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**Urban Allemansrätt (Urban Freedom to Roam)**. Urban intervention between the LTH and the IDEON Science Park. ASBM 01 Degree Project

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## A REFLECTION ABOUT A SENSE OF PLACE

One of my main interests as an architect has been to reflect upon the sense of place and memory, both from the context where I am and from my own personal experiences.

As a university-city, Lund (Sweden) is one of the most important nodes of the Oresund Region. Here, tradition and innovation coexist, not only from the varied academic activities but also from how these dynamics have influenced the development and growth of the city itself.

In some cases, these dynamics between tradition and innovation in Lund has led to urban paradoxical situations such the area between the LTH (Faculty of Engineering) and the IDEON Science Park; both considered as reference nodes of academic and technological development for the city and the region, but mostly surrounded by urban voids that lack active urban life.

Based on the experiences and reflections in the master's degree course Sustainable Urban Design, this project aims to intervene those undefined urban areas, creating a reference place that reconnects the context through activity and memory.

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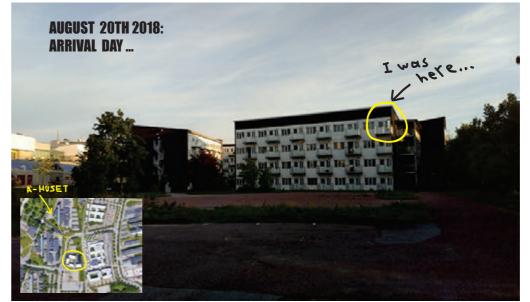
To my family in Colombia for their continuous and loving support. This is for them.



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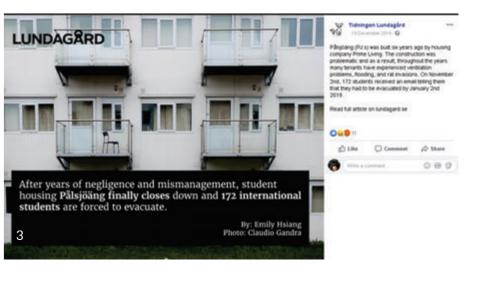




## THE ARRIVAL TO A NEW (NO) PLACE)

When I arrived in Lund, I was told that these buildings would be my residence: Pålsjöäng student housing, five blocks surrounding an inner courtyard located in the middle of a parking lot but conveniently located in front (or the back) of our school. Needless to say, the interior spaces were not any exciting or better than the exteriors.

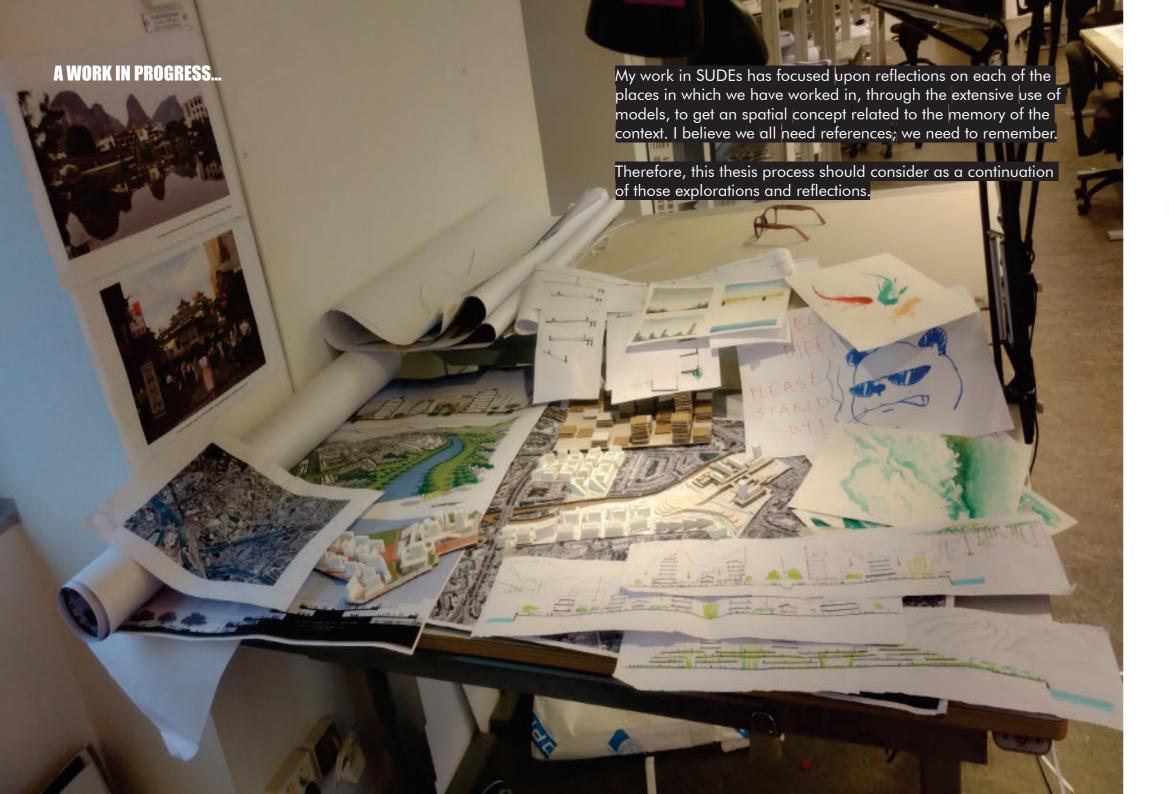
After 5 months, we were informed that we had to vacate these residences, not only because of serious technical deficiencies, but I think also because of the lack of a real sense of livability: just a generic experience.



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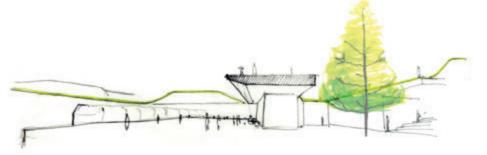




# **YSTAD** (The transitional place)



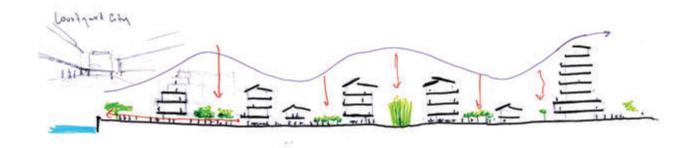
# ÄNGELHOLM (Vårdträd)







# **DUJIANGYAN** (No China Trip)





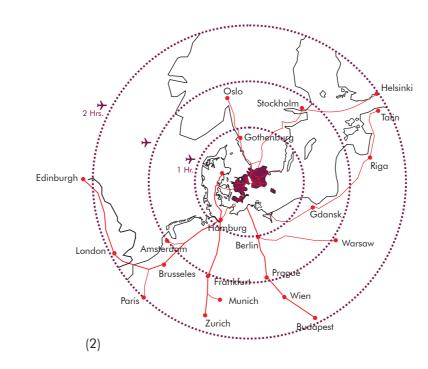
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The City of Ideas







