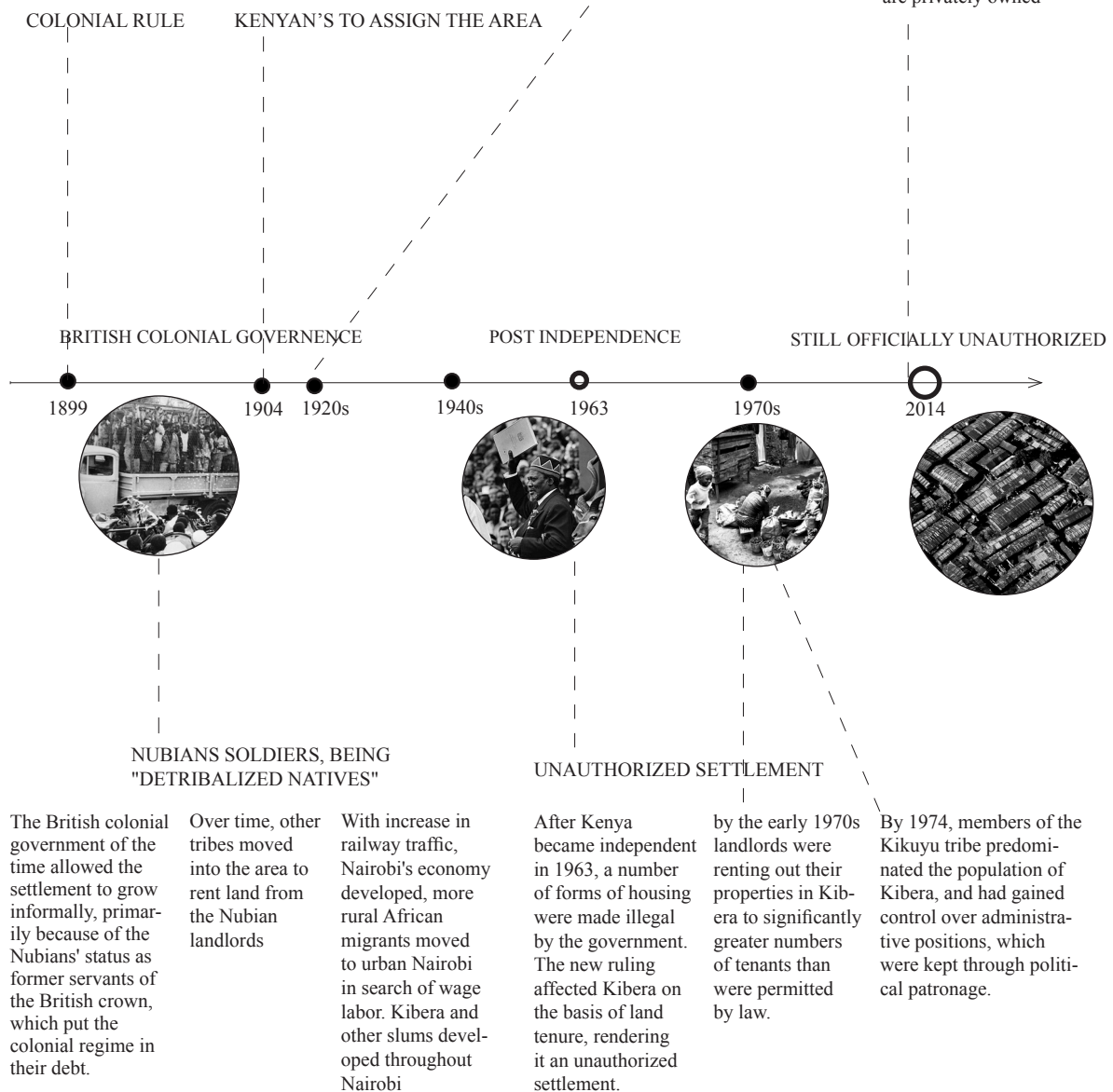
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The colonial administration intended to keep Nairobi a home for Europeans and temporary, migrant workers from Africa and Asia. The migrant workers were brought into Nairobi on short-term contracts

Permits to live in Nairobi for African natives were separated living areas of non-Europeans by ethnic group. One such group with official colonial era permits, were soldiers who served the African interests of British colonial army, and the assigned area for them developed into a slum, now known as Kibera

Proposals were made in late 1920s to demolish and relocate Kibera, as it was within the zone of European residential holdings; however, the residents objected to these proposals. The colonial government considered proposals to reorganize Kibera, and the Kenya Land Commission heard a number of cases which referred to the "Kibera problem".[27] By then, Kibera was not the only slum.

The Kenyan government owns all the land upon which Kibera stands, though it continues to not officially acknowledge the settlement; no basic services, schools, clinics, running water or lavatories are publicly provided, and the services that do exist are privately owned



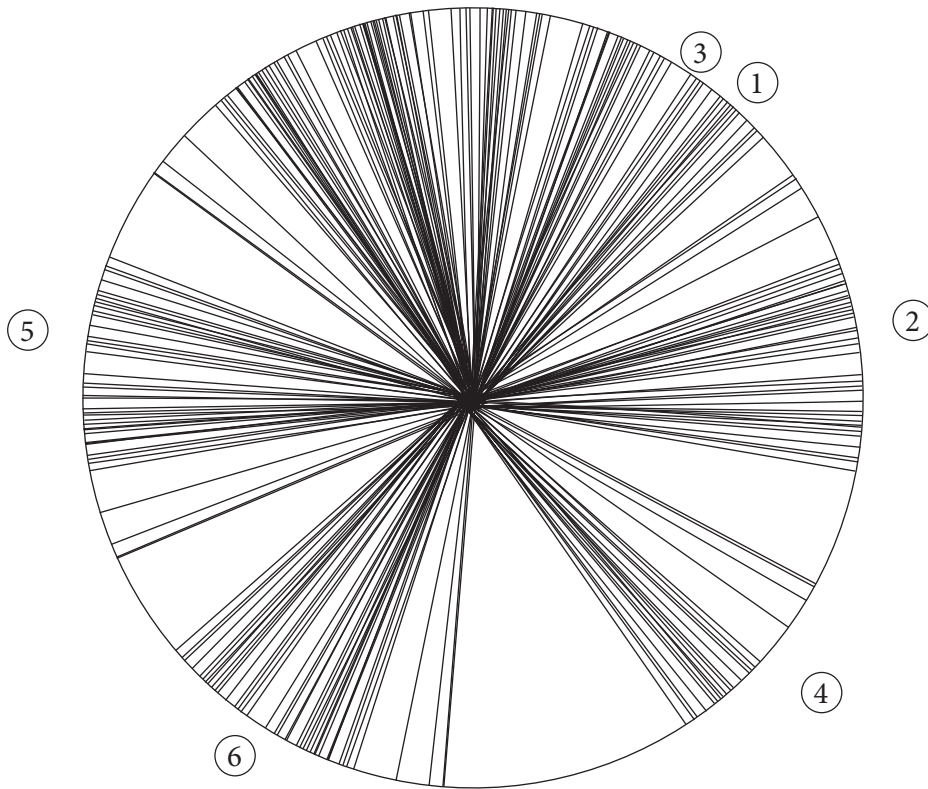
IGNORANCE FROM THE SITE OF GOVERNMENT AT ALL TIMES OF KIBERA PRESENCE ON THE MAP

Ignorance and inability to control/ resolve the situation with slums is clear from history

CHAPTER 3

CULTURE AND ART IN ‘SLUM CITIES’

In search for a tool



- ① Music
- ② Acrobatics
- ③ Dance
- ④ Theater
- ⑤ Cinema
- ⑥ Crafts

FORMS OF ART AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES IN THE SLUM COMMUNITY

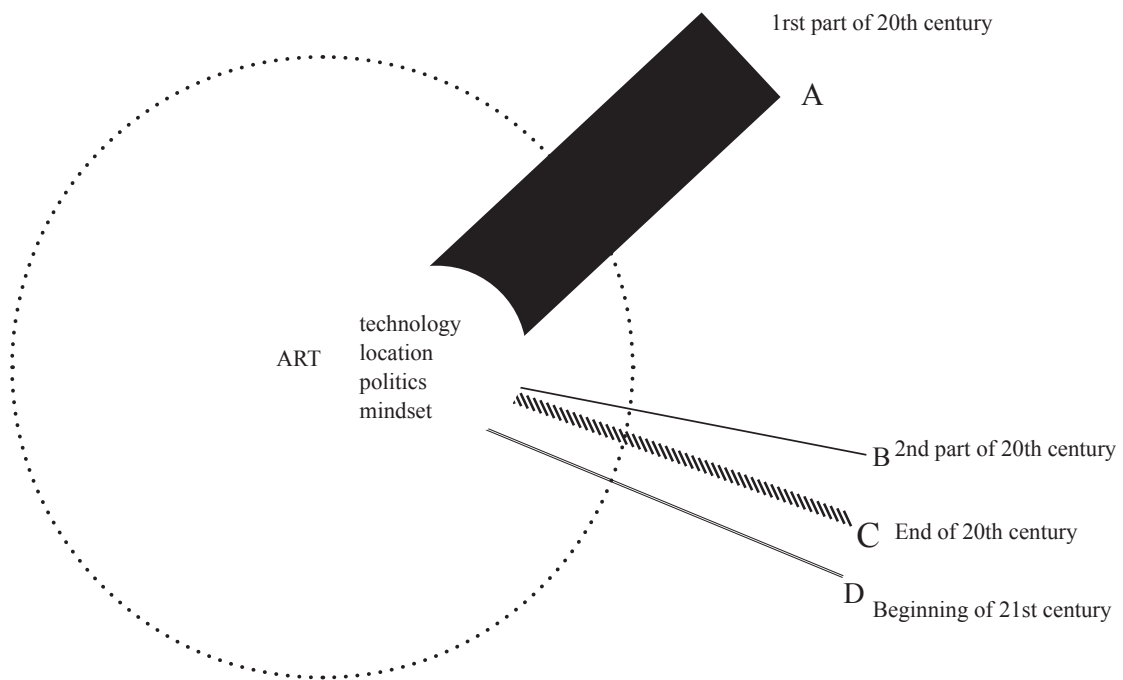
Having a vivid urbanity, slum is a producer of several types of self-originated and collaborative art. Forms of creative activity vary.



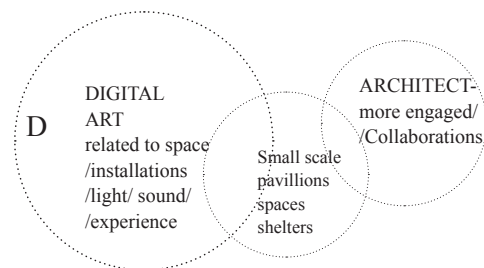
- ① Photography
- ② Weaving
- ③ Painting
- ④ Jewellery
- ⑤ Clothing

FORMS OF ART THAT ARE PRODUCED AND REQUIRE RATHER INDIVIDUAL/ CRAFTED WORK ‘ HANDS ON’

Objects and spheres of creative work, originated and developed in slums is sometimes oriented on a small group or crafted individually. And not produced by the public participation, open communicative way, or entertaining and involving in result.



- A SINGLE ARTIST in majority of cases
- B MASS CONSUMPTION AND ART
- C CRYISIS OF POSTMODERNITY
- D DIGITAL ART AND COLLABORATIONS



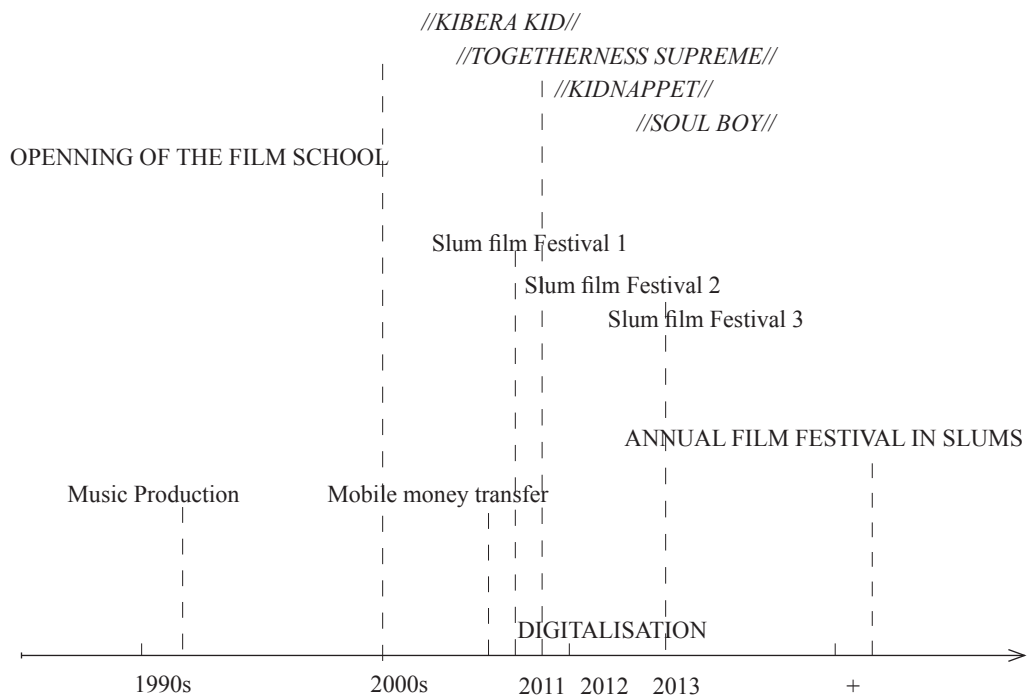
GOING TOWARDS DIGITAL IN ARTS AND CULTURE

Based on studies of Grant H. Kister (THE ONE AND THE MANY) Claire Bishop (PARTICIPATION/ Documents of Contemporary Art), Murray Edelman (From Art to Politics) Art in the timeline of history. Single artist in modernism was emerging as a result of authority of one style, and as comittment / opposition to technological advances. Mass consumption resulted in coceptualism, cybernetic arts, kinetic art, op art, pop art and other. Diversity was widely spread with the possibility of free spread of information. At the end of the century, art faced crysis, as the rapid change of technology happened, and digital era was introduced by the means of new devices.



**KIBERA SLUM
DIGITAL TOOLS**

Photographer: christian als
Photo taken from christianals.com



EXISTING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDES DIGITAL TOOL

Collected analysis of the slums shows great interest of the people on the site in digital communication and intervention with the camera and technology. Choice of one of the digital tools - camera. Cinema on the cite creates incredible vibe - people feel the community, they thrill and anticipate it as a public and community event.



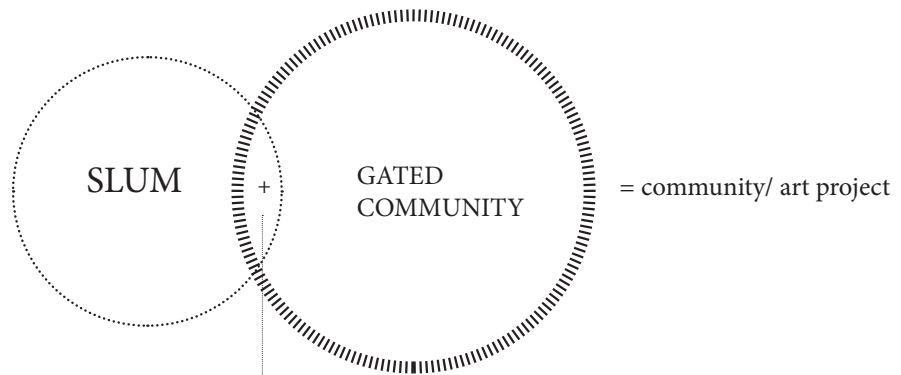
KIBERA SLUM
EXISTING CINEMA/ PROJECTION OF FILMS IN KIBERA
Photograph from www.flickr.com



COMMUNICATION VIA CAMERA/ DIGITAL STORY TELLING

Public event and Communication

Interest in the life and phenomenon of slums, questioning conventional living and consideration by the society of the problems is witnessed by the attention of Award Winning nominations of the film produced in collaboration with Slums and screened in the environment, with participation of local artists. Such films indicated raising interest to the slums, and communicate their problems.



Dutch artist duo Haas&Hahn
in favelas, 2006



JR in collaboration with Kibera in
2009



Openstreetmap in collaboration
with Kibera in 2010



Hot sun foundation, and independ-
ant filmmakers
in collaboration with Kibera,
film school, 2010



PROJECTS ON COLLABORATIONS IN SPHERE OF CULTURE

Mostly all important community, art and public projects are done with participation from the site of Gated Community. Therefore spot of interaction might be a good idea. Therefore collaborative work is chosen to be the best suited for the project.

CHAPTER 4

CAMERA AS A TOOL

Program and Strategy



In the hands of people
Initiative for interaction
Exchange of information
Operated by the people

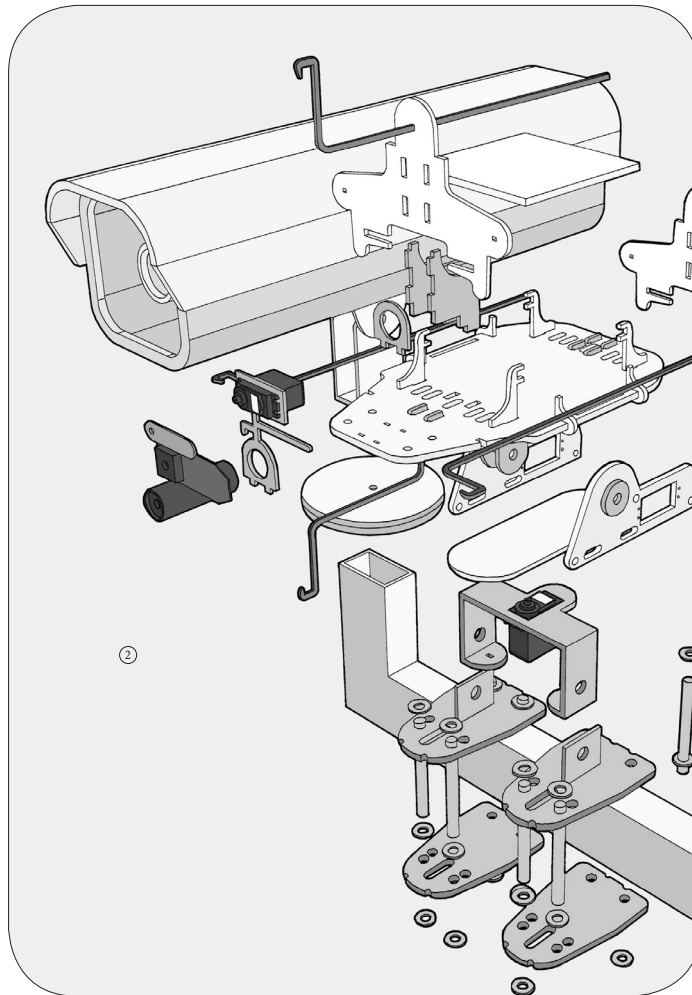
‘WIND-UP BIRD’ STRATEGIC APPROACH

‘Wind-up bird’ is a working name for the strategy, where people are communicating and exchanging information by the means of technology and as a collaboration in the project, where ‘the bird’ is provided in the form of an architectural and strategic intervention and success of its integration and use would be absolutely in the hands of society, who need to ‘wind up’ the idea and make it go on.



