We are faced with a constant tension of competing land uses that may result in the loss of the public realm. This can lead to the decline of the social fabric of the district. In my proposed location, Oranjeboomstraat and Rosepark in Feijenoord of Rotterdam,...

Nowadays, we are faced with social problems of deteriorating sense of community and a disjointed society that is generated by the Modern city paradigms. To tackle these problems does not mean the complete restoration of the old system. It is a process of transformation and innovation, where the different functions work together in harmony.

The coexistence of different but compatible activities, encourages the interaction among diverse social groups, enriching urban 'life-scape.' The resultant urban platform is in fact a magnification of public space. The richness in social context could lead to greater appreciation of pre-war urban structures as well as harmonies between the old and new. Furthermore, the historically-built buildings can be interpreted as a new design concept that is in the social context.

Design Concept: The notions of 'Functionalism' were differentiation and specialization, which promotes the 'Economy of Movement.' On the contrary, I believe that the 'Economy of Movement' is not necessarily a choice of functionalism. In this project, the mixture of different activities, social sectors, and the adaptation of the old to the new provide opportunities for people with different backgrounds to interact, negotiate, and cooperate. People can make use of the shops, services, workshops, and other forms of social interaction, even outside the social context, by reinterpreting the existing buildings and their social functions.