## THE ORESUND REGION: A Transnational Hub

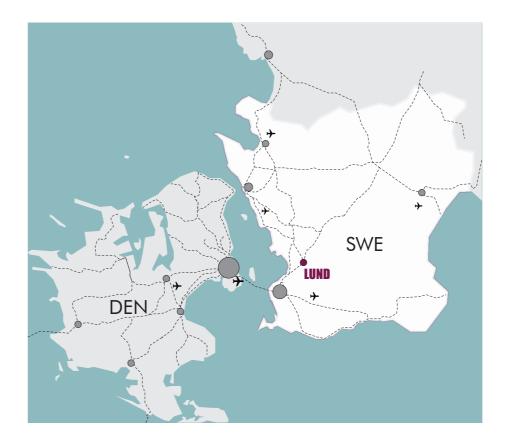
The Öresund region (Or Greater Copenhaguen) comprises the province of Skåne (Sweden) and the Region Zealand and Capital Region (Copenhagen) in Denmark; one of the best-known examples of cross border collaboration between countries.

It is a reference node of activity for Europe which attracts people from all over the world to work in the fields of business, technology, education, and research.

More than four million people live, work, and study in the Oresund Region. Also, 40000 researchers; 119000 students; 19 science parks and innovation incubators; and 17 universities and colleges of higher education are located in the greater Copenhagen area.

"Vision. Greater Copenhagen is the centre of sustainable growth and quality of life offering an agile, collaborative and accessible metropolis – where people and business can unleash their potential" (3)

<sup>1.</sup> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%98resund\_Region#/media/File:Malmo\_view2.jpg
2. https://www.greatercph.com/life-science/1c8tile=/life-science/tiles/life%20science%20with%20icons/located%20in%20the%20heart%20of%20scandinavia



THE LINK: A region that shared historical cultural values between Sweden and Denmark (2)

# SKÅNE (SWEDEN) - The Southern Entry Point

Skåne is Sweden's southernmost region, covering around 3% of Sweden's total area. It consists of 33 municipalities with a total of 1.3 million inhabitants. In 2016, all Skåne's municipalities saw an increase in their populations. The biggest municipalities of Malmö, Helsingborg and Lund saw the largest increases. The largest in population being Malmö (the 3rd biggest city in Sweden with its 319 246 inhabitants), Helsingborg (136 000) and Lund (116 115 inhabitants).

It is evident that the western part of Skåne is increasing faster than the eastern part. In fact these three cities have been identified as growth engines based on the fact that they have larger population and employment growth than Skåne on average, providing growth potential for the entire region.

Research and development, universities, the knowledge-intensive service sector and major cultural institutions are located here, as well as a wide range of retail. Even though Skåne is characterised by highly urbanised zones, but also rural parts which actually makes it also the most important agricultural area in Sweden. (1)



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# LUND- The City of Ideas

As a key component of the Oresund network, Lund, founded around the year 999, is one of Sweden's oldest cities. Today it is a city of contrast where tradition and innovation dynamically

The city has a population of more than 10000 inhabitants of which almost half are related in some way to Lund University, founded in 1666, is one of the oldest and most important educational and scientific research centers in Northern Europe.

Therefore, closely related with the university, Lund is proper university city: a node of history, knowledge and innovation

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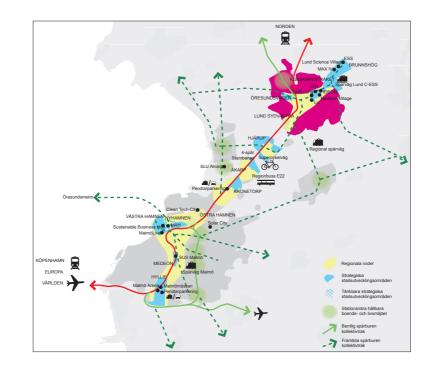


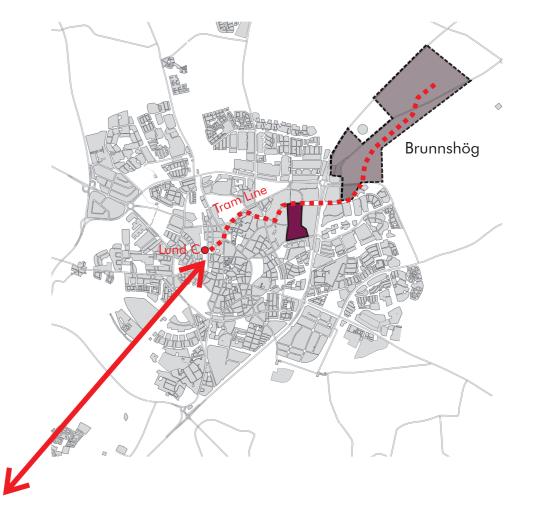


# KUNSKAPSSTRÅKET - The Knowledge Path

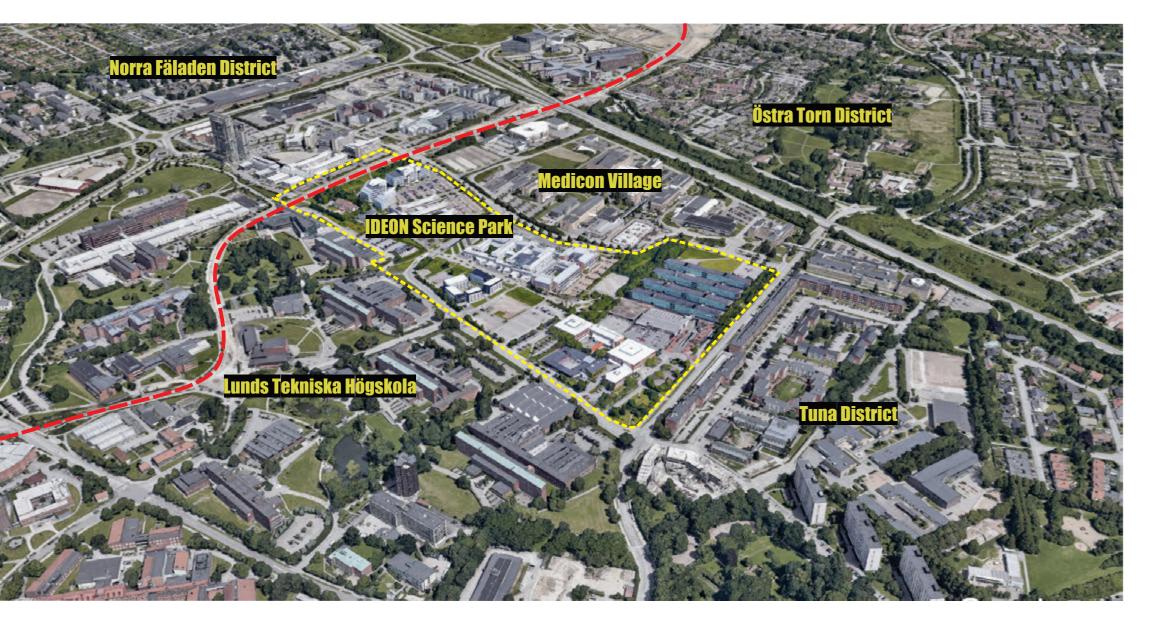
The most important aspect in the current city's urban development is the so-called knowledge Path (Kunskapsstråket), an infrastructure axis of regional relevance that connects Sweden with the rest of Europe by entering through Malmo.