**KIBERA SLUM
EVENING SCREENING OF THE FILM**

Photographer: christian als
christianals.com



PUBLICLY LOCATED

*referring to drawing of Michael Slade

- ① CCTV camera
Centralized state recording
- ② Small recording camera
DOCUMENTARY



CAMERA_ LOOKING AT DIGITAL DEVICE TOOL OF COMMUNICATION

Camera as a tool for both - communicating and exchange of information, as a tool to integrate with the outside community and with the co-residents of the Slum. However closer look for understanding of 'CAMERA' device for the conceptual part of the project has to be conducted, as camera can be both - negative (CCTV and controlling device), and also very positive (Entertaining, cultural, educational)



PUBLICLY LOCATED
CAMERA HYBRID*

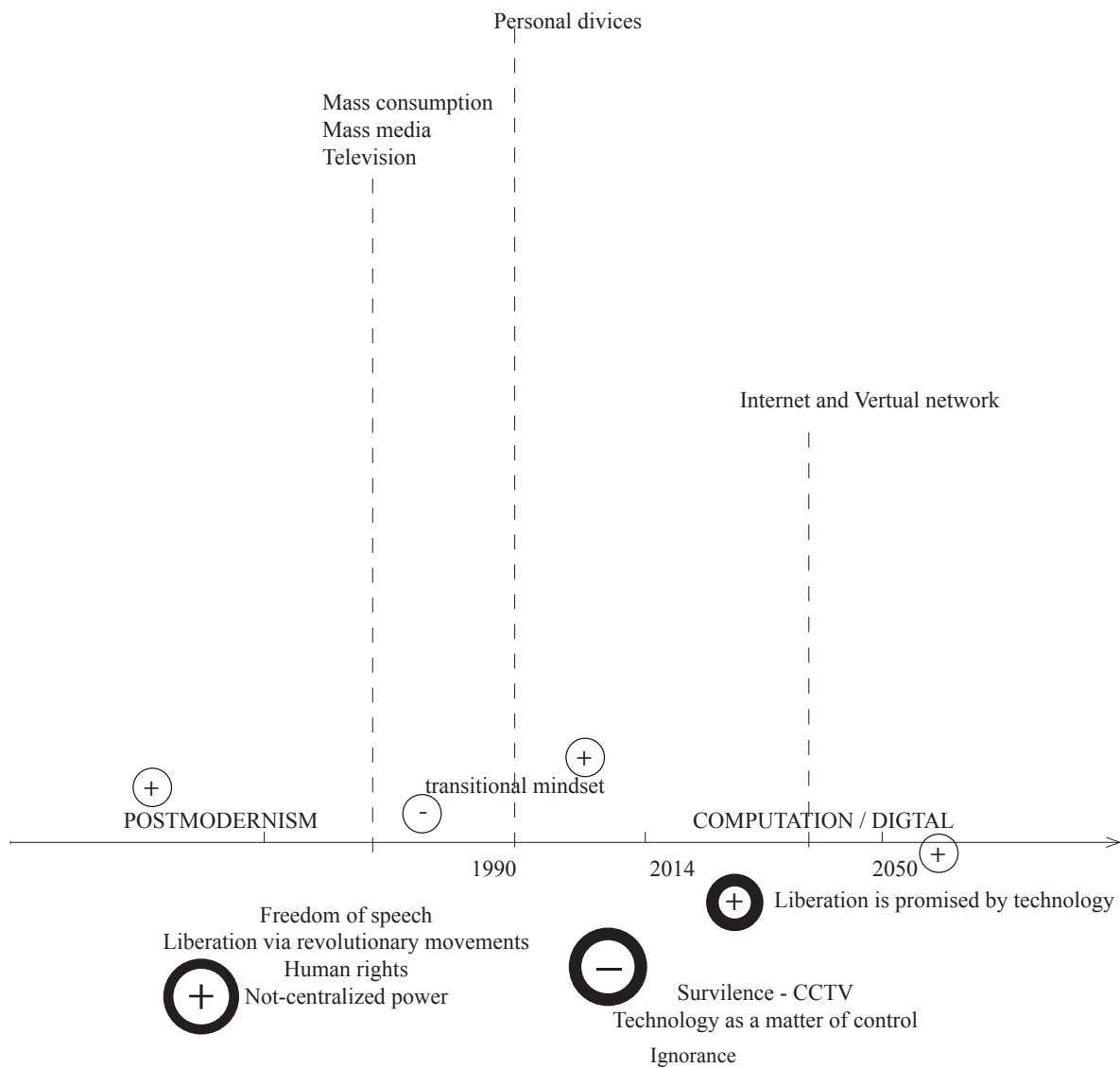
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COMMUNICATION

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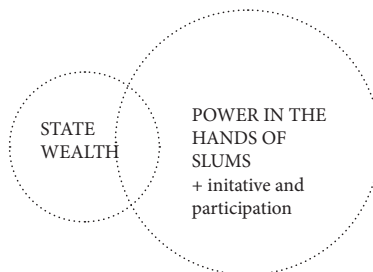
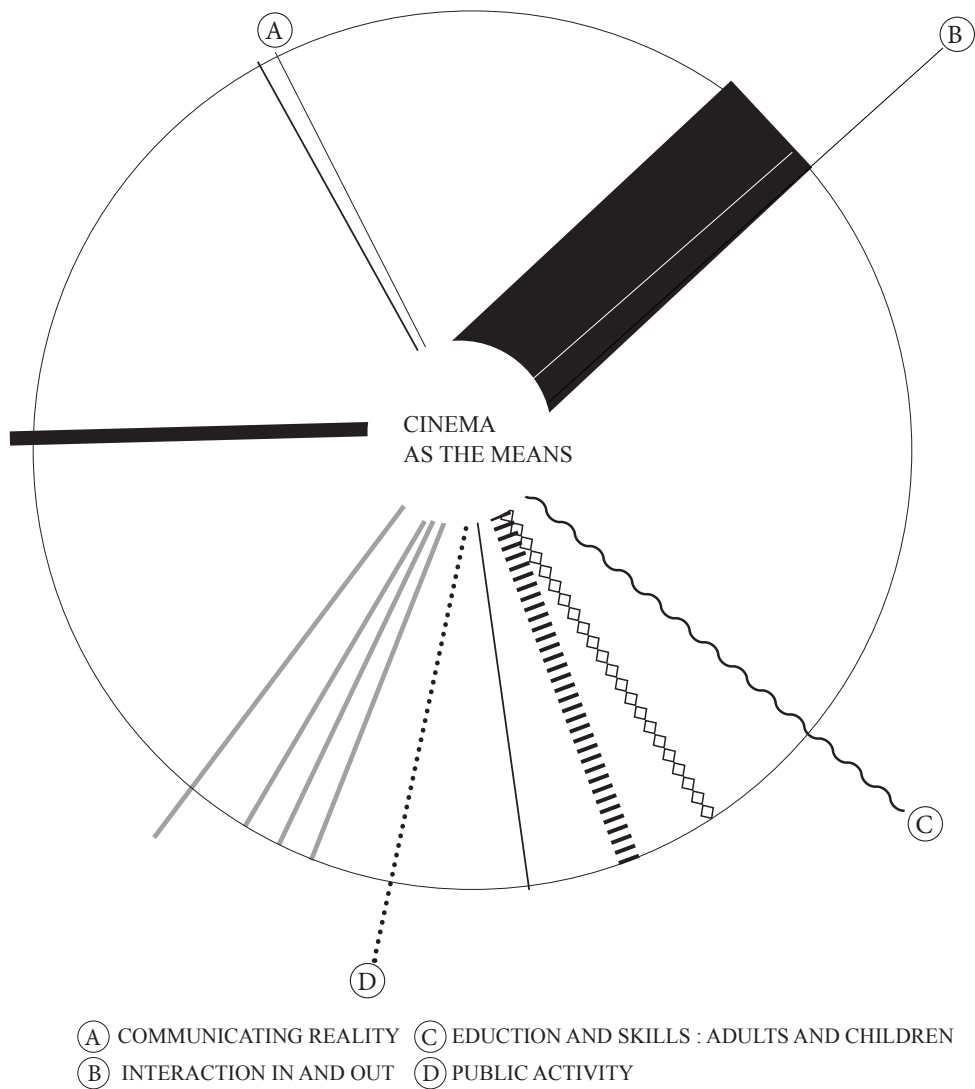
SPACE AS A TOOL FOR COMMUNICATION

Relation to Architecture - need for design of the space for the community within the slum to use it, but as well for the residents outside the slum to be interested to come over and use the space. Space as a TOOL of communication of the problems in/ outside the slums city, and integration in/ out is in focus of design.



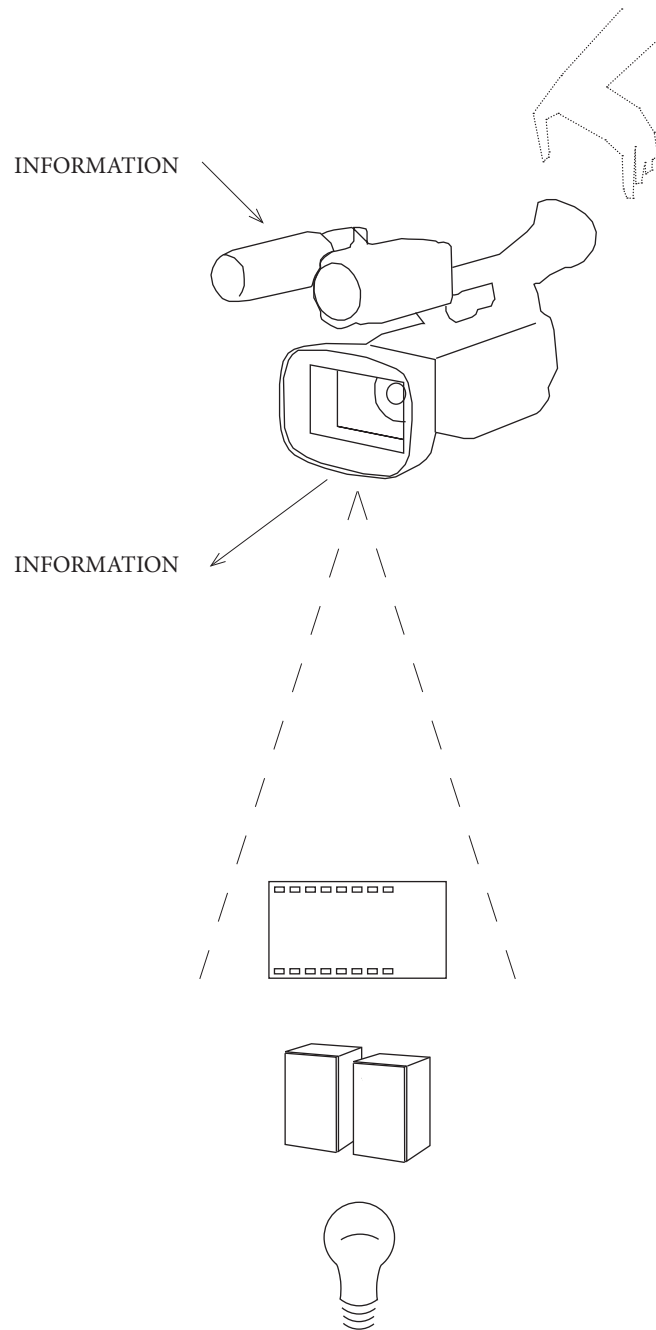
CAMERA IS BOTH - LIBERATION AND CONTROL

Liberation by the camera - communication of ideas, educational programs, and expression of objective reality (documentary), is opposed to the controlling and intruding concept of use of CCTV. Yet the concept of providing the TOOL in the hands of the slum, embracing positive and functional is to developed in the design.



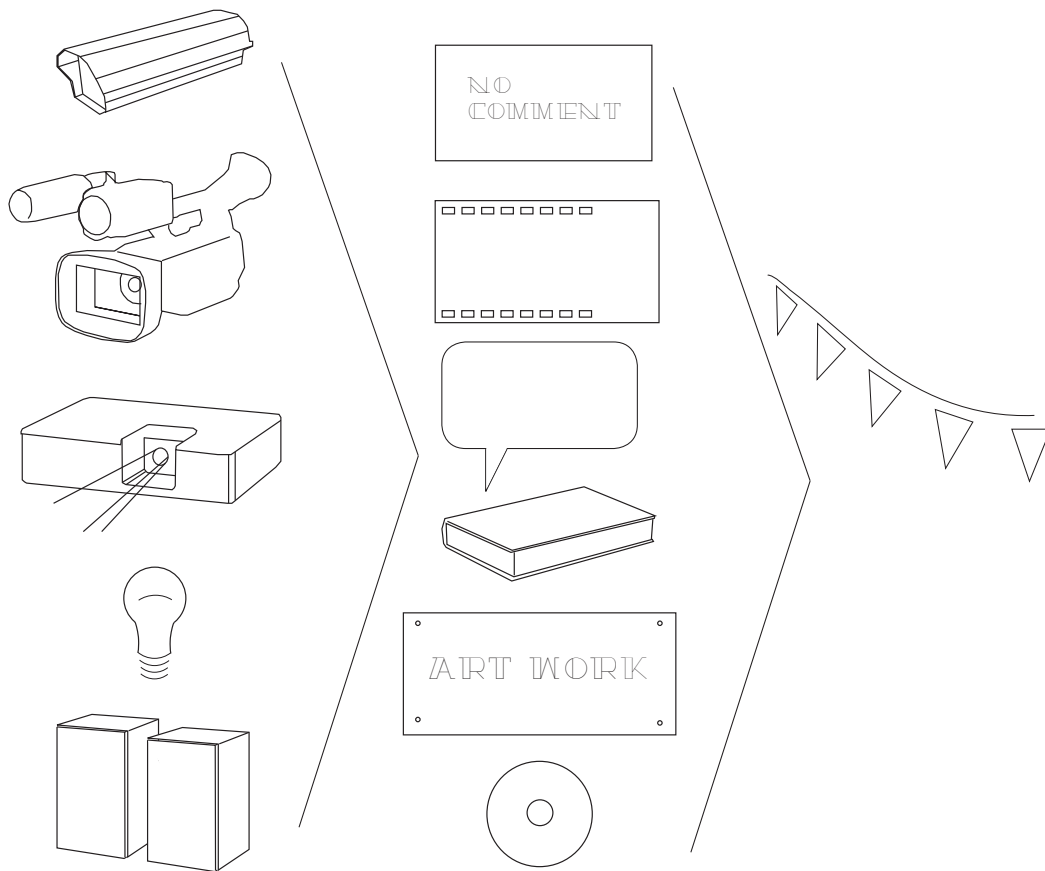
CAMERA > PROJECTION: LIGHT, IMAGE, SOUND, EVENT

Study of camera as a device with several aspects and by products to it - gives a chance to use all of those separately, and yet bring them together as well. Site for the project is chosen upon the analysis and the matter of needs. Idea of 'Inverted CCTV' camera would be applied to the concept too - but rather as liberating connotation of streaming and translation information in the slum.



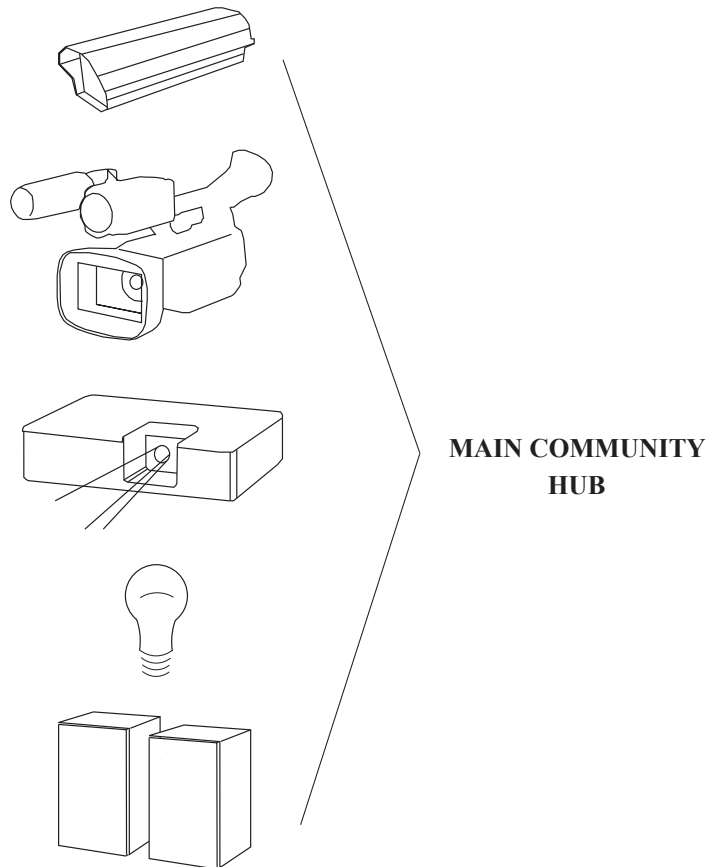
ELEMENTS THAT COME AS A GIVEN EFFECT BY VIDEO PROJECTION

Image, sound and light are coming along and as one as a matter of result when video projection is in use. As a primary consideration - information is given and proceeded, and is communicated as a result



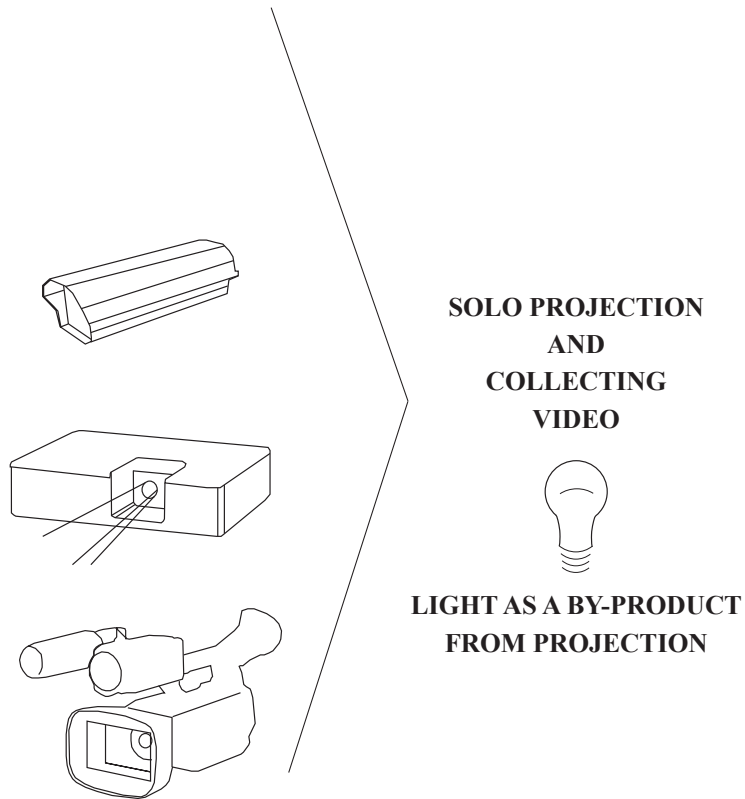
PROGRAM

Program consists of several layers: SOUND, LIGHT, IMAGE, VIDEO, and that would include such functions as PROJECTION OF FILMS(CINEMA), LIVE STREAM of activities in the other parts of the slum, ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES such as MUSIC SESSIONS, as well as EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS in AUDIO, VIDEO, and also COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECTS and OWN COMMUNITY EVENTS.



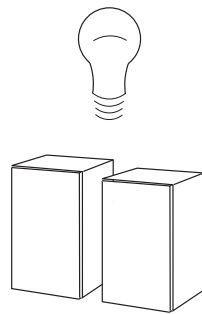
PROGRAM MAIN HUB

Main Hub becomes the place where all individual programs from the site come together, and merge in one. Light, sound and image- tell the story, and as well provide another public space for the community. Program of the Main hub is referring and dependant on the other points within the site - point of collection information, point of telling the story, point of arranging the soundscape.



ONE OF THE POINTS _ PROJECTING/ COLLECTING

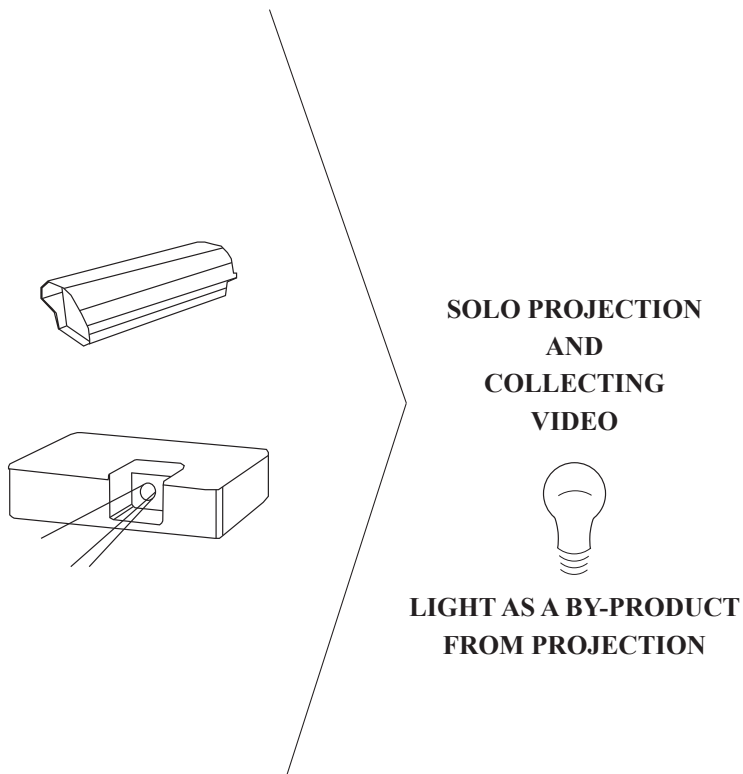
Several independant sub-stations are allocated on the site. Choice for the location of the structures would be derived from analysis of the site. One of the strategy is to solely project the film, fragments of the film, as part of the whole strategy. The film/ projection would be annonce for the events to be happening in the Main Hub. At the same time - as Projection is having by product as light - this might positevely affect the site - some more lighting is given, area might become safer.



**SOLO LIGHT AND
SOUND/ AUDIO
PROGRAM**

ONE OF THE POINTS _ LIGHT AND SOUND PROGRAM

Another program for the sub-station points - is independant and yet connected to the hub - sound source. New public place would be allocated in one of the 'wings' of Kianda, and therefore would provide another public space. Sound and atmosphere would be created as a result of such intervention. Solely light (in the night) and sound during the day should used on this site.



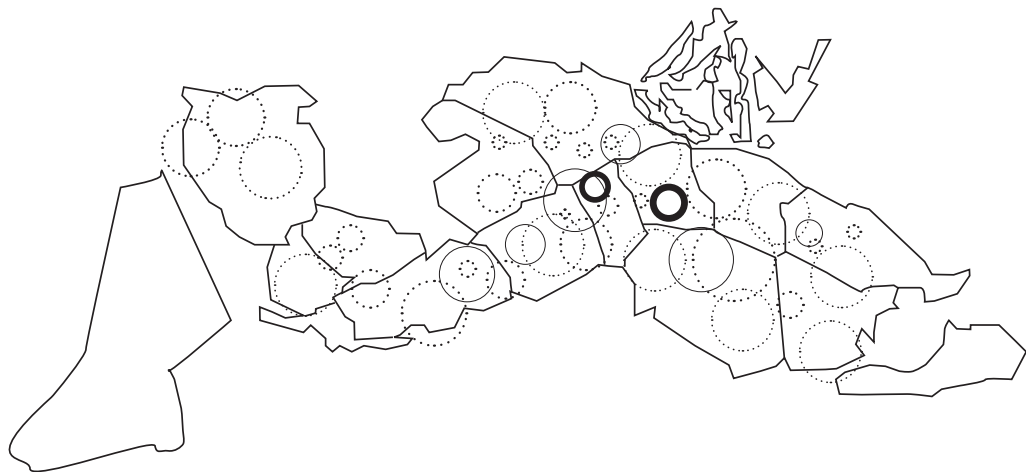
ON OF THE POINTS _ LIVE STREAMING/ PROJECTING/ COLLECTING

Live streaming as part of the concept is arranged in the wings, and is connected to the main HUB by the function of distributing news and yet, providing artistic and community intervention on the site. Live streaming would project collected from the other side of Kianda information, and therefore both wings would be more connected to one another.

CHAPTER 5




‘BIRDS EYE VIEW’ ON THE SITE

Context and site specifics



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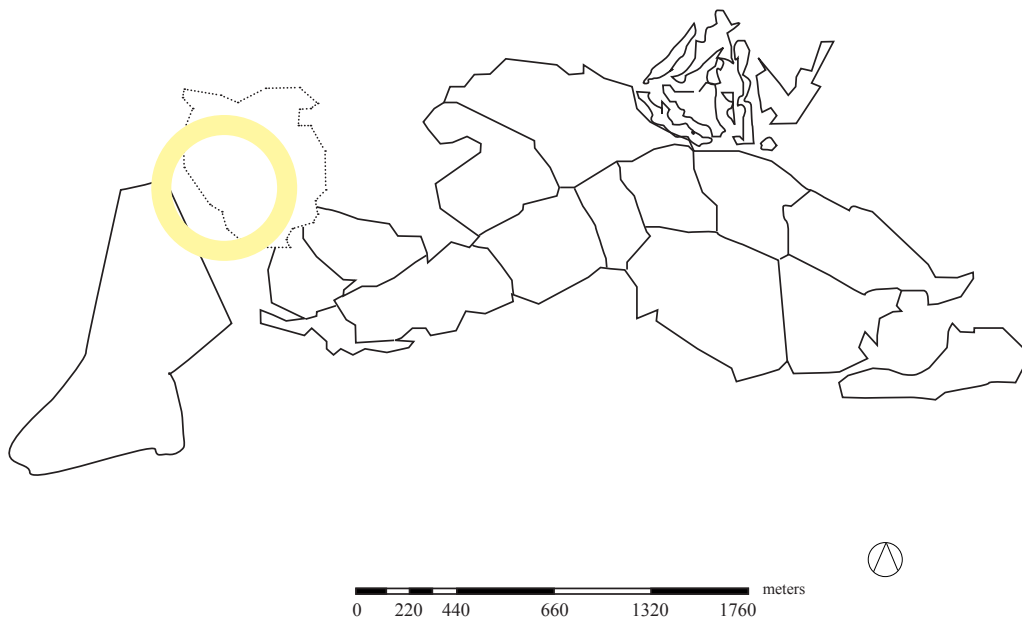


-  Sites for practicing of shooting films in the school
Sites where the films were made
-  Educational Activities
-  Film Festival

CAMERA AND EDUCATION ON THE SITE

Video, filming as already working aspect

There map displays several sites where educational activities are taking place. It also shows where the film school is taking place and the Festivals are conducted. Main film/ cinema activities are happening in the central part of Kibera.



KIBERA SLUM
KIANDA SITE

Kianda Village was chosen to be a focus for further study and research, as it is located in the furthest part in the West of Kibera.



— — Railway
— Road
— River

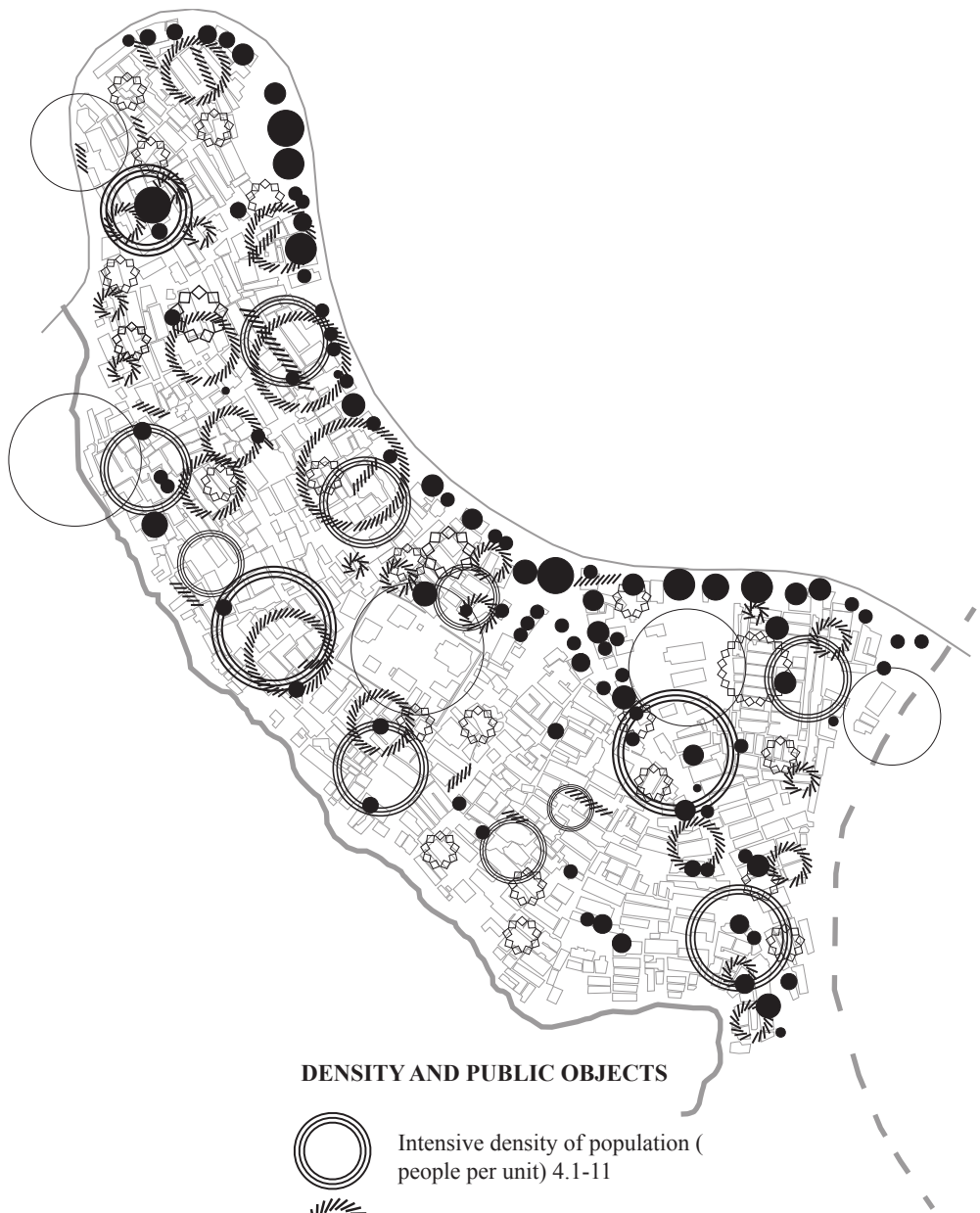
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KIANDA AND REPUTATION

Kianda is one among the most well studied parts of Kibera. It is famous for its extreme violence against women, its high density, lack of security, health and sanitary problems. Yet the image shows how vivid and urban the site is at different times of the day.



DENSITY AND PUBLIC OBJECTS



Intensive density of population (people per unit) 4.1-11



Children density 0.625 -1



Women density 0.3-1



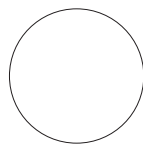
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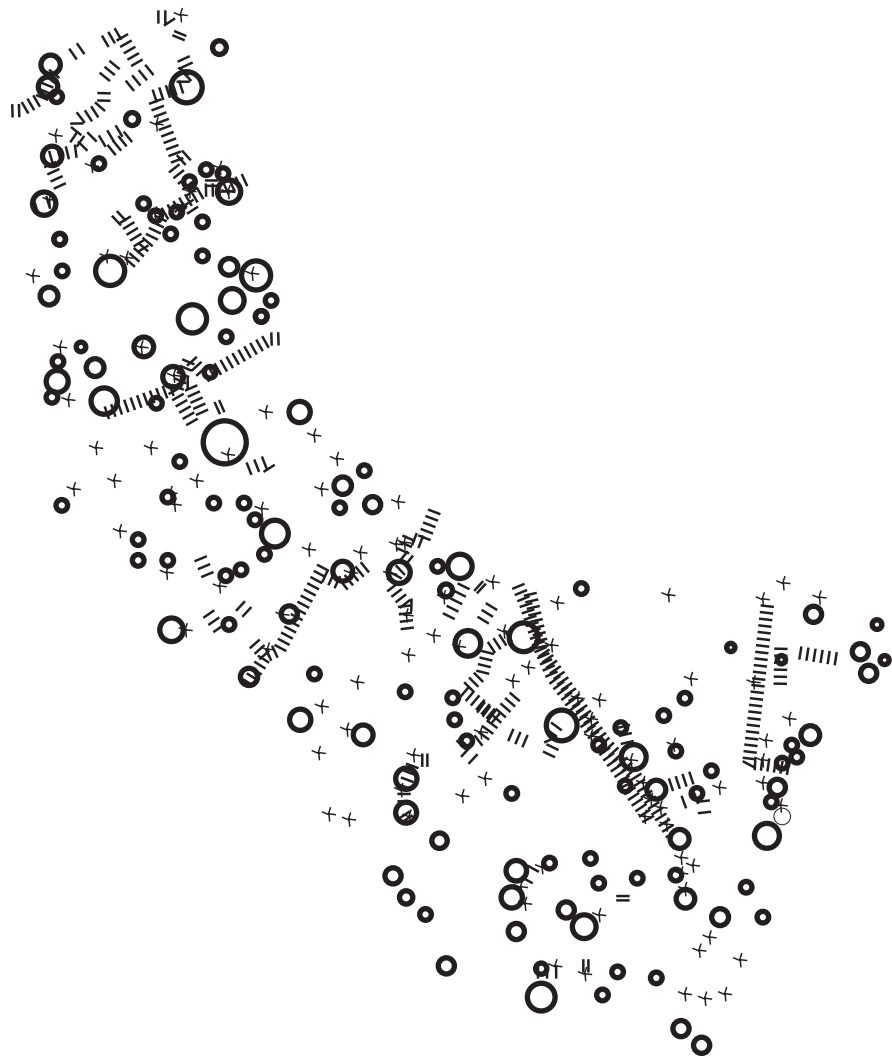
OPEN SPOTS ON THE MAP OF KIANDA



PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Search for open spots to accommodate strategic parts of the project





EXISTING WATER POINTS AND SERVICES ON THE SITE

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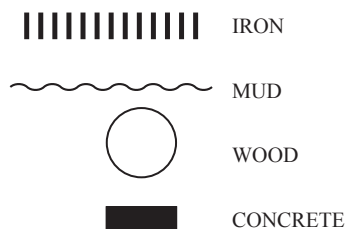
○ Toilets and lavatories

+ Water points







MATERIALS USE FOR BUILDINGS



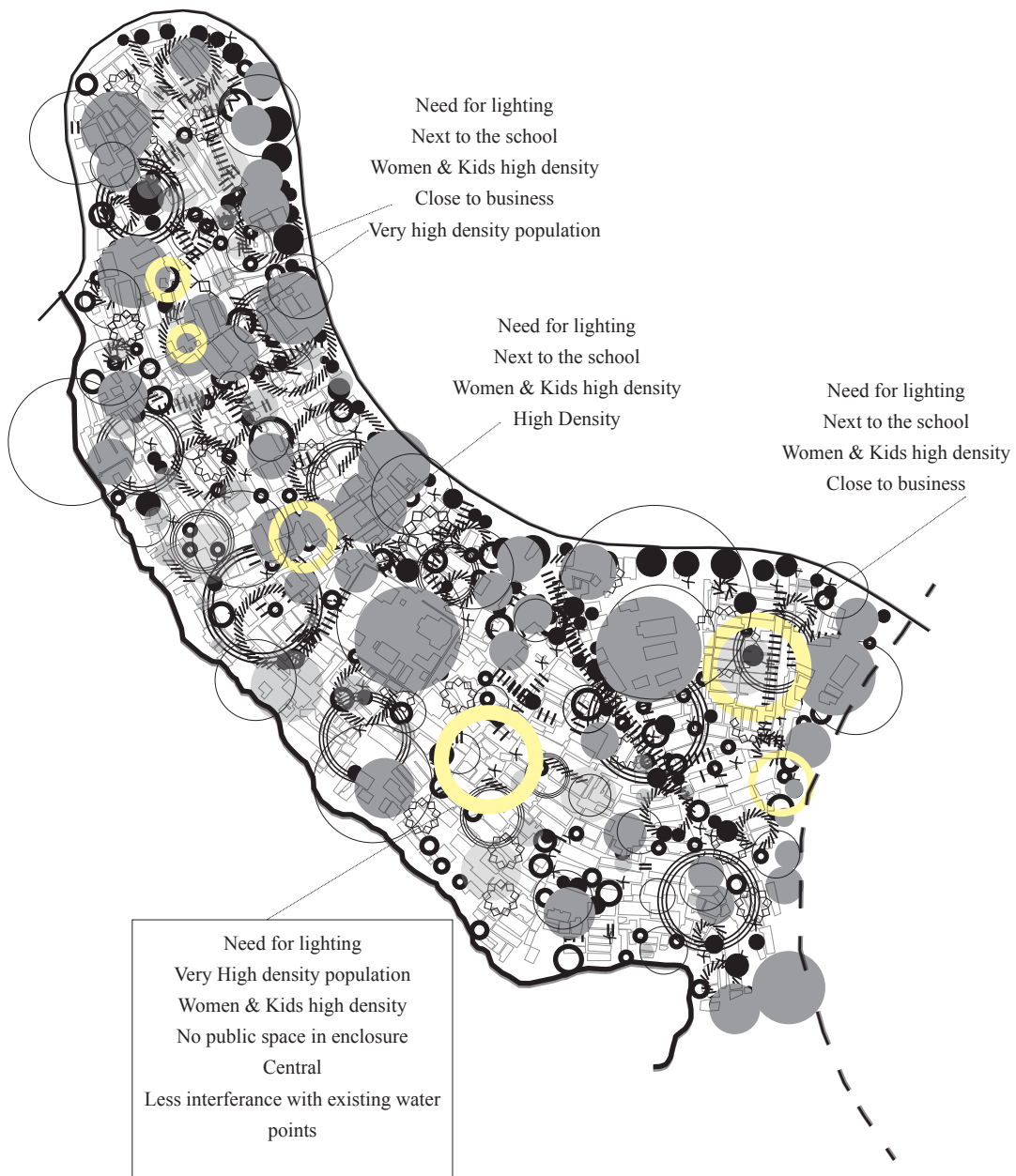


ZONES WITH LOWEST ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND NO ELECTRICITY SUPPLY ON THE SITE

-  Electricity supply from 0.001- 0.375
-  Dark spots on the site with no/ almost no electricity supply

The rest of slum village has some better electricity supply

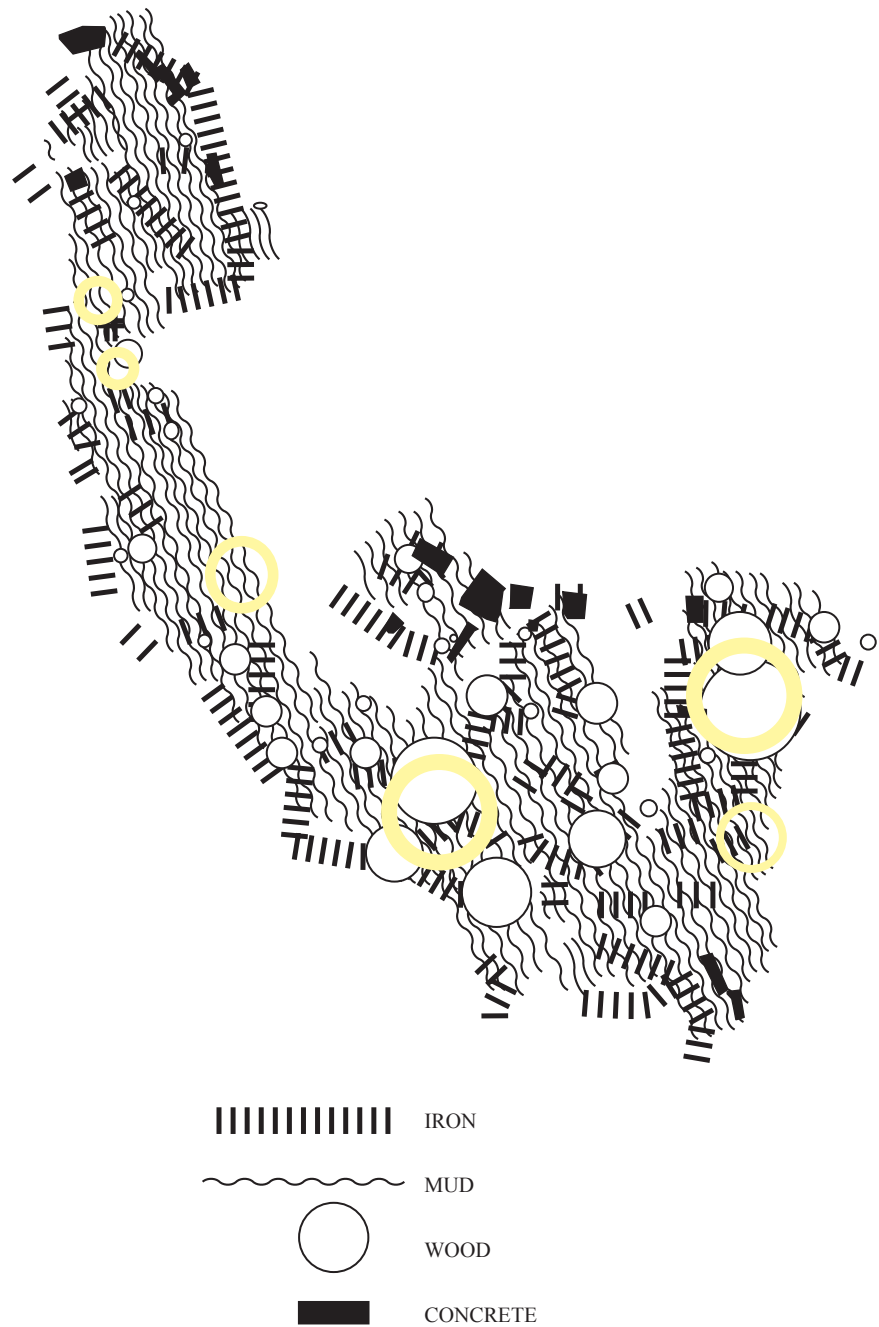




COLLAGING THE INFORMATION-LAYERS

Choosing on the basis of allocation of the most problematic issues, also referring to the position of private and public space, light and needs, density of population. According to analysis several choisen sites are suitable for proposal.