Currently, it is defined by a new tram line which connect the central train station at the center of Lund, with a new urban area in development (Brunnshög) to expand the city to the northwest to host new research facilities. This new area will be home to more than 40000 people over the next 40 years.





- 1. https://www.lund.se/trafik--stadsplanering/byggprojekt/kunskapsstraket/
  2. Vision for MalmöLund. A couple of regional nodes are developing in a stretch between Brunnshög and Hyllie. The image is taken from the Structural Image MalmöLund.





## Lunds Tekniska Högskola (Lund University)



#### IDEON Science Park



## Context Components - The Transition Area

Connected to the Knowledge Path and the future tram line and located 1.5 km from the historic center, the study area is located in the northern area of the university campus (Norra Universitetsområdet).

It is buffer zone between the Faculty of Engineering (LTH) buildings and the Medicon Village complex in the west-east direction, and between the Norra Fäladen District and the Tuna District in the north south direction.

Urbanely, the area is mostly characterized by an urban fabric of independent cluster of blocks intended to have green areas around. The green structure is characterized by the presence of the Central Park of the LTH and the Tuna Park as the main protagonists.

It also consists of a network of urban mobility connections in between including the future tram line and pedestrian paths. The uses are sectorized, mostly institutional (University and companies) with housing areas around them.

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#### MEDICON Village



(1) Image Google Earth







IMAGE 1. Norra Universitetsområdet



IMAGE 2 - Urban Fabric



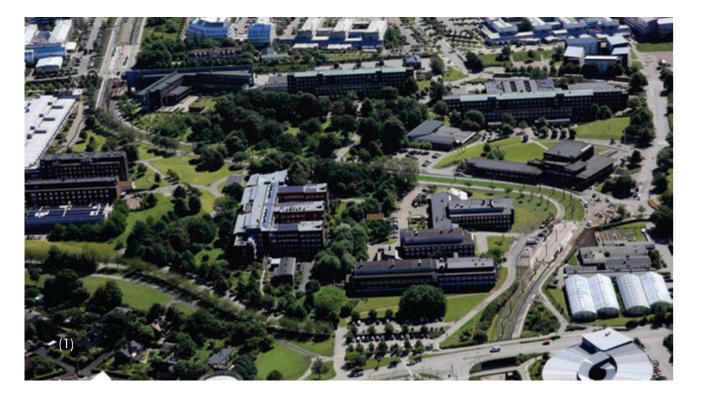
IMAGE 6 - Green Structure

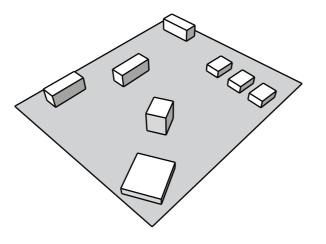


IMAGE 4 - Mobility (Regional Road, City street, Local street, Pedestrian path) TRAMWAY TRAMWAY Station

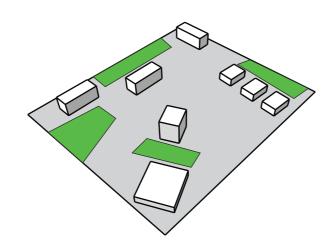


IMAGE 5 - Uses (Academy, offices, housing, Infrastructure)

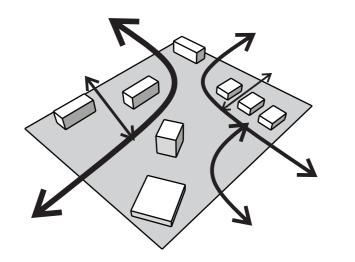




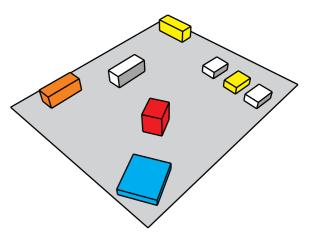
**CLUSTER BLOCKS** 



SECTORIZED GREENERY



IN-BETWEEN CONNECTIONS



SECTORIZED USES

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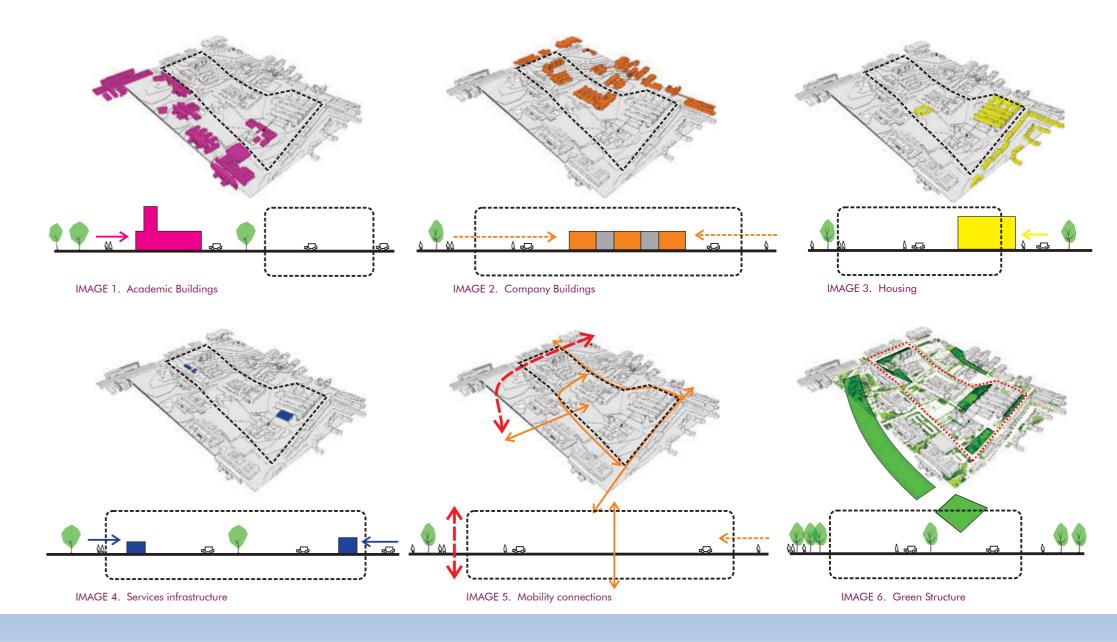
The intervention area is around 200,000 square meters, which contain the IDEON Science Park buildings, the University Faculty of Economy buildings, a supermarket, a park, the Sparta student residences, the abandoned Pålsjöäng student housing buildings, a park with little use, as well as a large number of parking lots and small fragmented patches of green areas.