COLLAGING THE INFORMATION

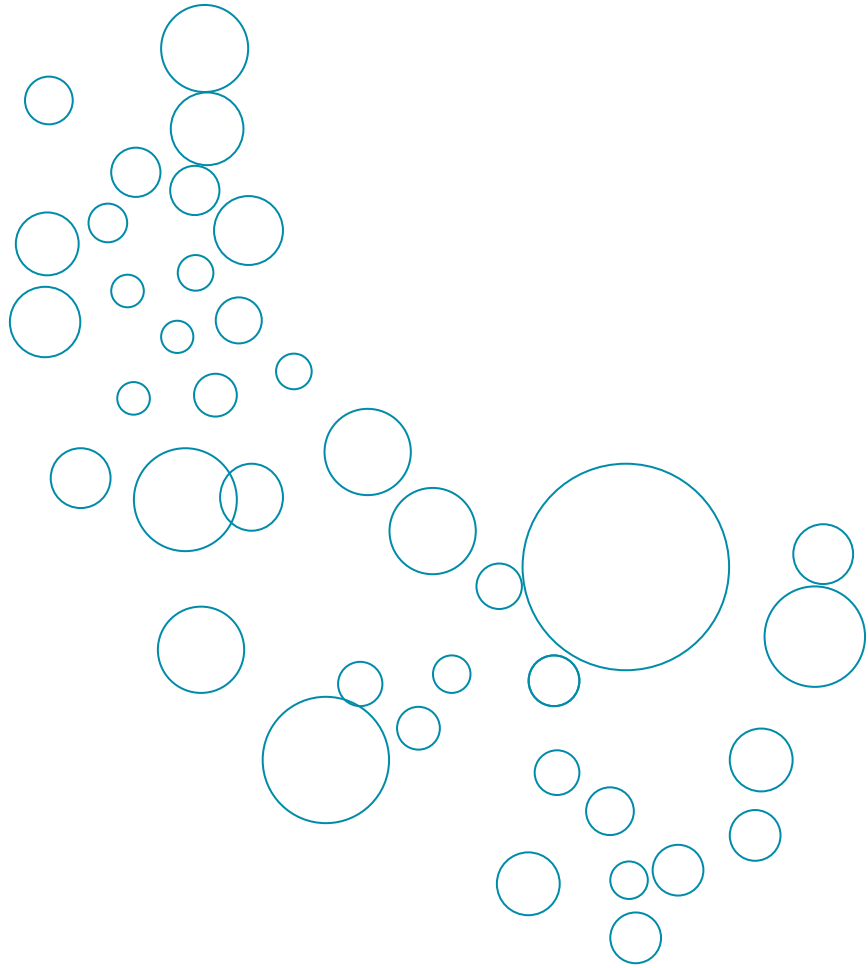
Collaging the information on construction materials. Seeing which is the local and site specific information that has to be considered on chosen spots.



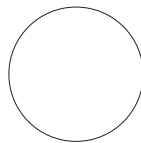
COLLAGING THE INFORMATION AND CHOOSING THE SITES DUE TO ANALYSIS

Seeing the allocation of the proposed spots on the site.



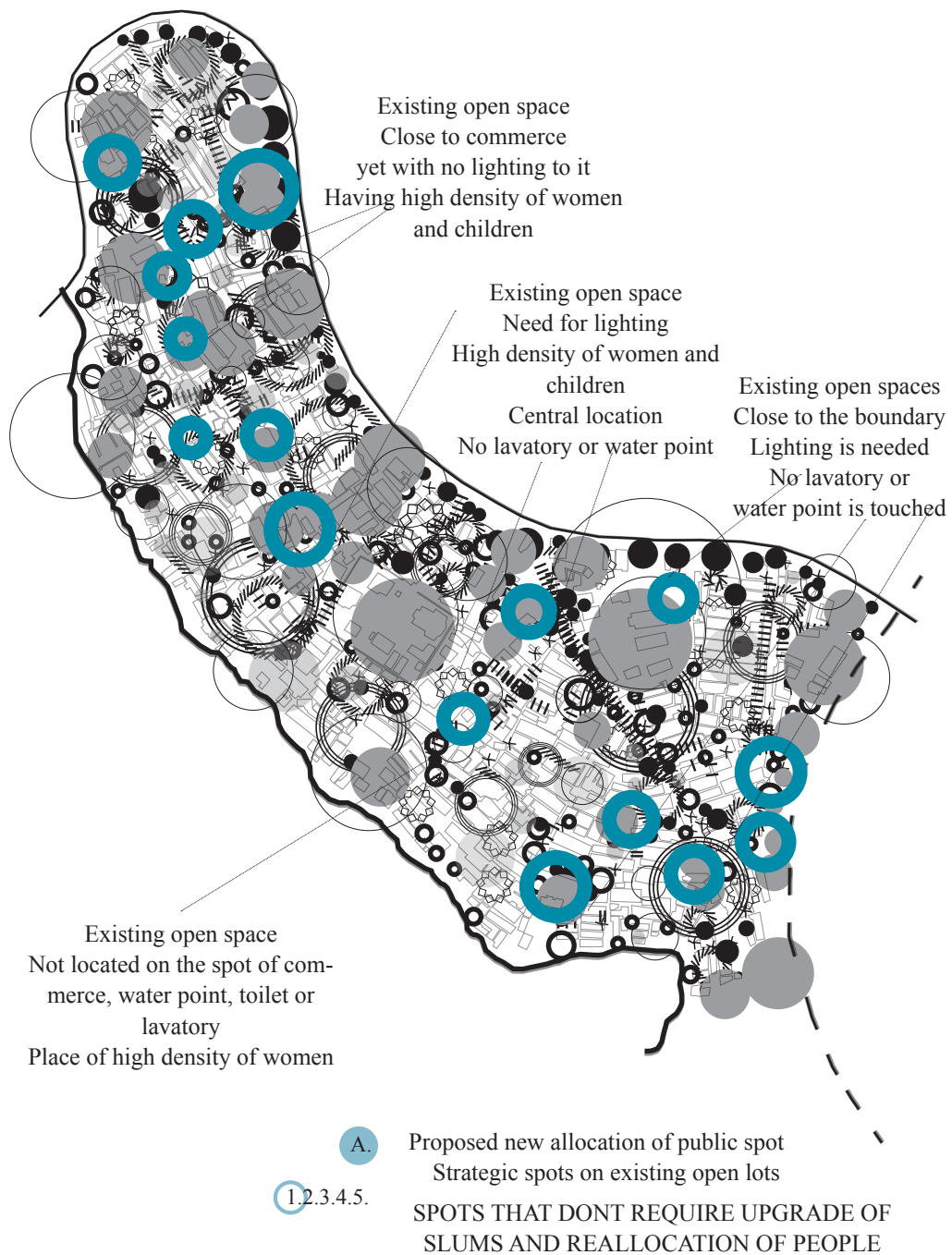


PUBLIC EXISTING OPEN SPACES



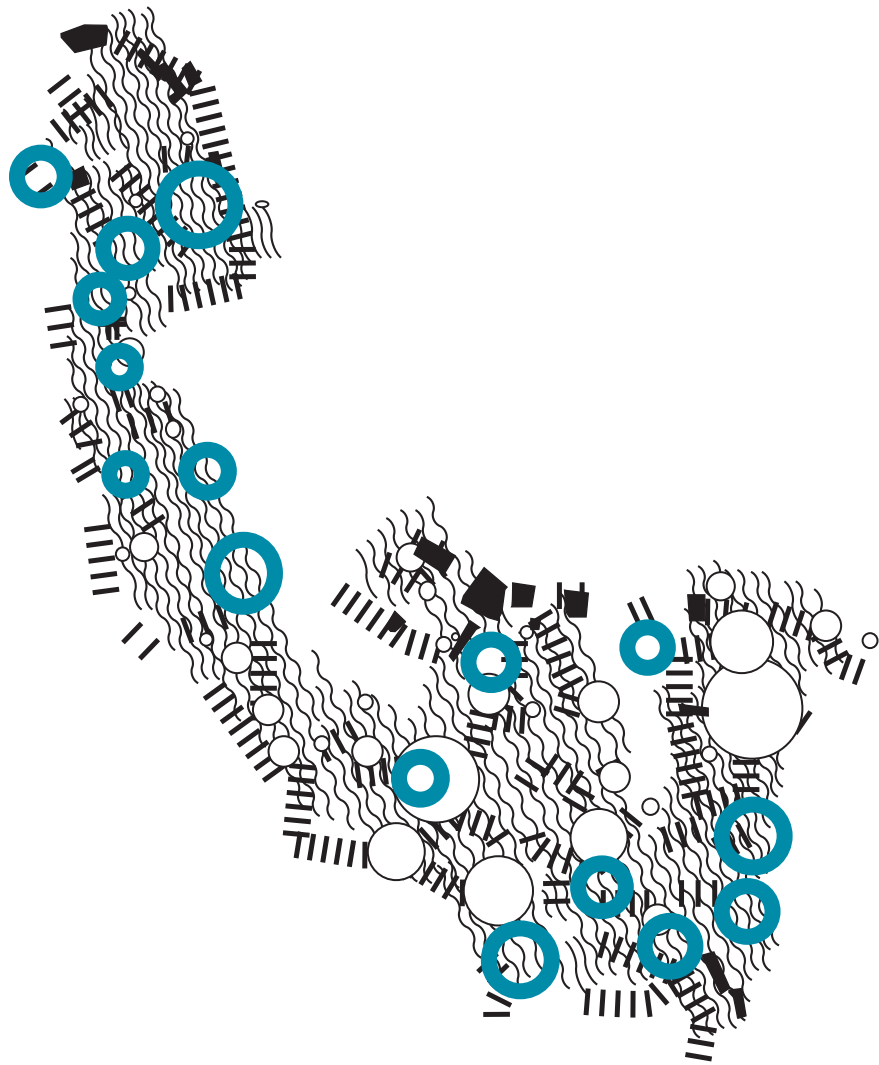
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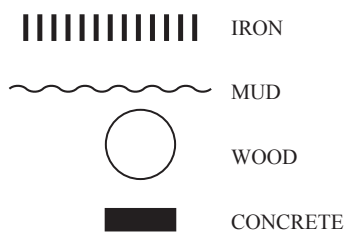


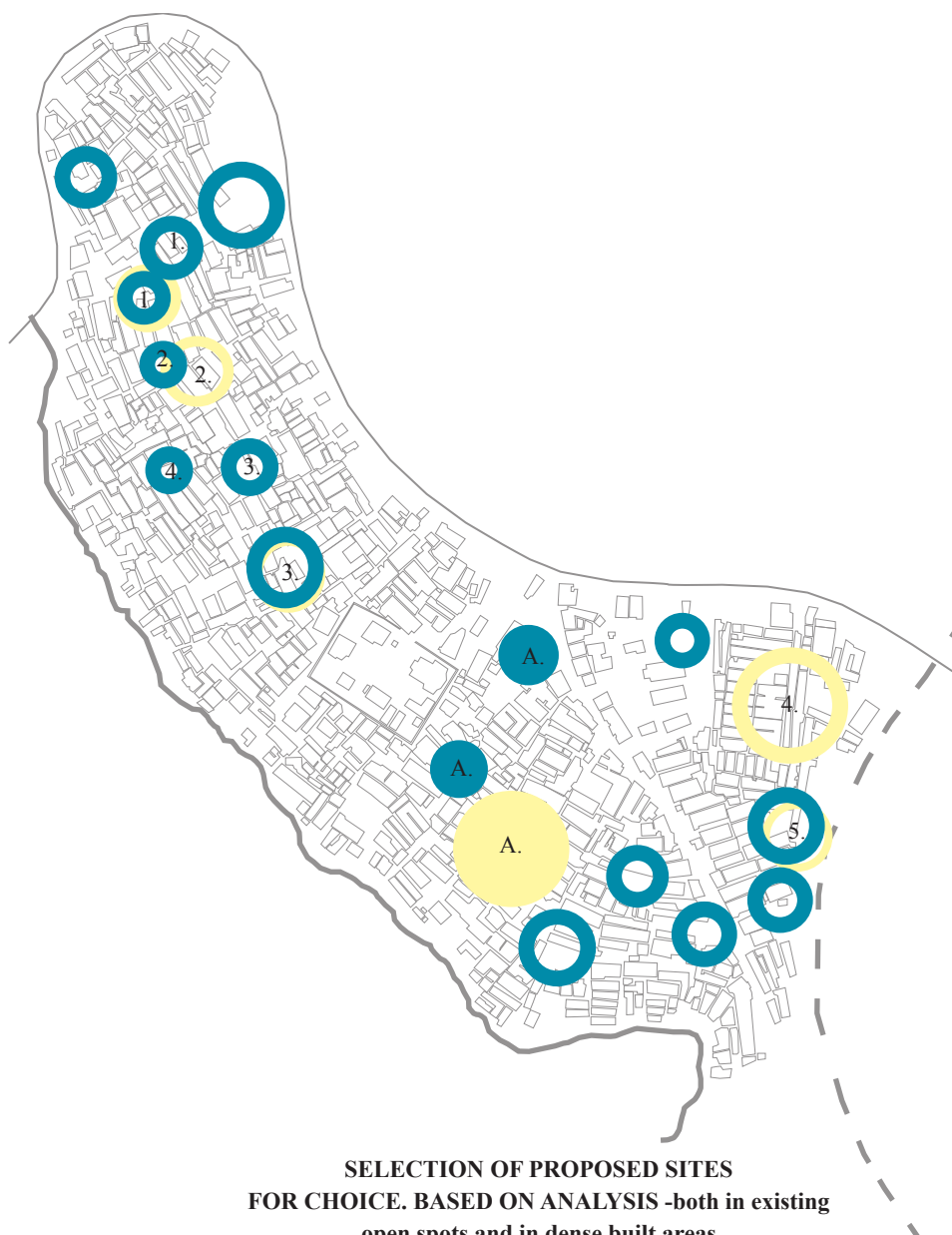
**SELECTION OF PROPOSED SITES
FOR CHOICE. BASED ON ANALYSIS**

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POTENTIAL CHOICE OF SPOTS FOR PROGRAM
MATERIALS ON THE SITE

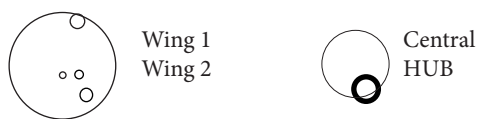




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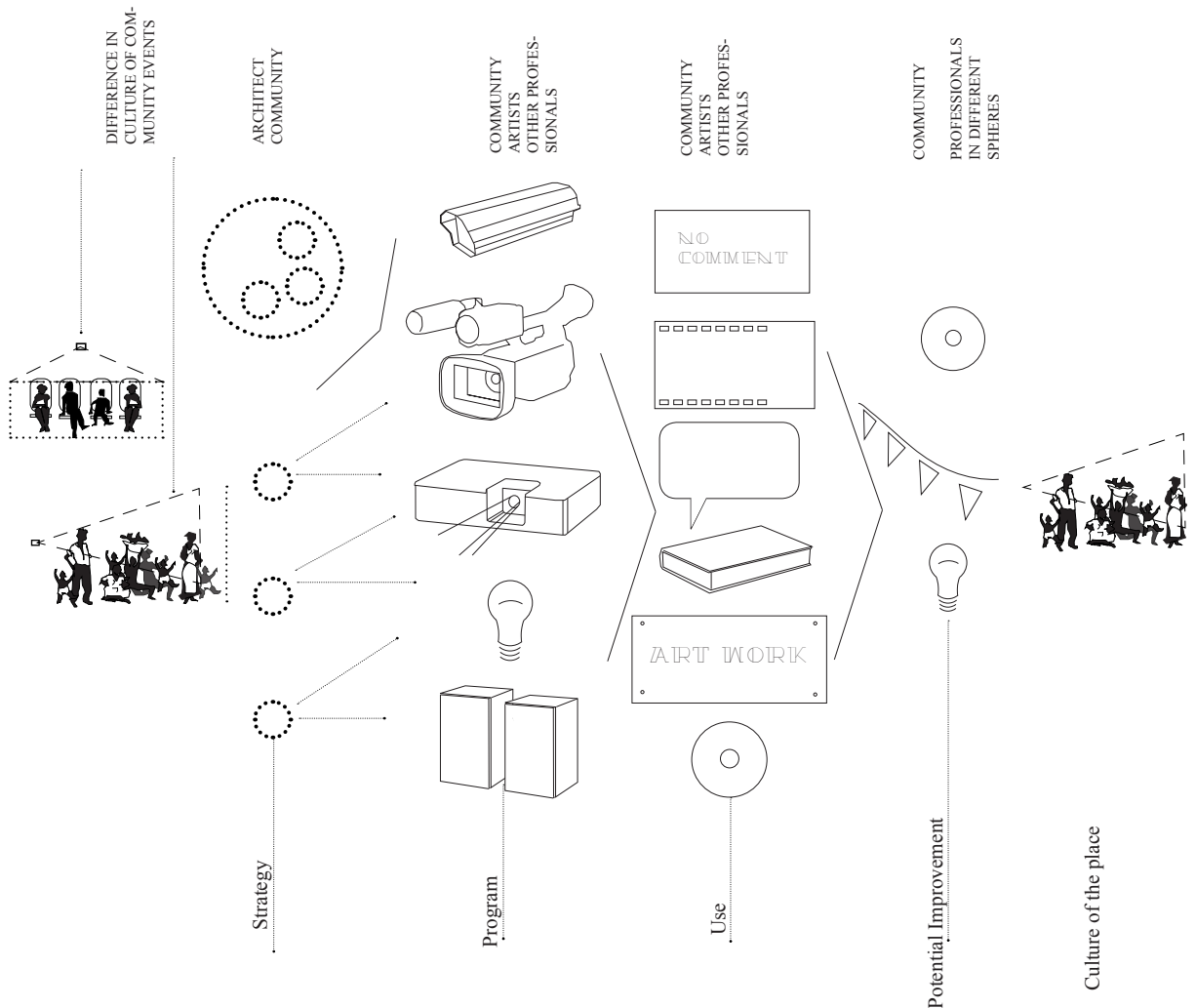
**STRATEGICALLY CONNECTING BOTH
SIDES OF THE VILLAGE WITH MORE
OR LESS CENTRALIZED HUB TO
BRING PROGRAMS TOGETHER**



CHAPTER 6

‘WINDING-UP THE BIRD’

Intervention on the site
Architecture/ Strategy



STRATEGY AND ARCHITECTURE APPROACHES DIAGRAM

STRATEGY = 1 Hub and 3 parts of program on the site as part of strategy in 2 wings

ARCHITECTURE = 1 main building + 3 individual elements in 2 wings.

PROGRAM = differ from site to site: Light and Sound; Projection and Live Streaming; Projection and Collection of Data for Streaming

WHAT IS DISPLAY = Entertainment, art, live streaming from what is happening in the other wing, Educational, Art and Collaborative work

USE = Public space/ event space/ communication space/

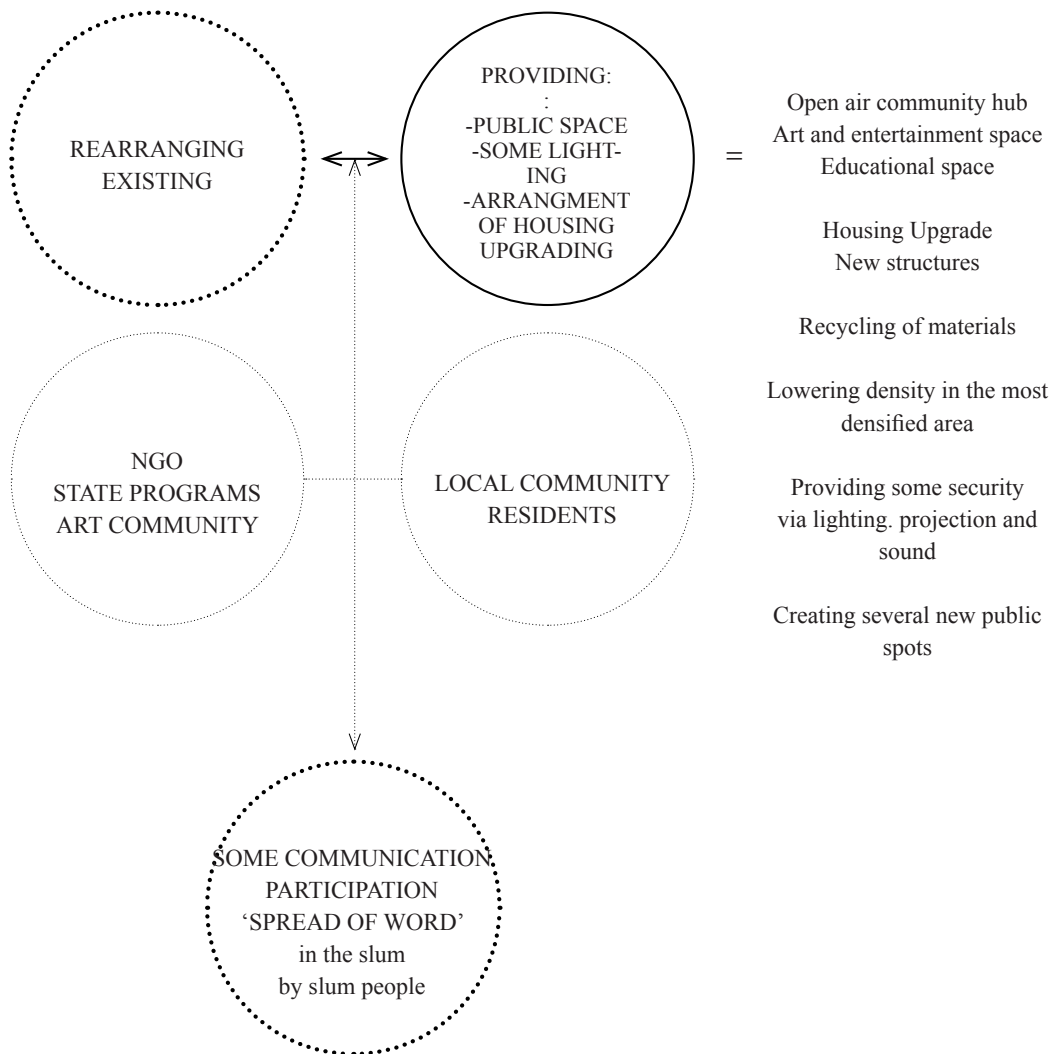
IMPROVEMENT = Arrangement of Public space and Light on the site, SUPPORT OF LOCAL COMMUNITY CULTURE



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**CONSIDERING UPGRADING THE TERRITORY WHEN PLANNING
THE HUB AS ONE OF THE ‘PARTICIPATORY’ STRATEGIES OF
PROJECT APPLICATION**

One of the prognosed realities to be accommodating the activity and profession of an architect on the site and in global context. To understand the slum and integrate with it, both sides should meet.



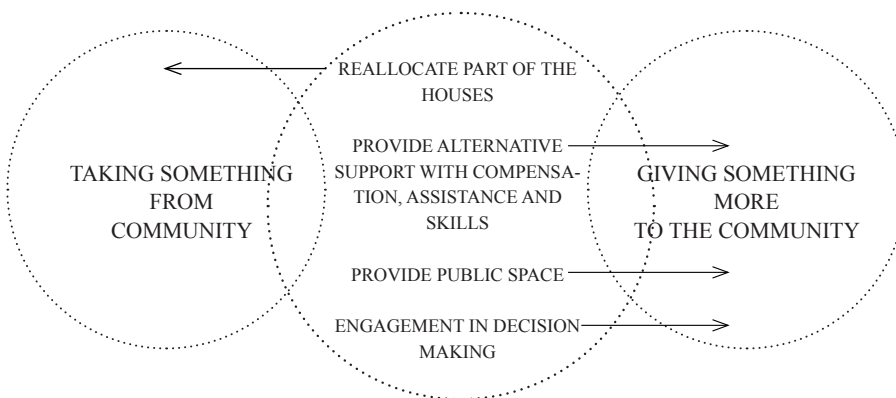
POINT TO MEET FOR BOTH - PROFESSIONALS AND PEOPLE IN SLUMS FOR DISCUSSION AND PERHAPS SLUMS UPGRADE TO SOME EXTENT



‘Learning from Brazil: Slum Upgrading’
Favellas in Brazil - 1st level is added

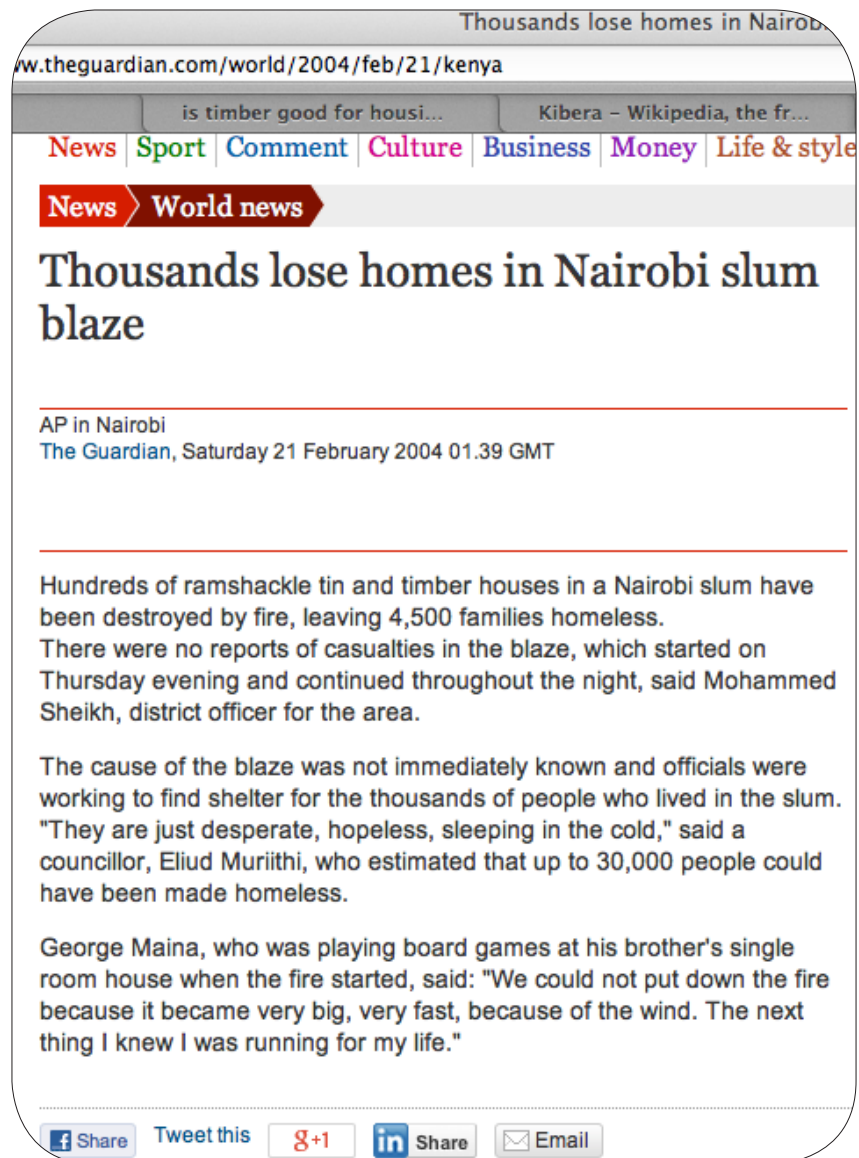


Ross Langdon Architects projects using
existing materials from the slum



GIVING AND TAKING : OPENNING UP SPACE IN DENSE AREA AND UPGRADING THE SLUM

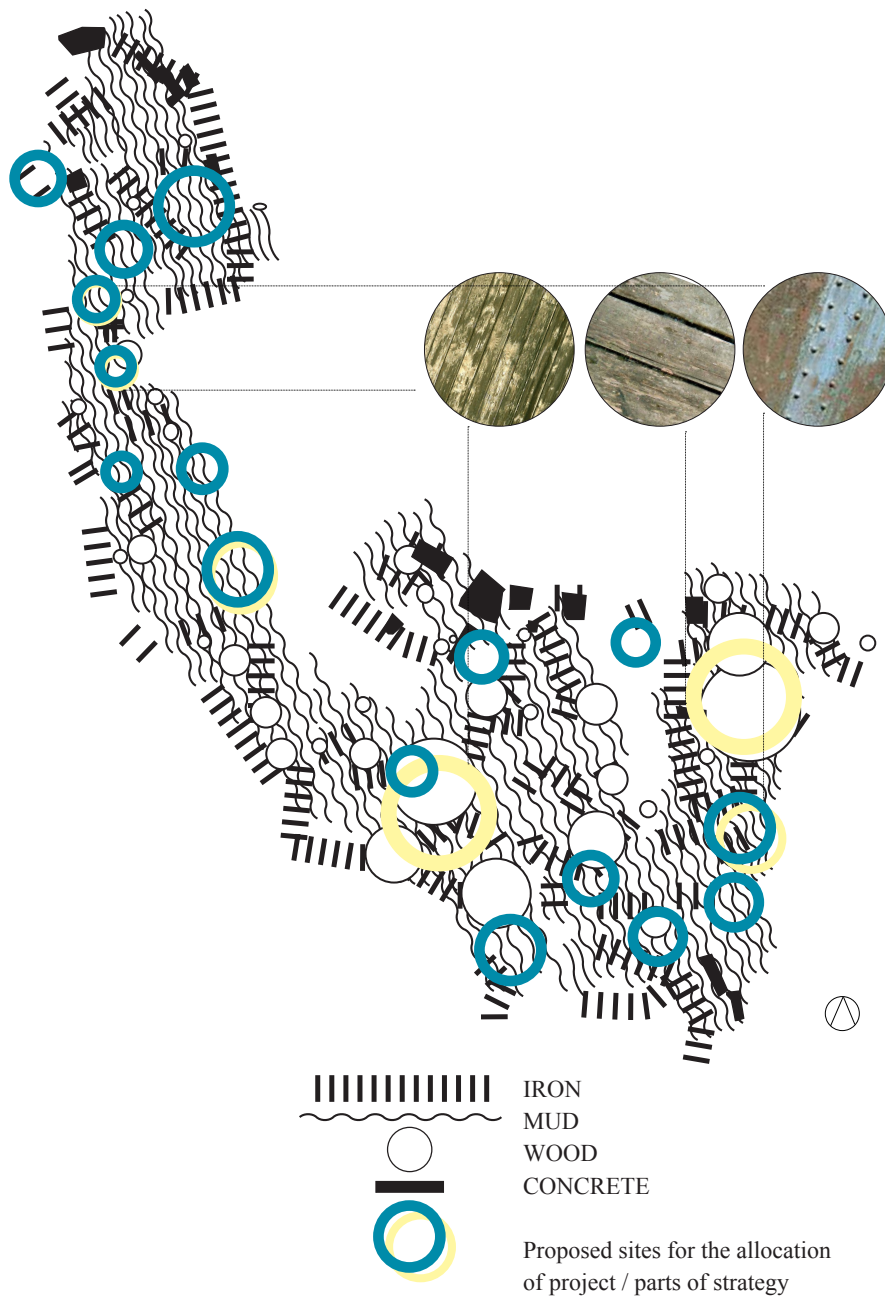
Some Architectural Practices were already working in this direction when were collaborating with local community to obtain and recycle material and keep the balance of aesthetics of the place and new object.
Ross Langdon is one of the examples of such architects.



LOCATION FOR UPGRADE IS CHOSEN DUE TO MATERIAL QUALITY AND PERFORMANCE, WHICH IS HARMFUL FOR HOUSING MATTERS

In year 2004 there was a big tragedy in slums - the fire destroyed number of houses constructed from wood, and thus 4 500 residents of Kibera Slum were left homeless.

This fact strengthens the decision to replace wood, and provide alternative material for upgrading the slum housing in chosen spot. Wood though would be recycled and reused.



RECYCLING WOOD FROM PART OF EXISTING BUILT UP AREA IN THE SHELTER OF THE HUB STRUCTURE

As the main material on the site is wood, and it has certain weakening qualities for the housing function, we recycle it for Shelter of Public Space - THE HUB





REALLOCATION OF HOUSING WITHIN AREA IF UPGRADE TAKES PLACE

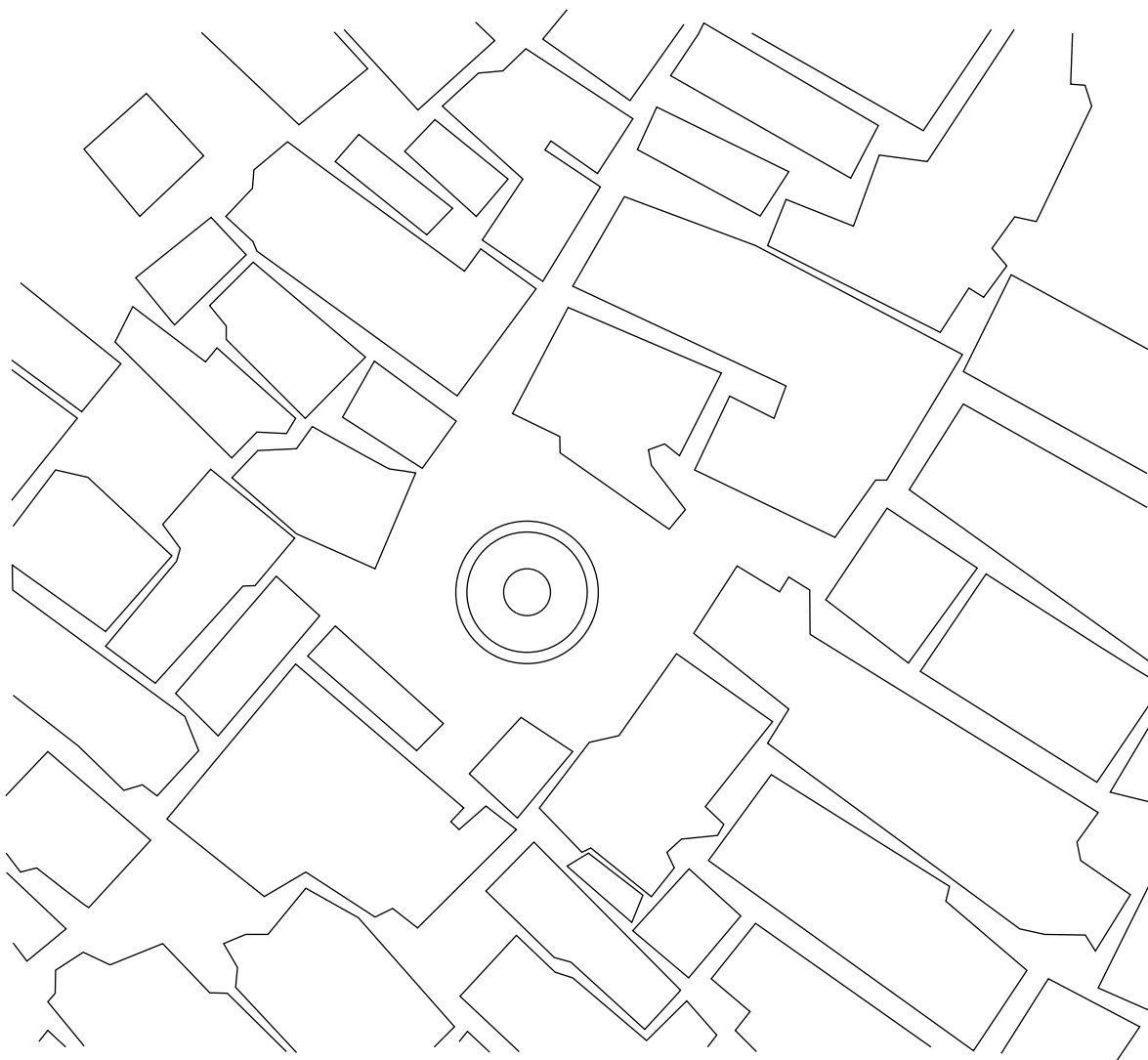
Reallocation for the creation of one public zone in one of the most dense areas of Kianda, with Replacement of Timber, and recycling it in the use of shell for stucture for the New Public Space. By the means of reallocation in the less dense area, slum housing upgrade with fire resistant and better materials would take place



LOCAL CONNECTIVITY AND ALLOCATION OF ELEMENTS

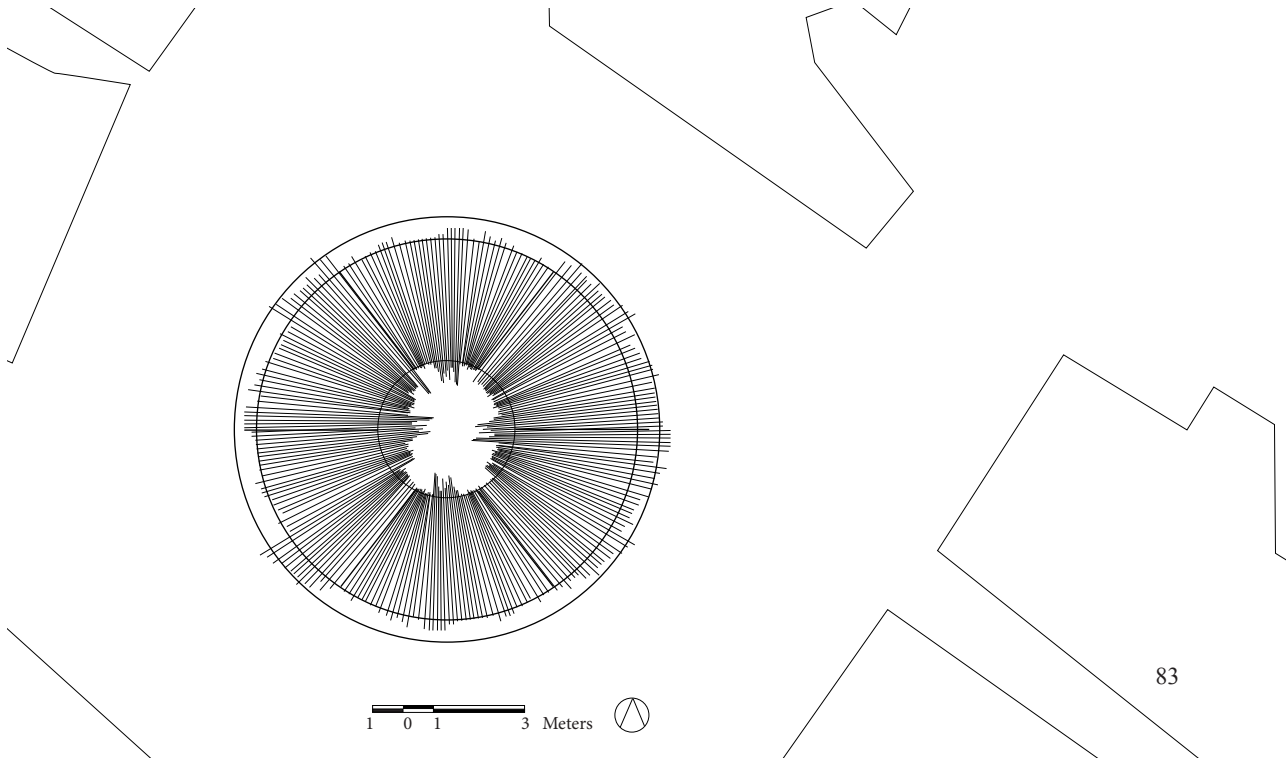
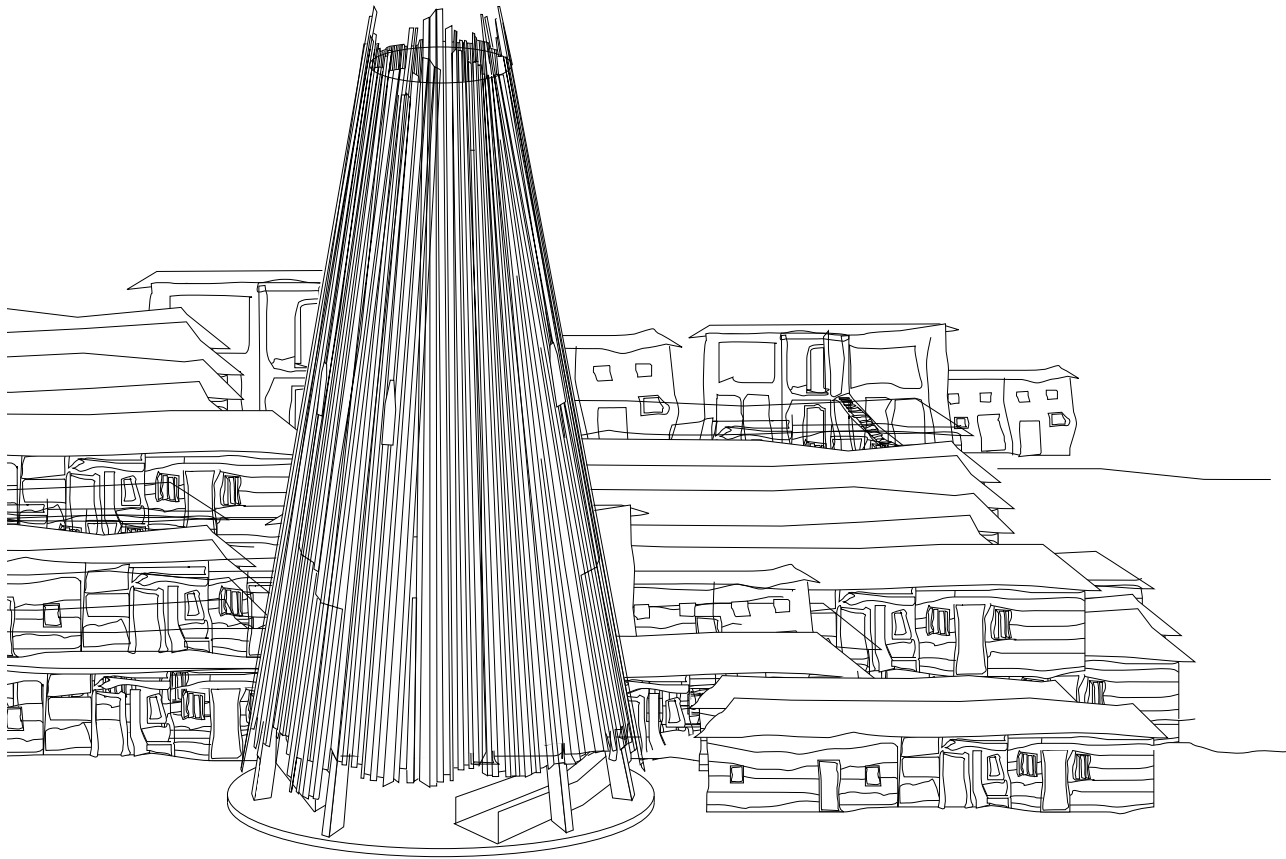
Connection of HUB with the INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS within the area