The mobility is characterized by the tram line at the north and the Tunavägen Street at the south of the study area, the Ole Römers väg to the west and Scheelevägen at the east. John Ericssons väg comes from the west finishing at the site as its end point. The mobility connections are not fully related to the urban form around resulting in some urbanely undefined areas. It should be noted that between the northern point where the future tram station will be, and the lower area at the south (Tuna), there is a level difference of 16 meters.

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- 2. Ingvar Kamprad Designcentrum
- 3. A-huset 4. V-huset
- 5. E-Huset
- 6. M-Huset
- 7. Sofieberg Housing
- 8. Ekonomihögskolan
- 9. ICA Supermarket
- 10. Institutionen för Informatik
- 11. Ekonomisk-historiska institutionen12. Pålsjöäng Housing
- 13. Ideon Science Park Alfa House

- 14. Forskarparken
- 15. Sparta Housing
- 16. Housing Project
- 17. Medicon Village
- 18. Ideon Science Park Beta House
- 19. Ideon Science Park Gamma House
- 20. Hotel Ideon Gästeri AB
- 21. Förskola Minideon
- 22. LTH Central Park
- 23. TRAMLINE Station LTH
- 24. TRAMLINE Station Ideontorget
- 25. Tuna Park













1. Tramway (Knowledge Path) and the new station (Ideontorget) location



3. Pålsjöäng Housing and IDEON Alfa House



4. John Ericssons väg



6. Ekonomihögskolan Parking Lot



5. Forskarparken



7. ICA Supermarket Parking Lot

2. IKDC Parking Lot





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Defining the Place

# 3. VISION AND STRATEGY

Despite the current situation, the site has enormous potential as a re-connection space in order to to have a 24 hours active city and to create a new place within Lund.

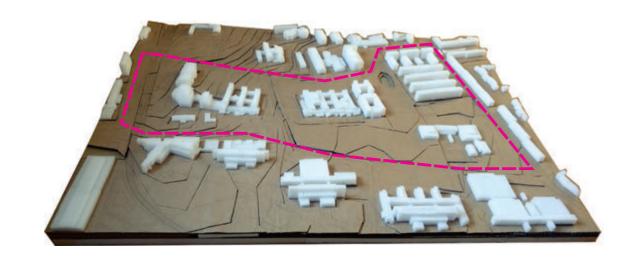
To accomplish this, it is necessary to create a new landmark for the city (1).

Connect the area with the Knowledge Path, while proposing transversal connections between the university and the science park (2).

Propose a node of different uses and activities for the locals and visitors (3).

Reconnect and consolidate the green structure of the sector (4).

Taking into account the topography of the sector, new spatial relations both vertical and horizontal can be developed (5).



6. UNDERSTANDING THE TOPOGRAPHY

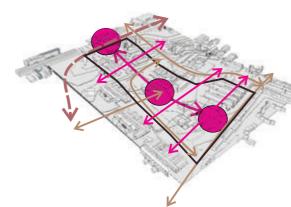


IMAGE 2 - Urban consolidation



IMAGE 3 - Connections and nodes

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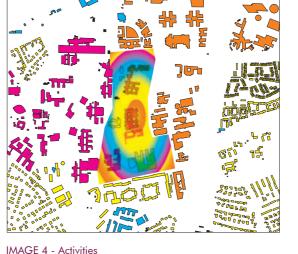




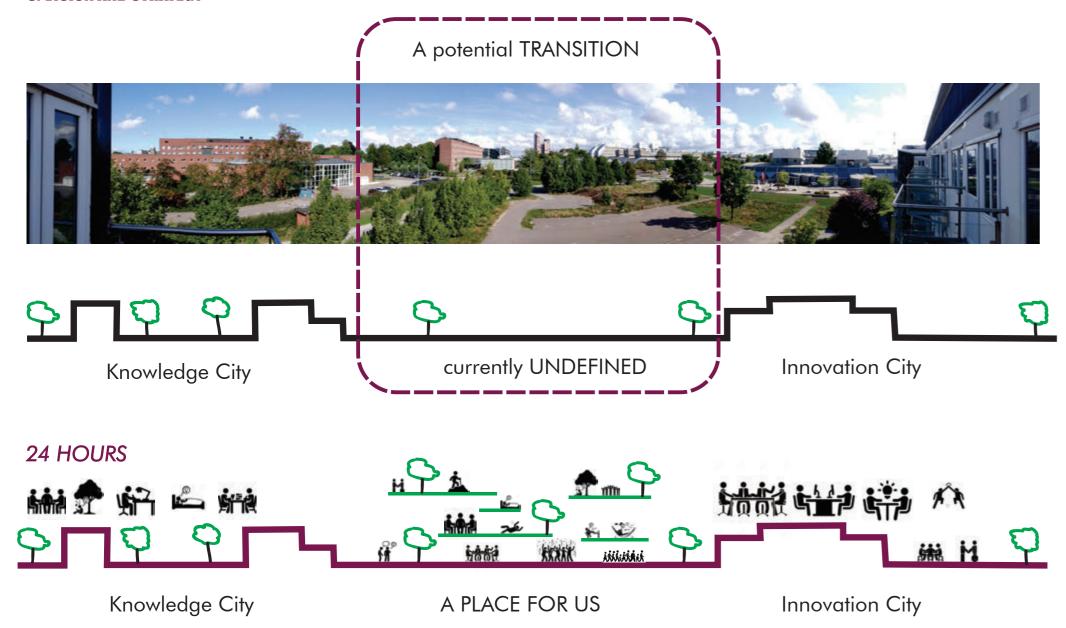
IMAGE 5 - Green Structure





6. CONCEPT SECTION

# 3. VISION AND STRATEGY





Also, for the development of the proposal, it is necessary to raise the following questions:

How an urban sustainable intervention of this site should be?

Do we have just to filling the blanks to fulfill the program requirements?

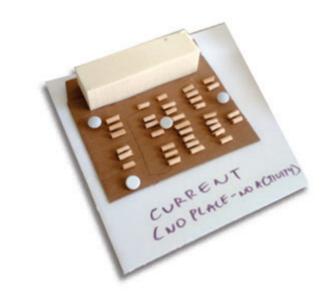
Or we can take the opportunity to offer something else with the design?

Apart from the physical analysis, it is also necessary to establish a connection with the memory, history and culture of the context.

To this end, the following reflections are presented.

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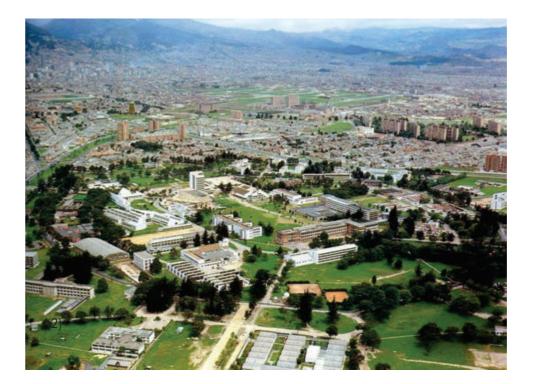
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## **MEMORIES**

An approach to the sense of place comes from my own experience: The National University in Colombia, a city within a city, on there, The Graduate School Building of the Faculty of Human Sciences at the National University of Colombia, by Colombian architect Rogelio Salmona.

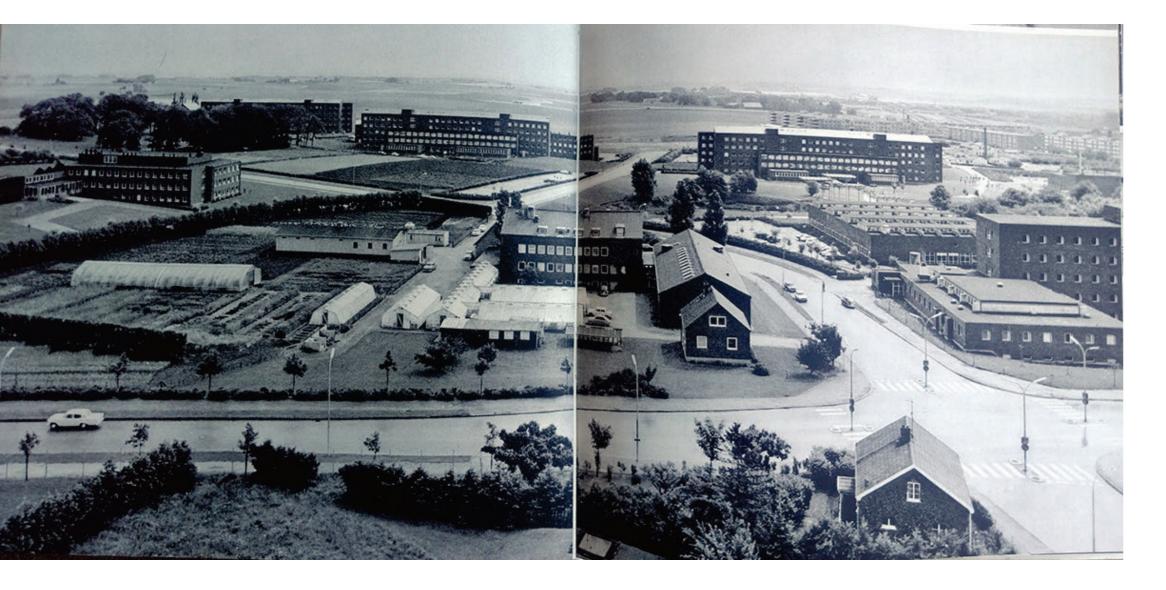
Many students and casual visitors like to come to this building even if they are not part of this faculty or even taking a course there. Beyond the academic activities, the users are always looking for the different experiences that this place offers at different levels.

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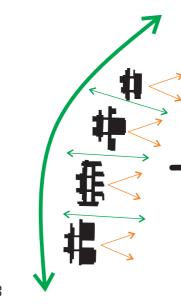
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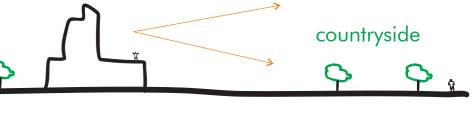


## DIGGING INTO HISTORY - LTH during the 70's (20th century)

The previous page picture, is taken from the brick tower observatory of the Department of Astronomy and Theoretical Physics, it is showing the buildings of the Faculty of Engineering (LTH) and the Central Park, developed by Arch. Klas Anshelm during the '60s of the past century.

At that time, the site was on the outskirts of the city of Lund, beyond which lay the farm fields and the typical countryside landscape of the Skåne region.

The architecture allowed contact with the natural landscape as a view and as an experience.



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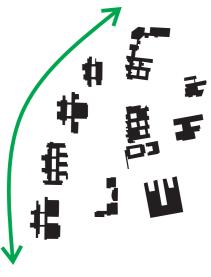


## THE LINK BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY

The IDEON Science Park was established in the early 80s as a strategic bridge between university and industry.

Paradoxically, conceived as a meeting place to promote closer connections with LTH, it has developed as a cluster of scattered and introverted buildings with all the activities inside, surrounded by parking lots.

The relation between the city and the countryside changed.





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1. Picture taken from the book IDÉN OM IDEON - EN FORSKNINGSBY BLIR TILL, Håkan Westling. Picture by Torbjörn Anderson

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Leif Johansson, Xrayfoto. https://visitsweden.no/lund-by-skane-sverige/



The definition of the place not only comes from urban references but also from the cultural strong relationship with the landscape that I have found during my experience living in Sweden.

This relationship has strong cultural roots. By doing this research, I found the concept of ALLEMANSRÄTTEN, characteristic of the Nordic countries; a unique right to freely roam in the countryside, to explore it, to embrace it. This concept has caught my attention because it is not only a metaphor about the Swedish culture but also, a still valid sustainable approach to the context.

Based on the research of the current characteristics of the context at different scales, together with a personal reflection, two topics have been defined as a design strategy to achieve a sense of place.

The Activity as the added value that each project should offer the user beyond just the function and Memory, as an essential component to have a reference and establish a relationship with the place in which we are.







MEMORY: reference and identity

# 4. THE PROPOSAL

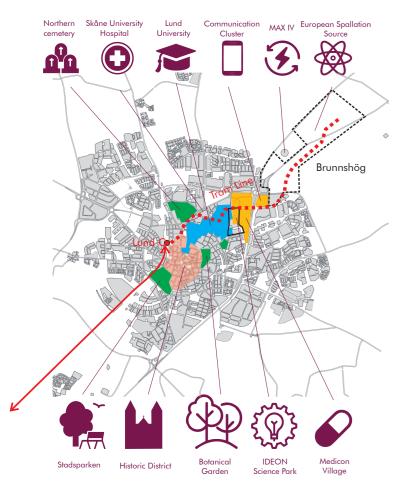


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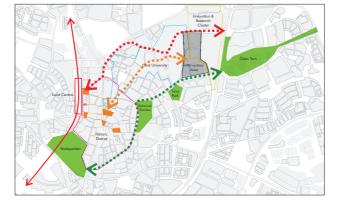
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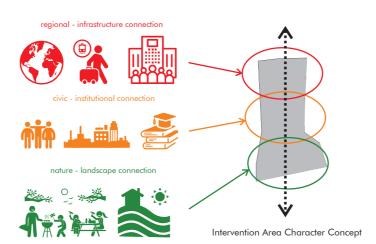
The proposal is presented as an urban structure of variable density that seeks to create a sense of place, redefining the limits between architecture and landscape through memory and activity. This proposal is the result of the following strategies at different scales.

- At the city level, the knowledge path is not only an infrastructure development but a connection of linked scenarios that define Lund's identity. The study site it's a transition between those scenarios.