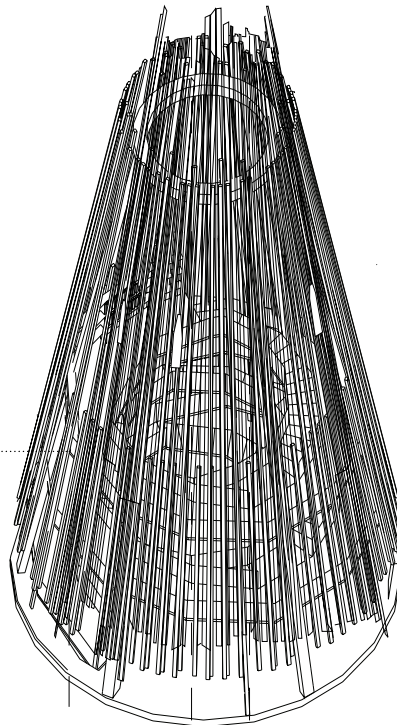


SITE PLAN

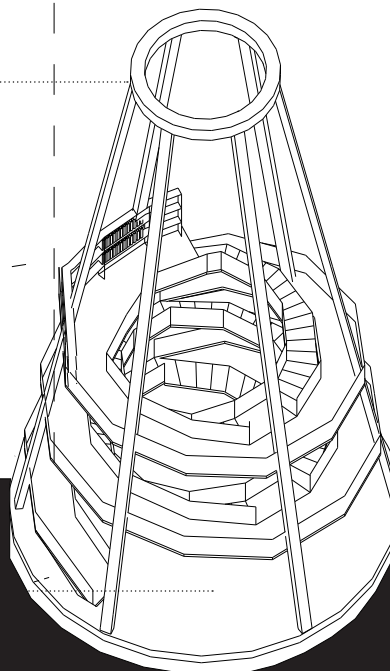
Location in Kianda village of Kibera



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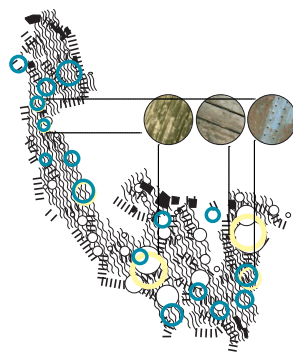
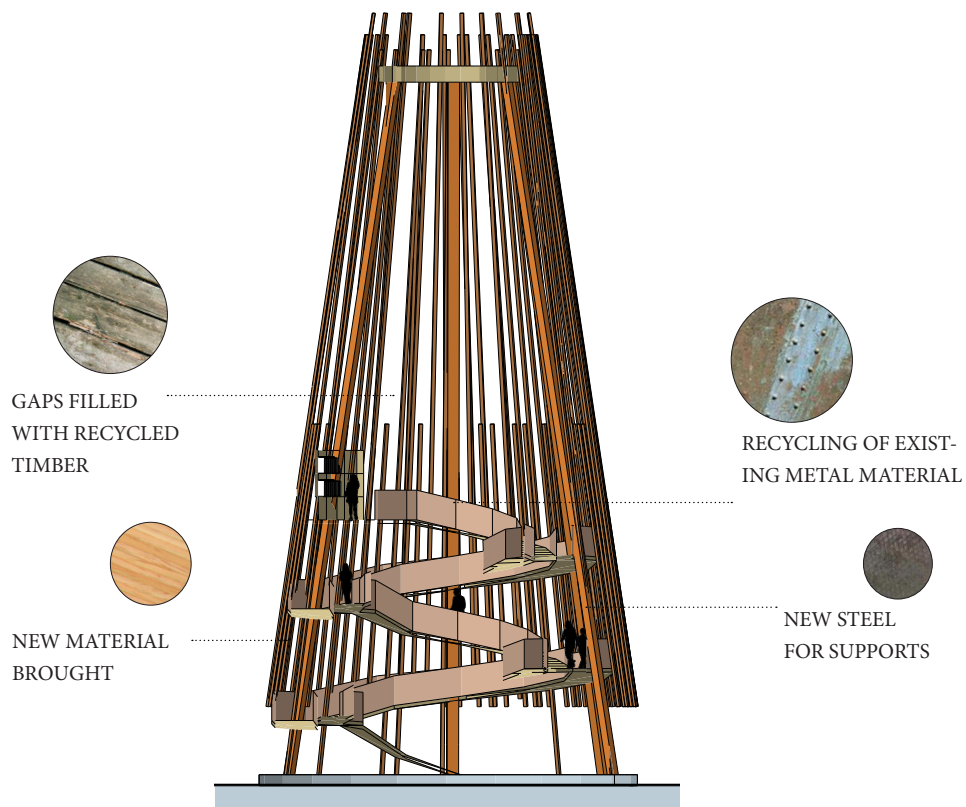
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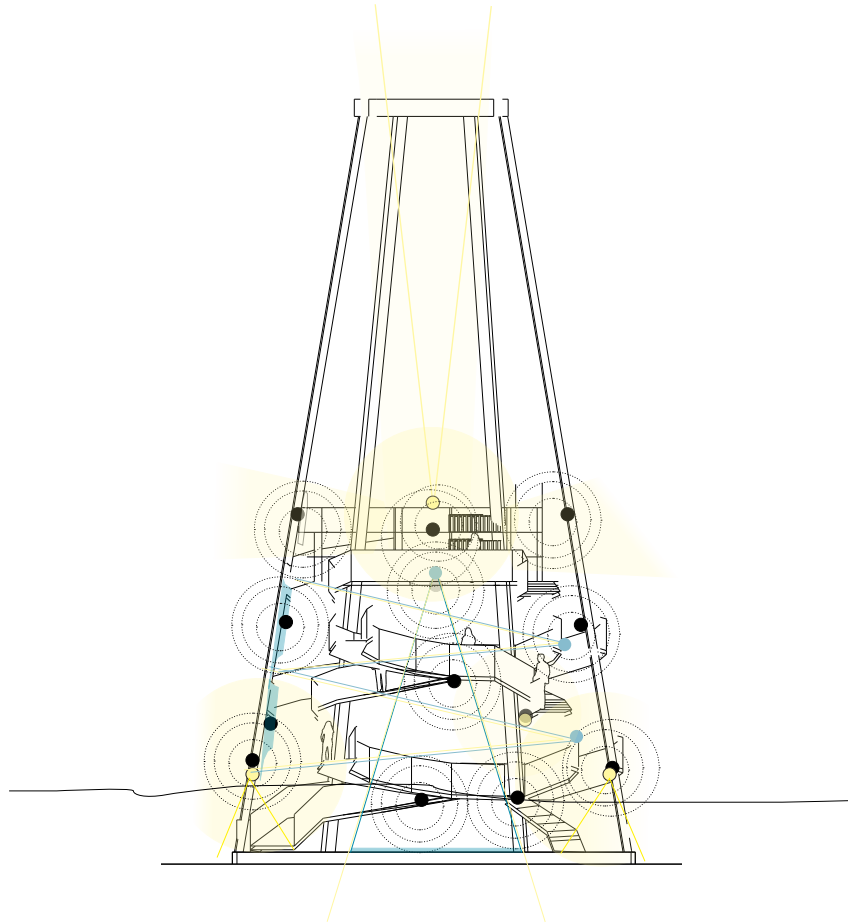
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PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY ELEMENTS



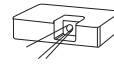
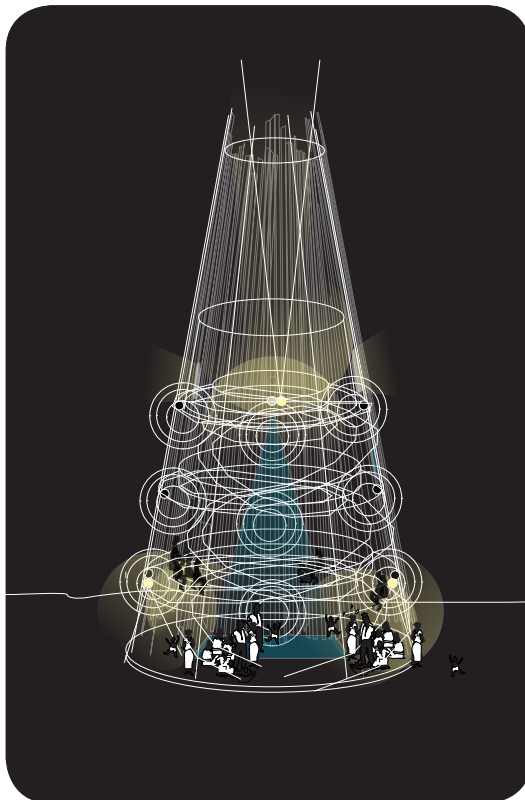
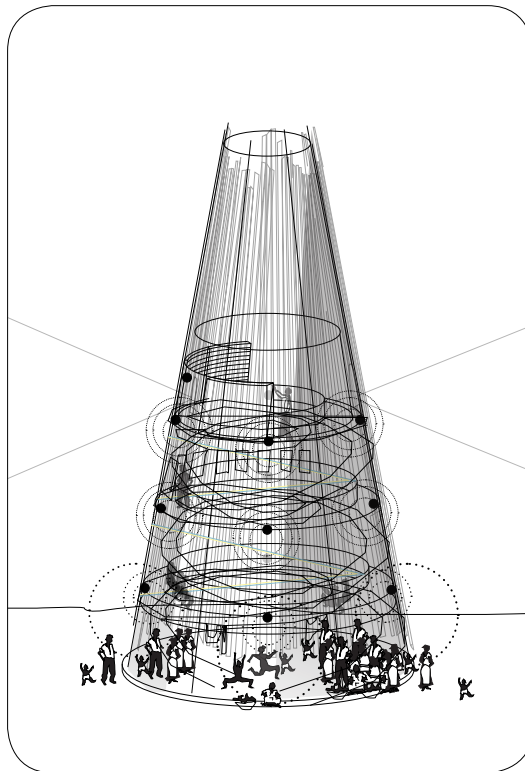
RECYCLED AND NEW MATERIALS COMBINED

Materials recycled from the site (from upgrading of slums) are combined with new materials - both timber, and metal would be used recycled and new. Introduction of architectural and skilled work on the site as a matter of changing the are on longer term.

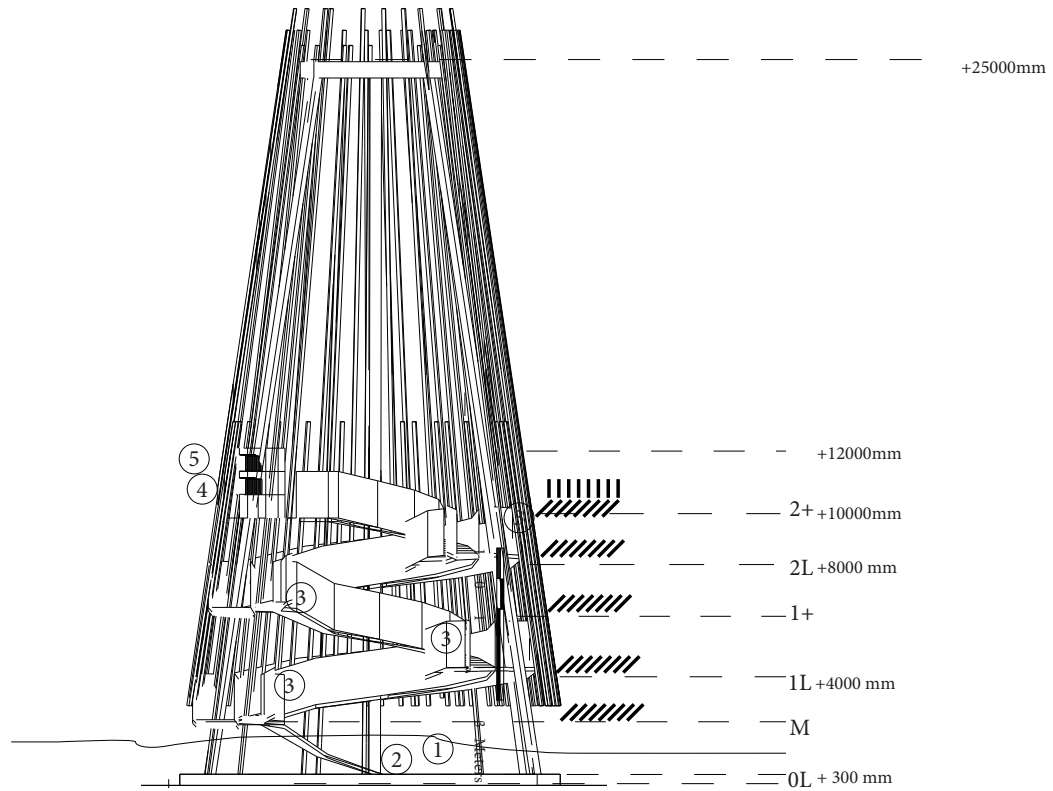


-  Video/ Projection - light sources as by product
-  Separate light sources
-  Sound source
-  Viewing points

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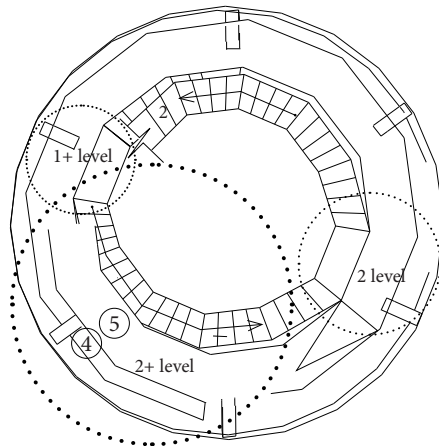
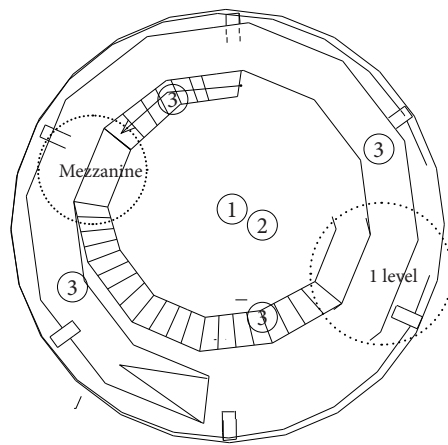
**DAY AND NIGHT PROGRAM
OF THE HUB - DIAGRAM**



- ① Public community space - multifunctional
 - ② Screening platform
 - ③ Places for watching the film/ sitting places
 - ④ Archive and community collection of recordings for public access
 - ⑤ Viewing Kibera Platform
- ||||| semi-public zone sheltered zone
 \\\ public zone sheltered zone

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**DIAGRAM SHOWING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ZONES/ FUNCTIONAL
DIVISION OF LEVELS**



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1+, 2, 2+

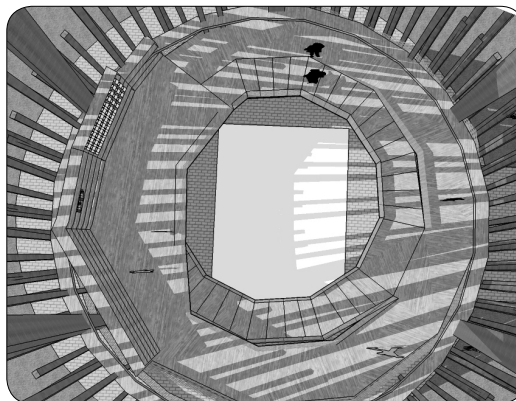
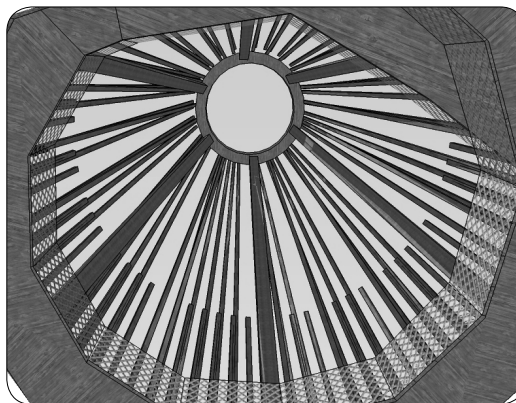
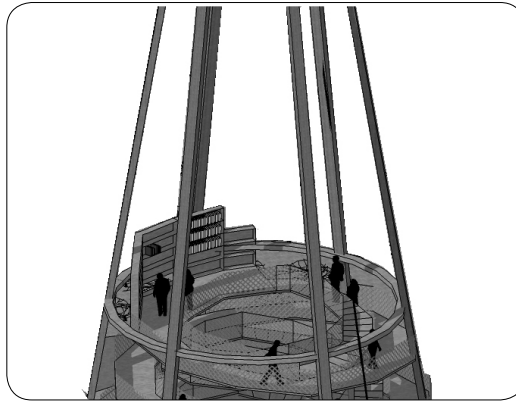
Levels of the
and places where staircase meet the ramp

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PLANS

Plans demonstrating the circulation in the building.
Both Staircase and Ramp elements are combined.
Plans also show the common places and intersection
bridges.

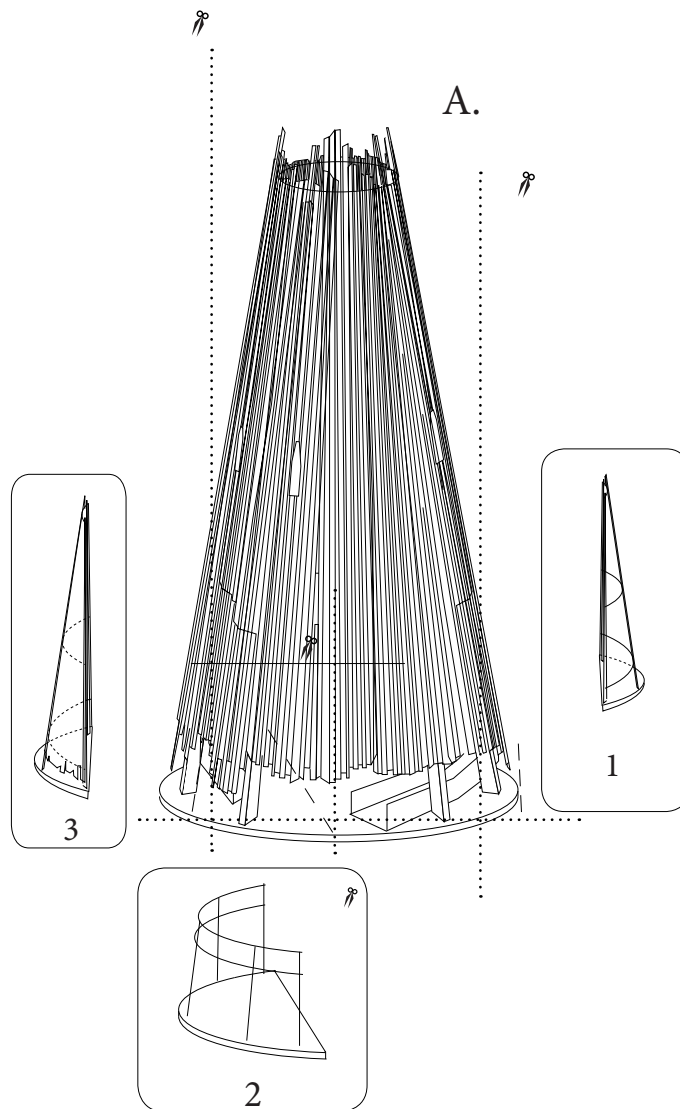




SIMPLE INTERIOR VIEWS

Simple Interior views are done without specification of particular design, however outlining the main architectural spatial qualities. Details are to be done on the site and with collaboration and participation of community, perhaps, and use of available material as well as new material brought from construction.