This urban situation (linked scenarios) define the character of these connections and how the site should respond to these dynamic in terms of activity and memory: the north area corresponds to the connection of Lund with the region, the central area has a civic character coming from the historic district and going thought the university campus, and the south area has a nature-landscape character as part of the Stadsparken-Botanical Garden-Östra Torn axis.

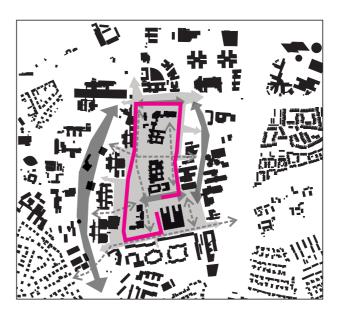




- 1.In order to consolidate those characters, it is necessary to unify the proposal from the ground beyond the boundaries of the site: the ground level for urban roaming as a first layer of memory: an (urban) allemansratten.
- 2.To connect the green structure as an active landscape bringing back the experience of roaming in the countryside.
- 3.To urbanely consolidate the streetscape adding scale and defining the passage from one place to another by creating different spaces and urban thresholds all over the proposal: an upper layer of memory: Vårdträd.
- 4. And to activate the area with nodes of activity at different levels, and then, the architecture as container appears.



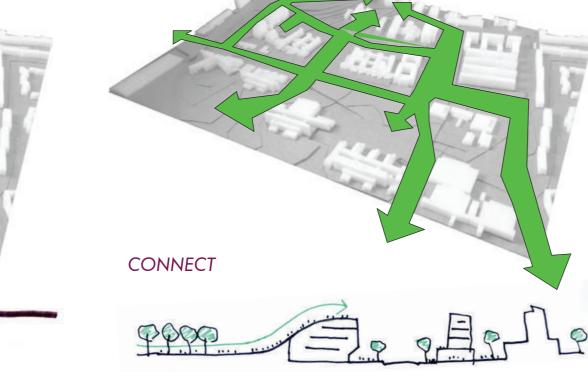


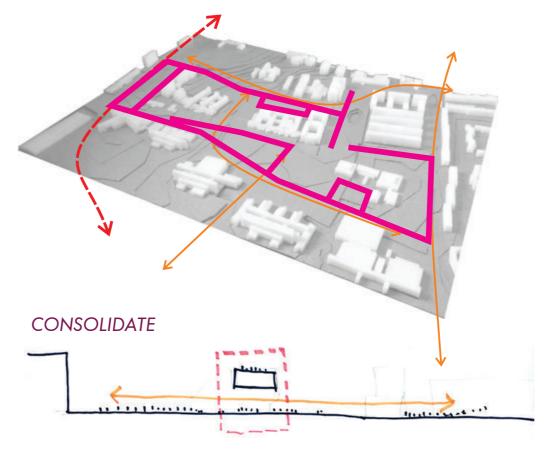




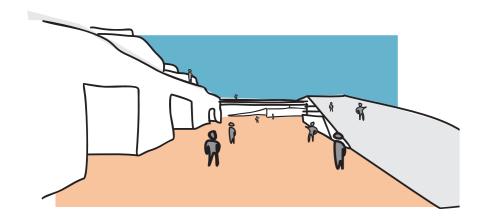
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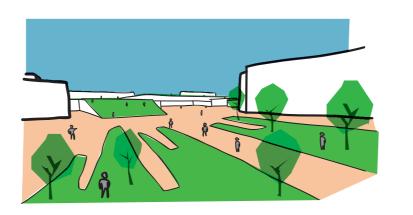




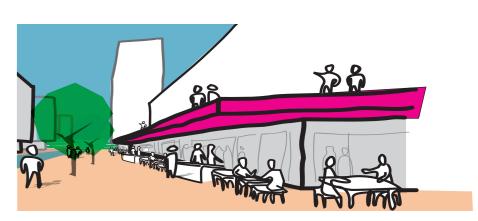














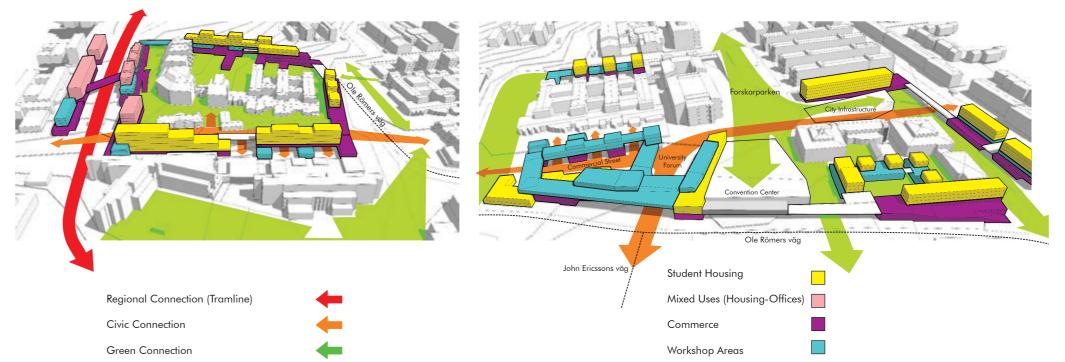
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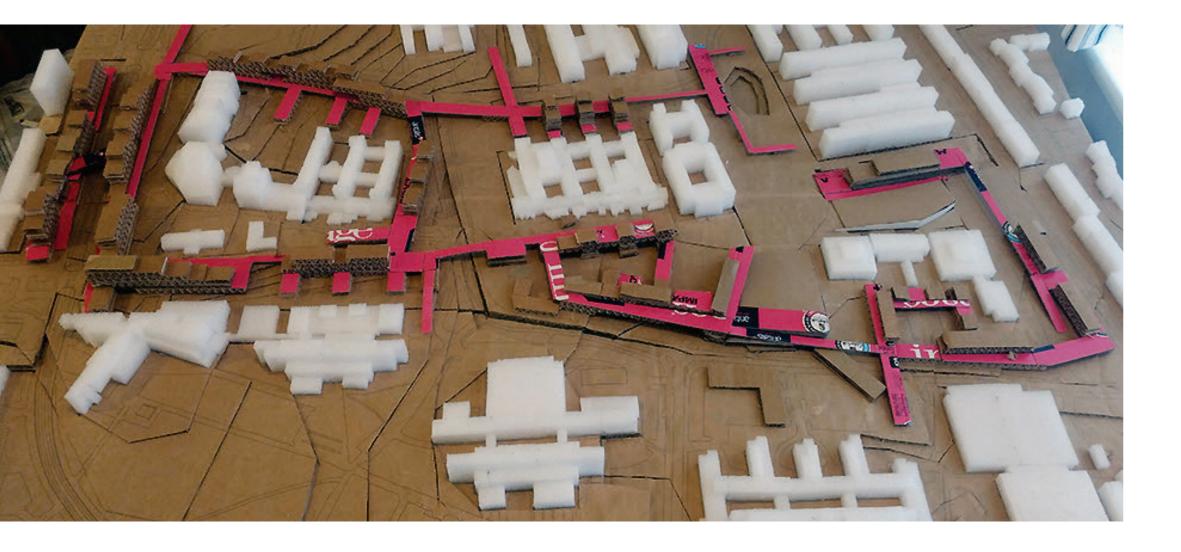


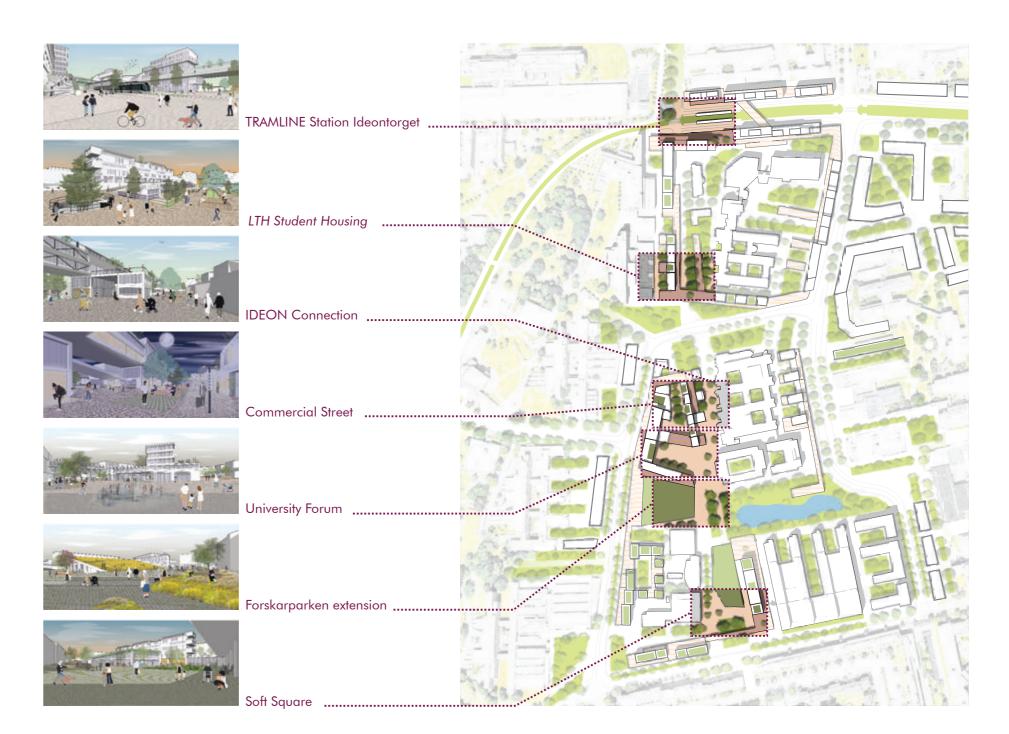
Current Situation (Tram Line IKDC, A-Huset Area)

Current Situation (PJ Housing, Forskarparken, Ekonomihögskolan)



# **4. THE PROPOSAL** (Studio Model)



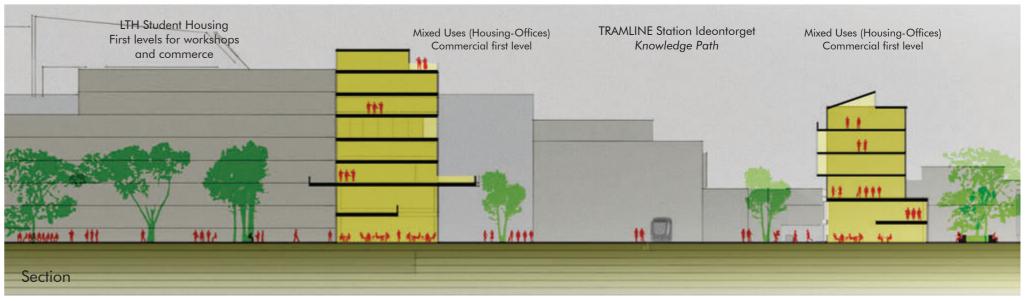


# **4. THE PROPOSAL** (Tramline Station Ideontorget)





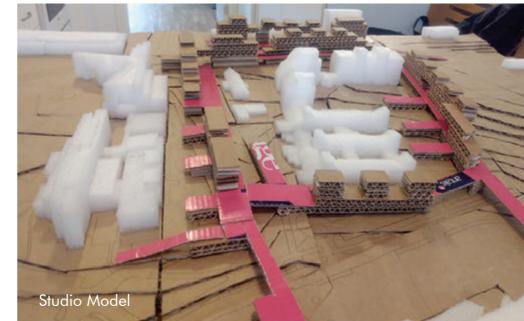


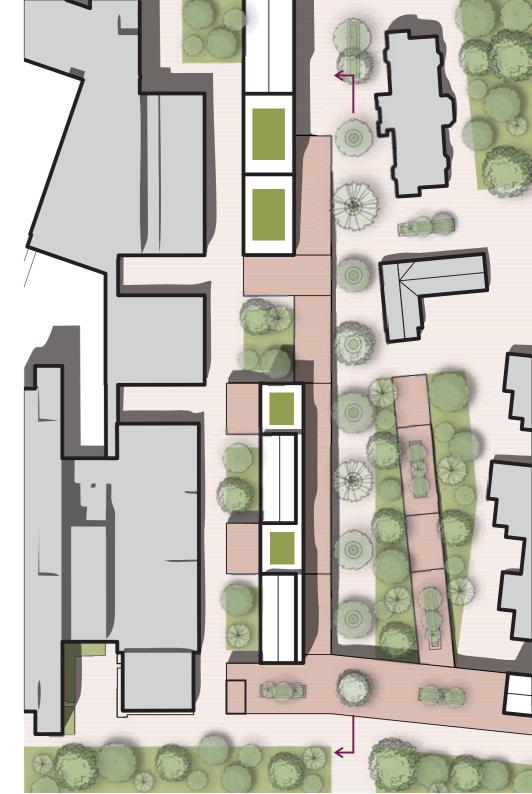












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# 4. THE PROPOSAL (IDEON Connection)