Some architectural qualities of the space are distinct features of the project. Light and shade, as well as perspective views from the top view and the view from the ground floor examine the expression of architectural language and views those

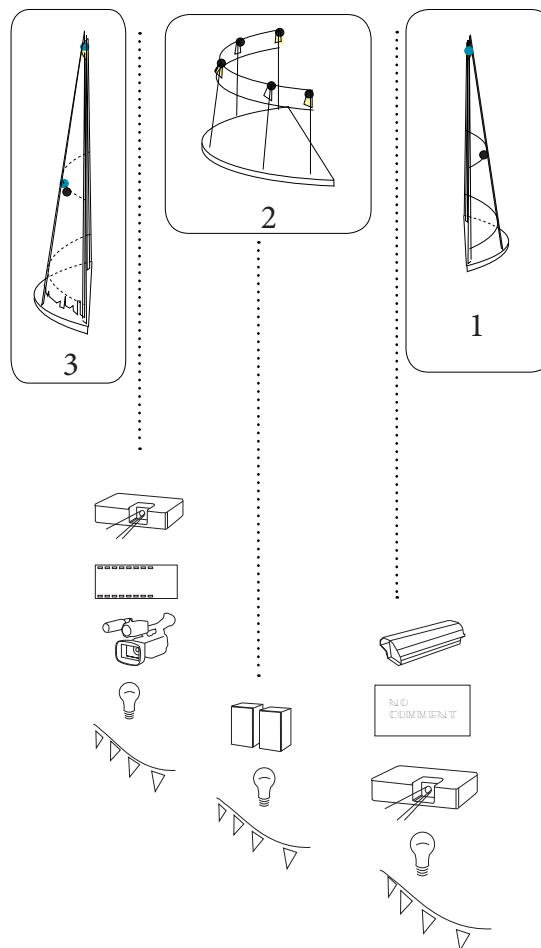


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- Individual elements for creation of public space

A. Main building

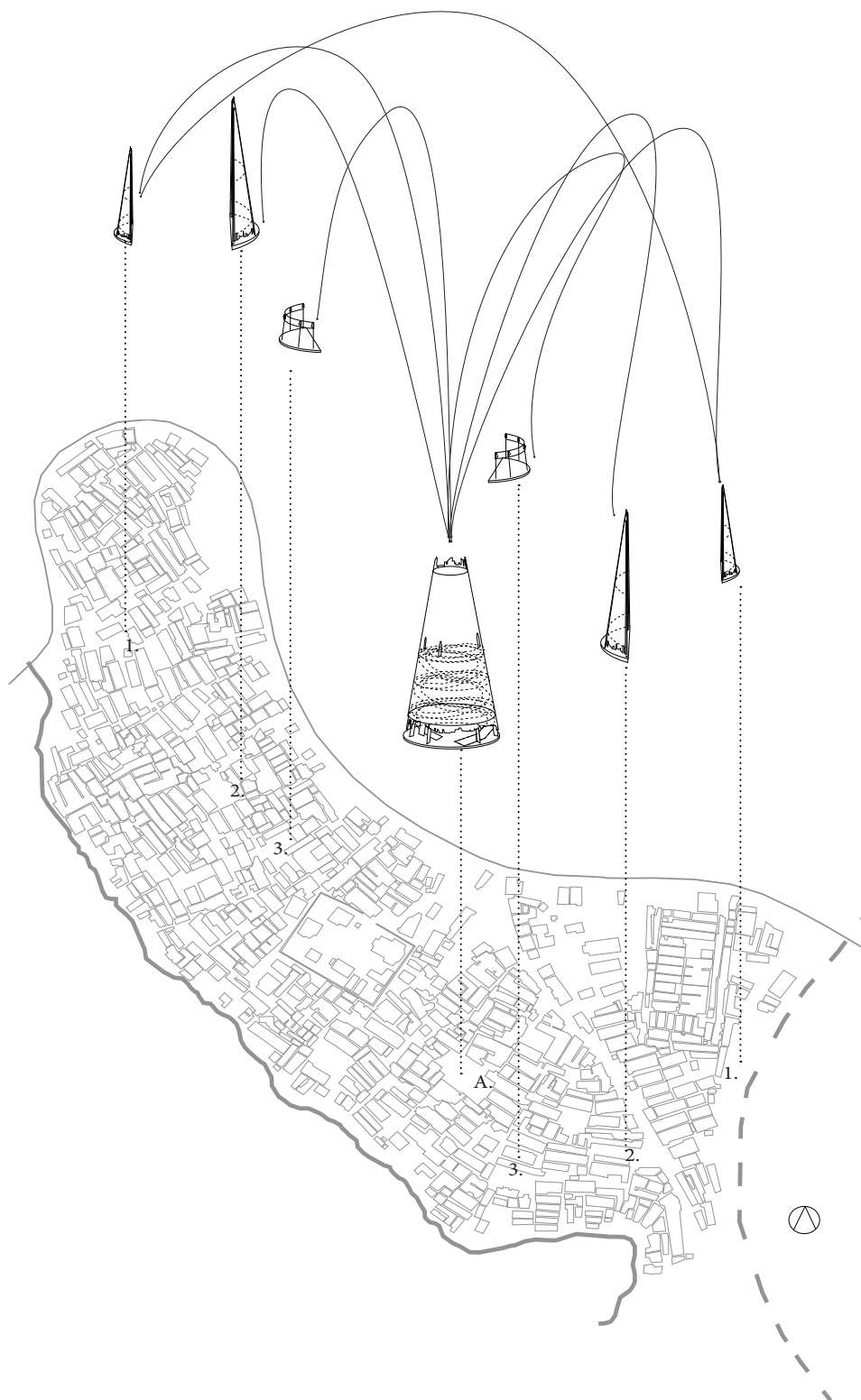
DESIGN OF INDIVIDUAL ELEMENTS OF STRATEGY

Design and Architecture of individual towers and public spaces on site is closely referred to the architecture of the main building. Several fragments of the design are derived in design from the main tower building and are the elements of design of individual public zones in the area.



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| 1. SOLO Streaming and collecting | ● Sound |
| 2. SOLO Sound and light | ● Projection |
| 3. SOLO Projection of films, other material | ● Light |

INDIVIDUAL TOWERS AND THEIR PROGRAMS



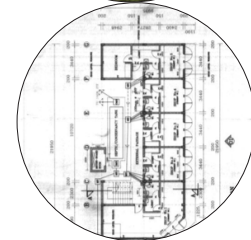
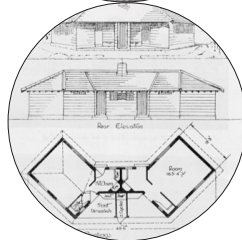
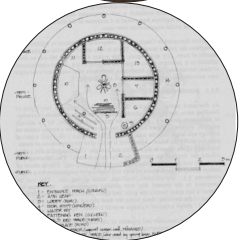
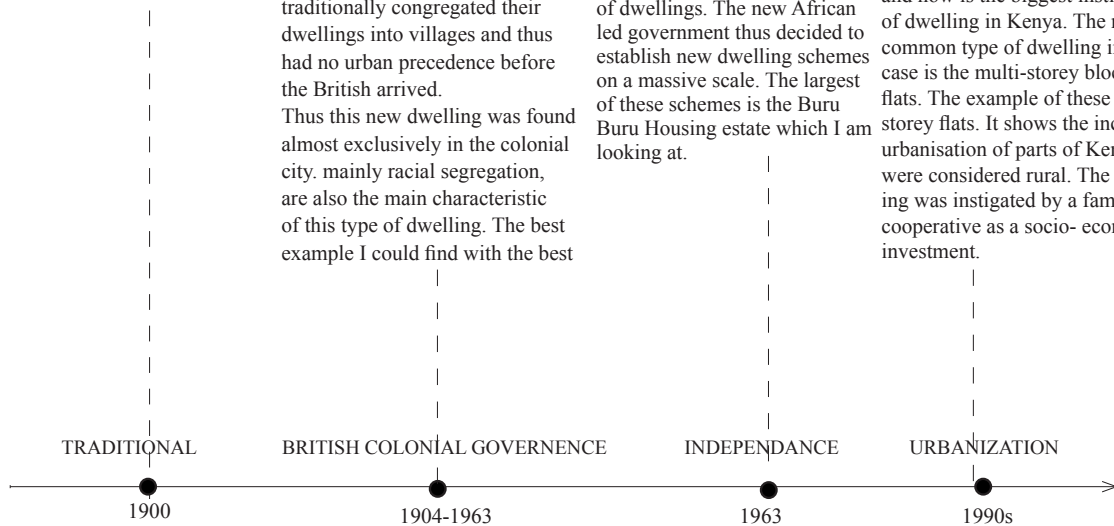
CONNECTIVITY OF INDIVIDUAL TOWERS IN BOTH WINGS.

It was the main form of dwelling for most of the people in not only Kenya but most of Africa before 1900 and had been developed over centuries.

The main characteristic of the environment of this period is the introduction of a technologically advanced people (the British) who exerted influence on the traditional ethnic communities in Kenya. Kenyans had never traditionally congregated their dwellings into villages and thus had no urban precedence before the British arrived. Thus this new dwelling was found almost exclusively in the colonial city, mainly racial segregation, are also the main characteristic of this type of dwelling. The best example I could find with the best

After the independence of Kenya from Britain in 1963, there was a significant change in the environment within the city. Previous racist segregation of dwelling was abolished and this led to a realisation of the need to increase the number of dwellings. The new African led government thus decided to establish new dwelling schemes on a massive scale. The largest of these schemes is the Buru Buru Housing estate which I am looking at.

Besides the government, private individuals and cooperatives also began to participate in the development of dwellings. While this became officially allowed after independence, it started rapidly increasing in quantity in the 1990's and now is the biggest instigator of dwelling in Kenya. The most common type of dwelling in this case is the multi-storey block of flats. The example of these multi-storey flats. It shows the increased urbanisation of parts of Kenya that were considered rural. The dwelling was instigated by a family cooperative as a socio-economic investment.



DWELLING IN KENYA AND ITS TIMELINE

Traditional, Colonial, Institutional, Commercial

Based on the research of **Mbugua Kuria Mbugua** "THE TRANSFORMATION OF DWELLING IN KENYA", 2010, BA Dissertation in Sheffield University, UK

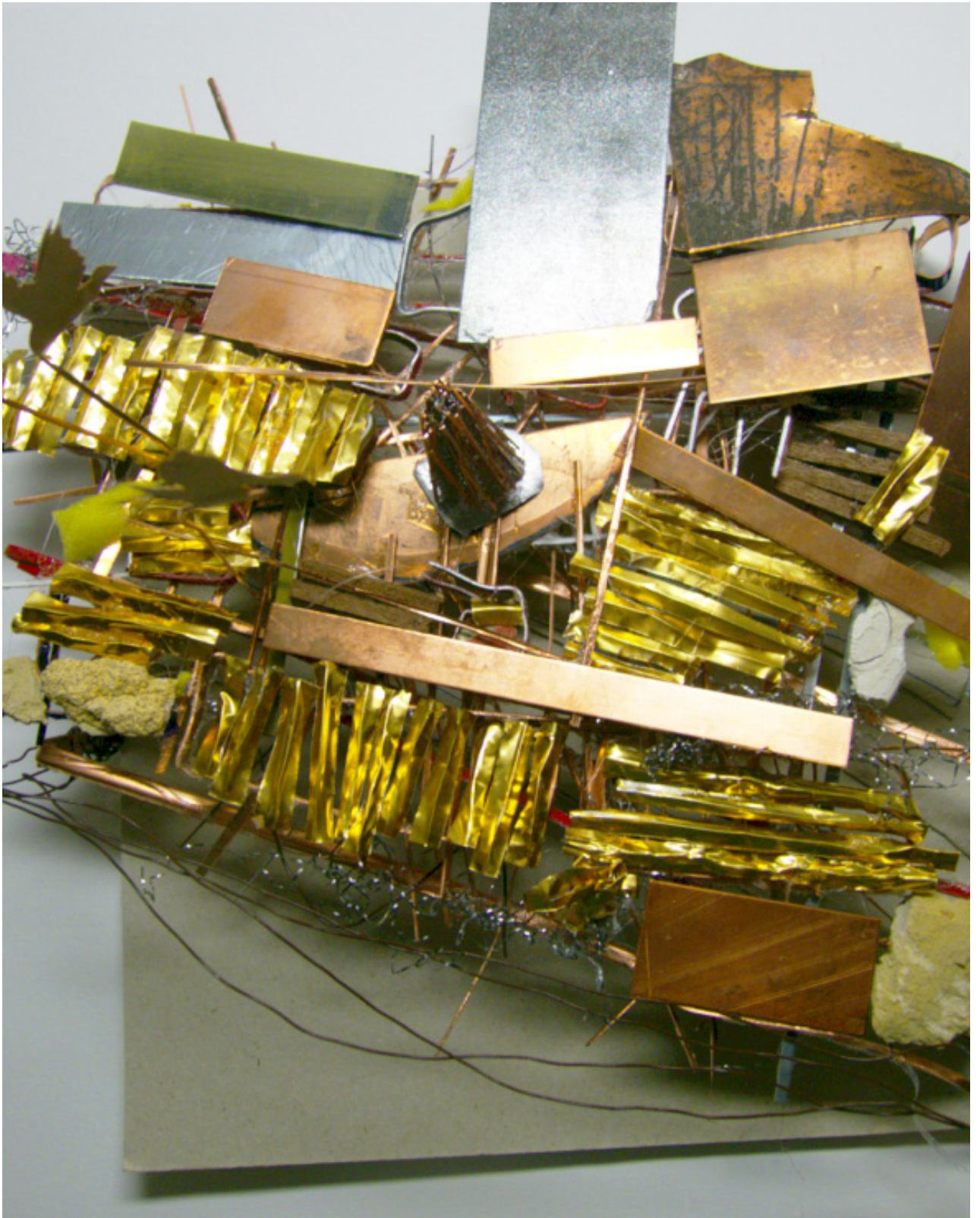
MODELS



Model 1
Site and the building
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Model is meant to demonstrate materiality and character of the slum. Represent in the roughness its qualities of informality, and also outline the aesthetics that slum has and its relation to the Projection Tower.





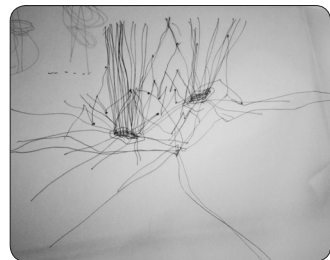
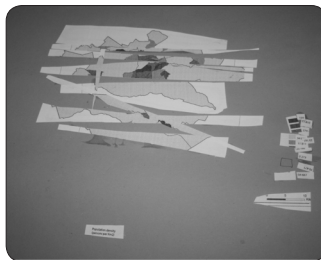
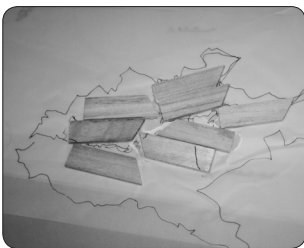
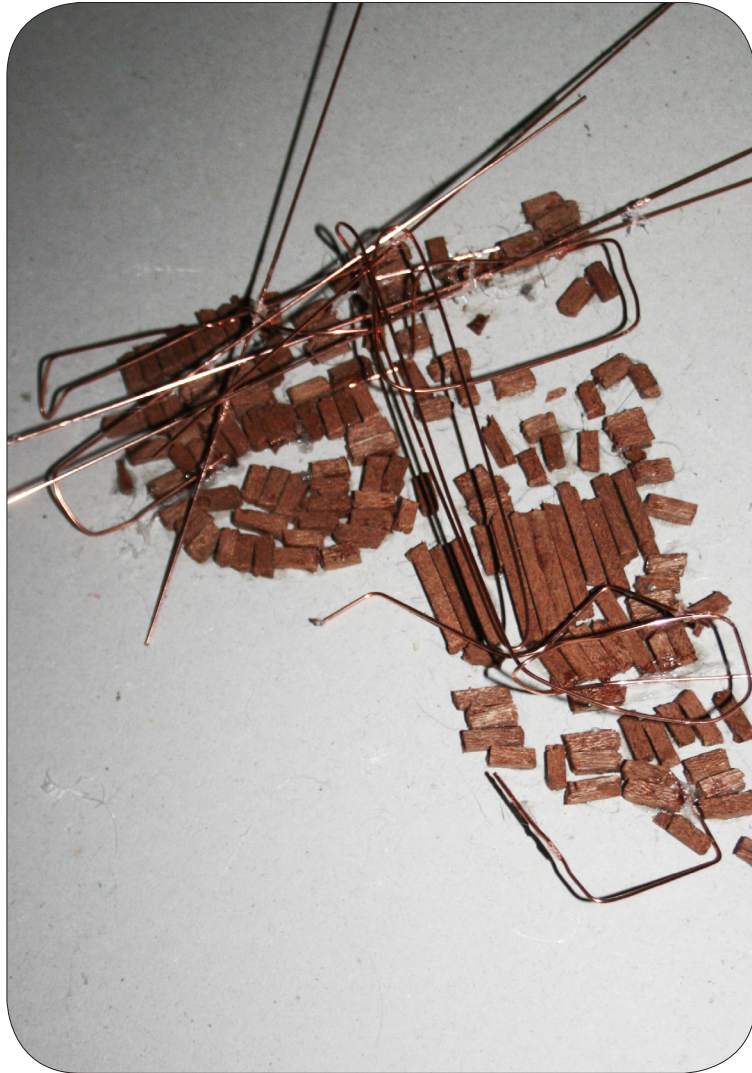


Model 2

Birds eye view model of the slum.

Layers are visible, character of the place, density and open space created as a result of process of upgrading slums on the site and relocation of those to a different spot in Kianda.

Model is inspired by the work of CJ Lim, Architect in London, and member of teaching Professor in Bartlett, UCL.



PROCESS: STUDYING PARTS OF SLUMS

Studying of a part of the slum with connections of infrastructure built by the local/ and connected people, with exploration of scale and density of its urban fabric and its public spaces as a tool to approach design and conceptual stage
Schemes and drawings study and conceptualize the facts from the site - uncontrolled growth of population, qualities of built up and gated communities in the city and problems arising from the slums.

CHAPTER 7

‘ONE BIRDS JOURNEY’

Role of an Architect



ARCHITECT COLLABORATOR

ARCHITECT
Artist

ARCHITECT
Technician

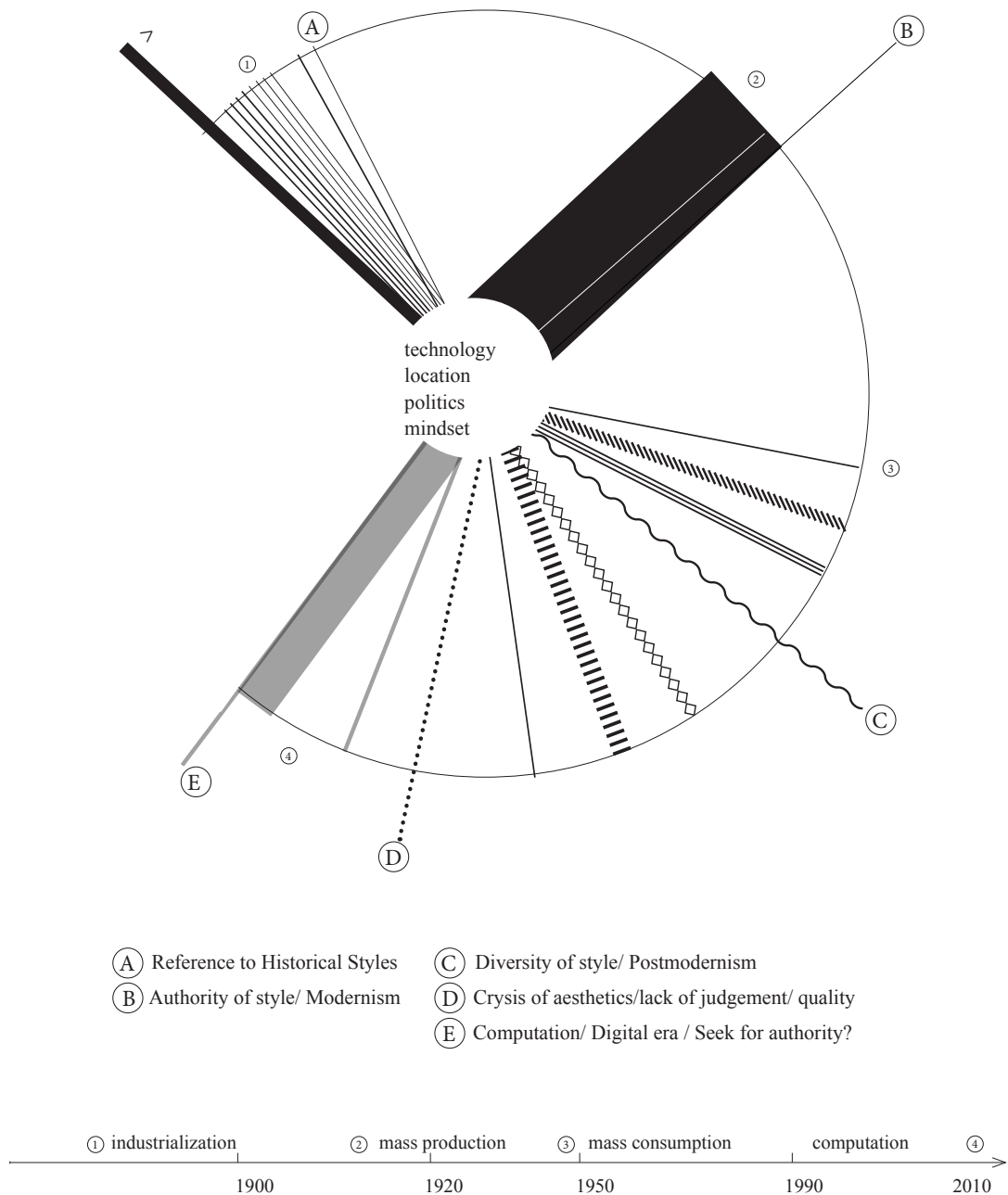
ARCHITECT IN THE CONTEXT OF CHANGING TIME

Who is architect in contemporary time? Which role he undertakes? Which responsibility he carries on his shoulders? Looking closer to the history, according to Wang in Research Methods, Architect was always dragged between the roles of an Artist, or Technician. However changing time and global context perhaps suggests that it is time for an architect to be a collaborator.