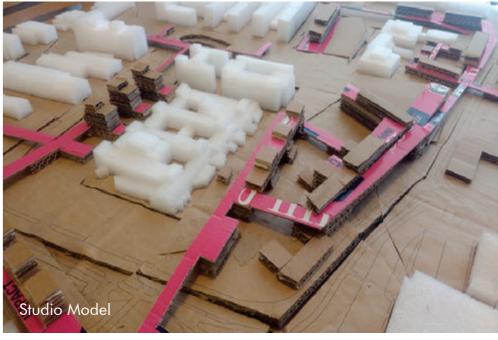


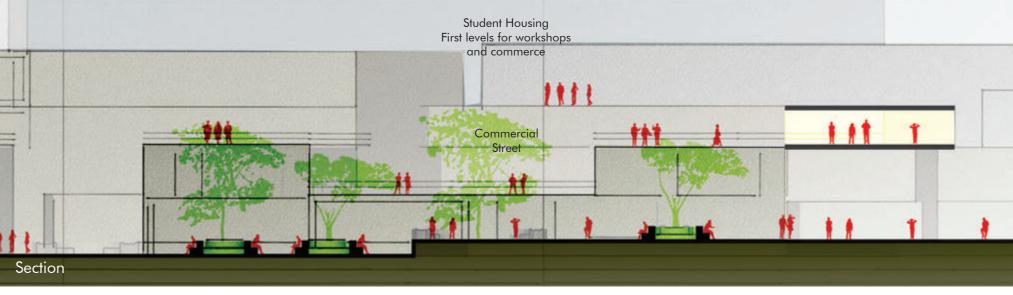


# **4. THE PROPOSAL** (Commercial Street)

















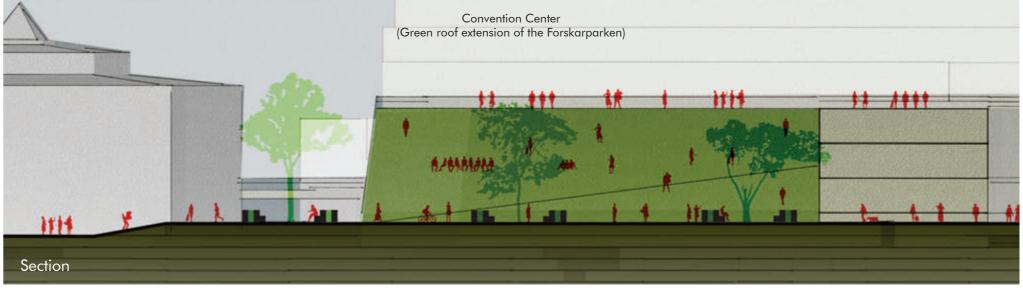
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# **4. THE PROPOSAL** (Forskarparken extension)









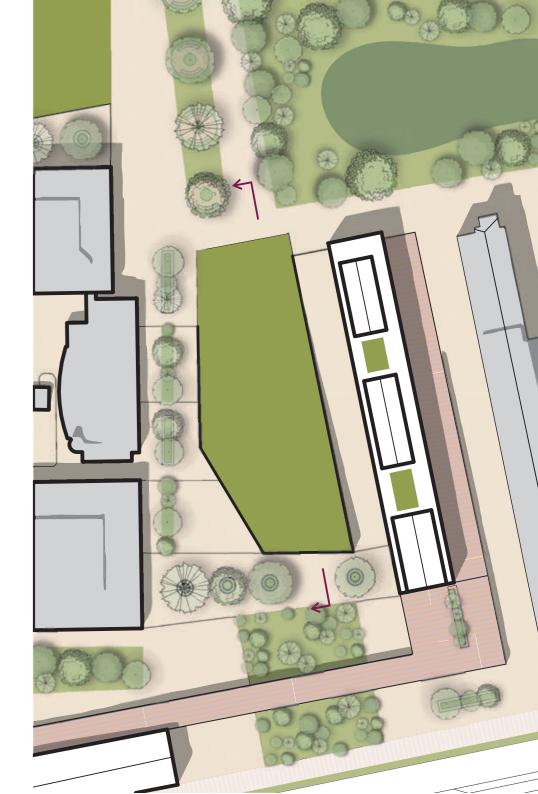


City Infrastructure (Green roof extension of the Forskarparken)

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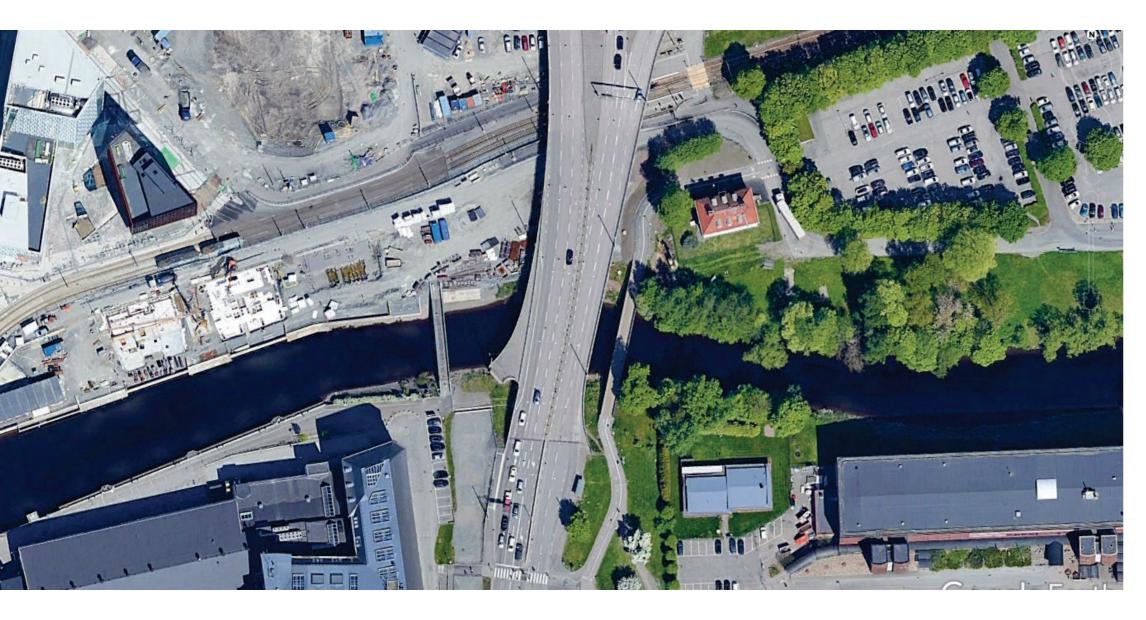






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# **5. REFLECTIONS** (Not conclusions)







From the experience of developing this work as a continual process instead of a finished product, I would like to raise some reflections.

- Having experience as an architect, I found it challenging but interesting to work with these city-region scales. However, in the design process, the initial questions regarding an architectural project can be similar to an urban exercise in terms of the relationship with the landscape, spatial sequences, openness-closeness, intimacy levels, etc.
- As architects and urban planners, we design from what we remember not only from the references of the context where we are designing but from our past experiences and put them together in something that was not there. That connection is Memory.
- Specific interventions in the cities should be considered as part of a regional scale network; to take advantage of local dynamics (culture and identity) considering the global impact of urban design.
- This exercise of reflection upon Memory and Place should be considered as a personal approach of a broader exercise that is sustainable urban design; designing the public space for the cities involves a collective discussion and the participation of many actors from different backgrounds and experiences.
- I would like to think this exploration is not only a metaphorical approach to a concept of the site, but to raise discussions about our role as urban designers upon sustainable strategies to approach the current relationship between the city and the landscape. As part of my experiences in Sweden, this is in Gothenburg. Exploring the city I found this situation; the same spot, different point of view.



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