INFORMALITY AND SLUMS AS THE CONTEXT

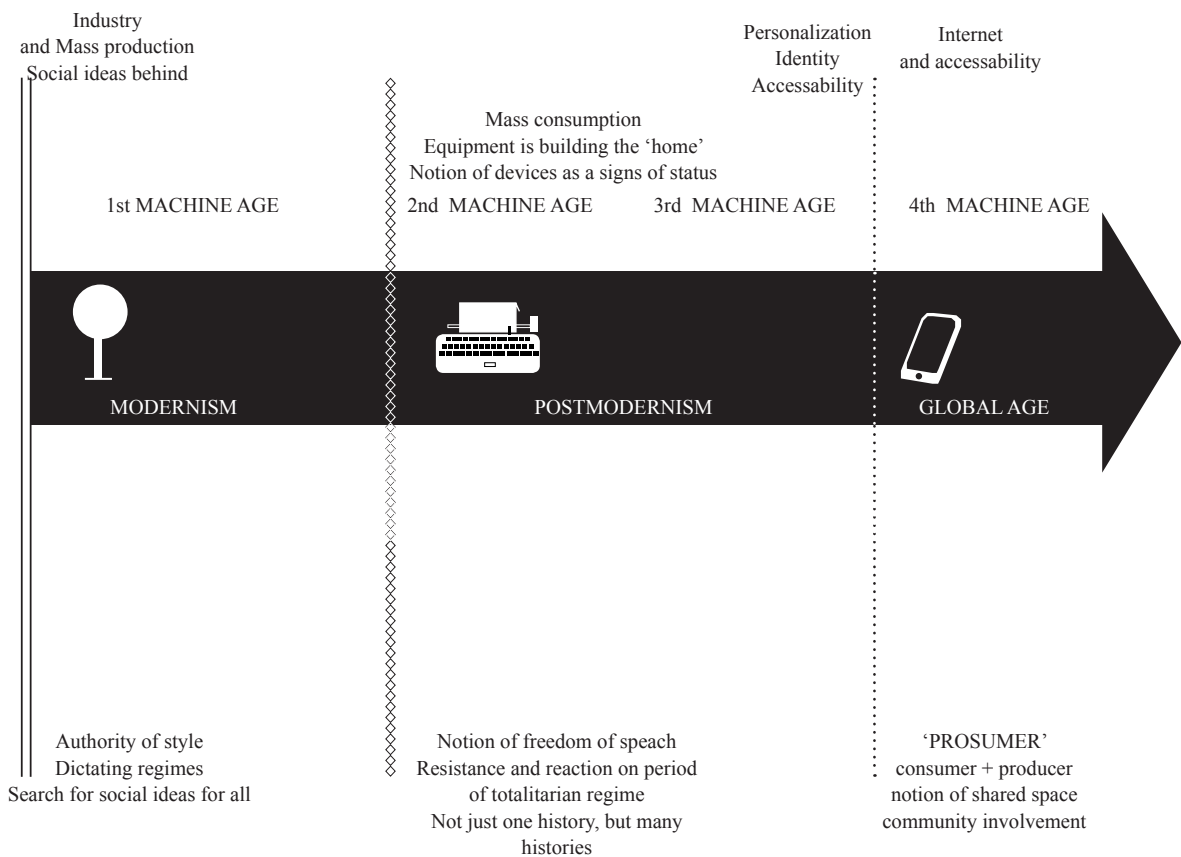
Certain investigations and current tendencies suggest that perhaps soon architect would be facing completely new reality of urban and architectural environment - architecture of informality, poverty and developing slums are already rapidly growing all around the world. In this context Architect would have to reconsider his new role and undertake different tasks.



HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL THEORY **CHANGE OF OUTLOOK IN ARCHITECTURE**

Based on studies of Hanno-Walter Kruft

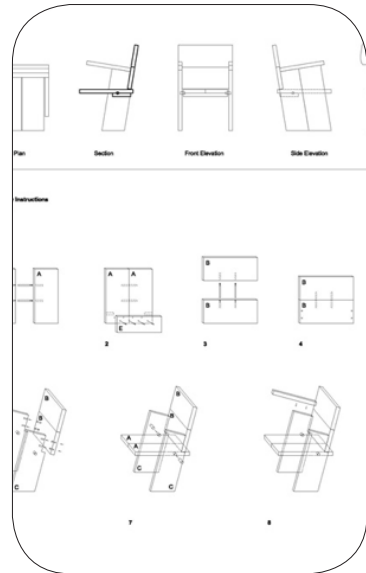
In relation to the position of an architect and in order to make an assumption of how the role of an architect would change in the future.



HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL THEORY CHANGING ROLE OF AN ARCHITECT

Based on studies of Reyner Benham, and lectures of Gunnar Hartman

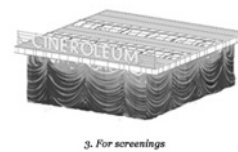
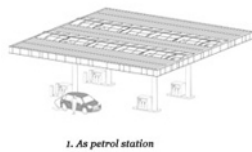
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Which also identifies changing environment and changing roles of architects in society.



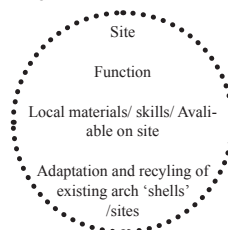
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Recycled materials

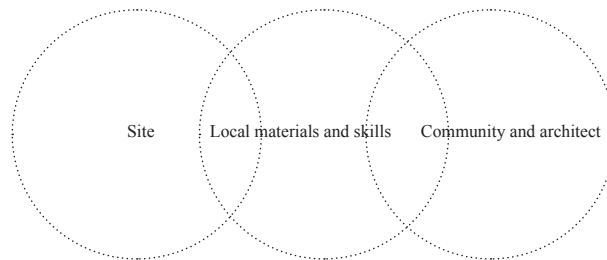
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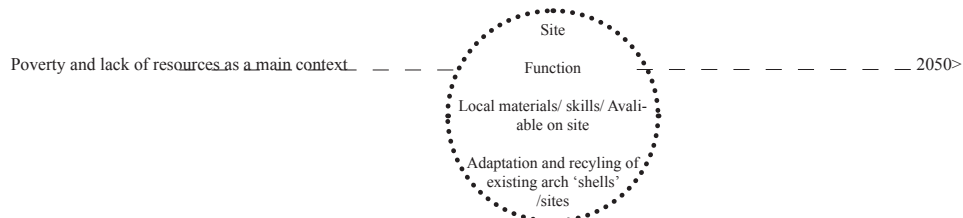
ARCHITECT AND TEMPORARY INTERVENTIONS PRECEDENTS: ARTISTIC INTERVENTION FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT Cineroleum Project in London, Assemble, 2010



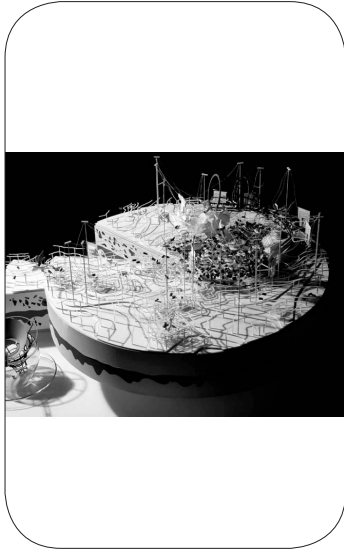
Cineroleum is a project built in London and initiated by architects, artists and collaborators from the side of material suppliers and contractors. Made solely by the small group of young students, it was temporary project, that attracted international attention and gained several awards for sustainable and environmentally friendly concept - as it was recycling the old petrol station and was focused on self-produced and efficient means of design performance for the public use.



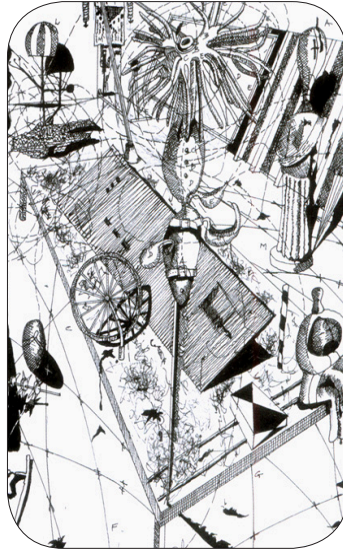
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PRECEDENTS: COLLABORATION AND LOCAL SKILLS/ MATERIALS
 Ross Langton/ Speech on TEDX in Krakov 2012



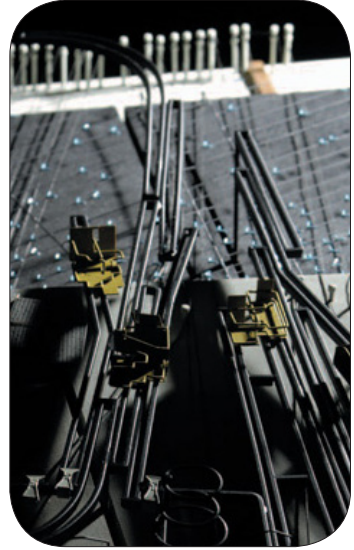
Ross Langton and his practice are looking and researching the possibilities to apply local skills/ local materials/ recycle and introduce the most efficient and sustainable approaches to design in developing countries. Worked a lot in African countries, and successfully completed number of projects there.



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Architect in London
Contemporary



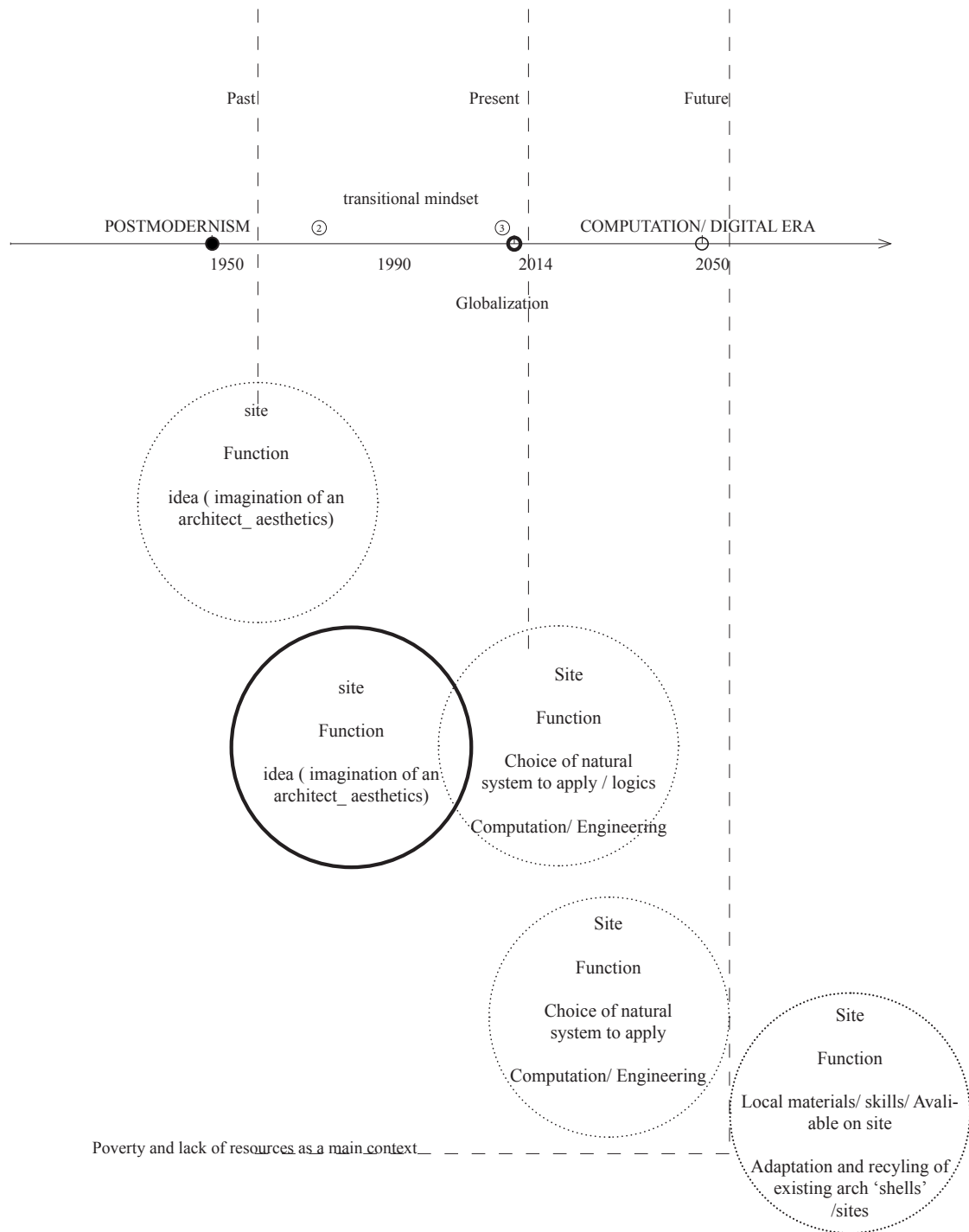
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Architect in London
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ARCHITECT AS AN ARTIST COMMUNICATING VISIONS IN THEORY ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS OF IDEAS IN THE PROJECT

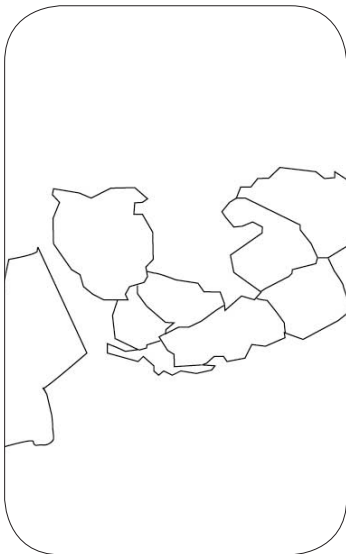
Artistic interpretations and interventions/ expressions of ideas are commonly used for communication of visions, concepts and theories. They are interactive and highly illustrative, and mainly focused on provoking the discussion.



ARCHITECTURAL AND STRATEGIC THESIS PROJECT THAT CAPTURES THE OUTLOOK AT PARTICULAR TIME

The project is capturing both the vision on the future - stating the important of digital devices and tools and also illustrates the outlook of an architect now - still choosing to design from the 'detached' point of view, from the 'birds eye view' with very little knowing about the site and the community, as one doesnt belong there. Artistic approaches are chosen as a representations means as they state the vision of subjective interpretation of the concept and brief, just as postmodernity suggest one was doing. Yet, the environment is globalized, and site is chosen in developing country and brings together those ideas.

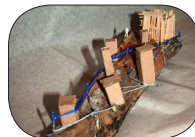
RESEARCH
STUDY/
EXHIBITION
PRESENTATION



CONTEXT LOCAL
CONTEXT GLOBAL

①

EXPOSITION OF
ART WORKS AS
PART OF STORY
TELLING



STORY TELLING
AS PART OF ART
WORK

②

SMALL SCALE
ARCHITECTURAL
OBJECT/ STRAT-
EGY TO PROPOSE



ART AND COL-
LABORATION
as a strategy
project

③

TELLING THE STORY OF THE PROJECT - SEVERAL LAYERS

The choice for the presentation in the context of research is showing all the aspects covered within the study - analysis, concept derived from the study of the site, program derived from the study of the local culture, and finally all the ideas brought together in form of exposition

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PRESENTATION IN DIFFERENT MEDIA

Set of Art works, as part of the story telling
tool to capture the vision and make a statement

Particular part of the project communicates
through exactly the same media as project

suggests:

- images/ projection
- sound
- light

P R E S E N T A T I O N - M E D I A

ALL TOGETHER

Installation is built out of several elements:

- sound
- light and shade
- conceptual model
- and short film/ images

All elements come together and work as a symbiosis of atmospheres based on experiences/ research/ news and impressions about the slum.

SOUND

The story is told by composition of different atmospheres created by the sound.. It translates through the media of sound different stages of perception and discoveries within the slum. Speaks for the first impressions, alienation, and feeling of danger, then turns into chaotic impression of random and yet structured self-organization of life within the slum, and eventually concludes with the feeling of detached very short term impression of 'understanding' the slum, which is yet false, as we are observing it from just 'birds eye view' prospective.

List of compositions used in creation of soundscape.

1. lustmord - delusion fields
2. hauschka - radar
3. bolia we ndenge - bosamba ndke
4. from youtube video - nairobi - kibera
5. ebo taylor - atwer abroba
6. field recordings

SHORT FILM COLLAGE

Film goes along with the sound and is comprised from several bits and pieces that bring to the viewer fragmented experiences in the slum.

It is designed to illustrate the same story that the sound tells and works as complementary element to it.

However it is made to be slightly shorter, for the dynamics to show the change when playing in loop (both video and sound), and by doing so, the atmospheres would gradually shift and tell the story of the slum from being vivid and lively to the chaotic and alienated.

It keeps on growing and keeps on changing in its own manner.

LIGHT

AND

SHADOW

Conceptual Model, in combination with light and effects of its shade tries to convey layering of material, layering of different lives existing in slums, and impressions of cladded informality to the viewer. The scale of the model increases enormously due to the light, which plays with the layers of the model to create particular shadows. Shadows can be read as illustrations to the urbanity, to the skyline of the slum, to its scale and growing emerging reality of poverty and informality, that cities might face in the very short term future.

All those stories are brought up and chosen to be told in the form of architecture project, art works, and media art installation

Sound and video works are done in collaboration with the media artist.

APPENDIX

READINGS

View on reviews of books
that inspired the setting of paradigm

MAXIMUM CITY

fiction novel based on personal
experiences and weaved
by the narrative with
urbanity on all
levels

‘OWN NARRATIVE IN MAXIMUM CITY’

Based on the ideas from the reading
of MAXIMUM CITY by Suketa
Mehta

SLUM ECOLOGY

-unpromising ecology of
slums
-effects of such ecological
state on the world

‘ECOLOGY CHANGING ITS FACE’

Based on the ideas from the reading
of SLUM ECOLOGY by Mike
Davis

PLANET OF SLUMS

-fundamental reorganisation
of metropolitan space
-growth of poverty and
informal settlements in
majority of cities

‘CITIES CHANGING THEIR FACES’

Based on the ideas from the reading
of PLANET OF SLUMS by Mike
Davis

SHARED in DIGITAL WORLD

shared access
shared communities
shared approaches
all build the future

INTERCONNECTED WORLD

Based on the ideas from the reading of
THE MESH, by Lisa Gansky

READINGS ON THE CONTEXT AND CHANGING WORLD

**POLITICAL
CONNOTATION OF
EVERY PIECE OF ART**

how art reflects its time
and dynamics
through many
aspects

TOO MUCH OF AESTHETICS

Based on the ideas from the reading from
FROM ART TO POLITICS by Murray
Edelmann

**ART IN DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

exchange of ideas via
producing event/ object
together with community

TOO MUCH OF AESTHETICS

Based on studies of Grant H. Kister THE
ONE AND THE MANY by Claire Bishop

**ART IN
COLLABORATION
WITH COMMUNITIES**

collaboration of artists
with different communities
in different
societeis

TOO MUCH OF AESTHETICS

Based on the ideas from the reading
PARTICIPATION/ Documents of Con-
temporary Art

Architecture in different
epoches
Expression of technological
advances
Expression of social ideas
of the time

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Based on the ideas from the reading
of HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURAL
THEORY, by Hanno-Walter Kruft

INTERDISCIPLINARY
-collaborative
-free spread of information
- need for new outlook

INTERDISCIPLINARY

Based on the ideas from the reading of
'MASSIVE CHANGE', by Bruce Mau

**READINGS ON THE THEME OF ART AND POSITION OF AN
ARCHITECT**

Following books were fully, or partly studied during the project assignment and were
taken into consideration as an influence and as a valuable support of the idea.

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‘Slum, semi-slum, and superslum... to this has come
the evolution of cities.’*