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Bourdieu’s *Habitus*

The experience of **spatiotemporal asymmetries** in the contemporary city gives a new form in the relationship of incised predispositions and the inhabitance of the individuals. Space, forms a field of **social education**, giving in movements social importance, imposing behaviors which discriminate gender, culture, class. **Social space** has to be translated, more or less distorted, in **physical space**, in the form of a certain distribution of agents and properties. P. Bourdieu, 2000. Pascalian Meditations, Polity Press, Cambridge

Defending the need to define **politics** as the admission of **future’s potentiality**, it is equally important to defend the potentiality of **space**, as inherent ingredient in a **perspective** of transforming reality. Potentiality of space is nothing more than the structural condition of space to be constantly **under construction**.


If **place** is defined by a crystalized identity as positioned in a system of discriminations, and **space** is defined by a constant departure towards otherness in a dynamic formation of orbital positions, then **stage**, where otherness and identity constantly reshape their relationship, is perhaps the hovering condition between space and place.
Only if place is conceived as an open field of common references, of inter-connections, it can adopt the general character of a relational condition and the specific character of a certain structure of co-existence.

This is the meaning of a spatiality which forms a multiplicity of stories-so-far, stories in progress, which leave their signs in the routes of experience, creating narrations which spread in time, while developing an archetypical story of human co-existence.

Space is an in-time condition, space can happen, space can be potentialized.

The spatiotemporal discontinuities of human experience can be expressed through the differentiations that action inserts in space, and most importantly through their consideration as rituals of comparison.

Comparing a before with an after, a here and a there, an identity with otherness.

In a narrational approach, space is an in-time relation of positions, as produced through time lapses of inhabitance, sequences of action. Space is in the routes that make it happen, is a system of practised differentiations.
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uncertainty: +non/negotiable
+open representation
+specificity/indeterminacy
+mapping

method: +read
+interpret
+translate
+transform

strategy: +invade
+urban acupuncture
+careful renewal

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Public Use
On the center of the block, forming an attractor for both insiders and outsider, with both indoor and outdoor spaces.
Communal Spaces
Scattered inside the block, places of communal encounter, expanding daily inhabitation

**PROGRAMME**
Scattered inside the block, places of communal encounter, expanding daily inhabitation.
**Workshops**

On the edges of the block, forming a perforated peripheral limit, an attractor to both insiders and outsiders.
Commercial
Scattered inside the block, attractors of internal movement, vivid street level with day and night activities.

- 500 m² in total
- 50 m² per unit
- Bakery, grocery, hair-salon, repair, tavern, bar
- Appr. 20 empl.
Urban Agriculture
Scattered inside the block, providing basic nutritive needs and potentials of in-community good exchange.

- backyard farm 60m² with 3 farmers
- cross-road farm 155m² with 6 farmers
- in-road farm 475m² with 12 farmers

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Housing Expansions

Expansion of the existing residencies, taking place horizontally, in all directions, conne
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- turn a drawback into an advantage
- exploit the current fallacy pattern as the main tool of future evolution
- abandoned houses and neglected spaces considered as the catalyst of transformation
- used for residencies, commercial uses, workshops and public uses
- selective demolition of some so as to create routes inside the block
- simultaneous development of 3 nodes
- public/labor/residence
- each node inserts the parameters/fragments of a new housing model
Public building
+ non/negotiable element
+ meeting point for residents
+ new housing units and labor as incentives for relocation
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+ future opening to rental market for vertical development
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Small size studs
1x3 m

Medium size studs
2x3 m

Horizontal studs
1x2 m
1x3 m
1x4 m

Large size studs
2x4 m

AAC slabs
AAC roof slabs
plasterboards
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Wall section

- tile joint
- ceramic tiles
- thin mortar bed
- waterproofing
- AAC slab
- rebar
- AAC masonry
- steel lamina
- thin mortar bed
- steel plate
- concrete ring beam
- bolt
- sun cladding cocking
  - chemical bolts
- foundation
- steel ring beam
Corner detail

- plasterboard
- vertical steel stud
- steel ring beam
- bolt
- AAC slab
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outdoor playground
theater
market
resting
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Housing
+max. 74m²

+all possible expansion if choosing not to expand horizontally
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+max. 74m²

+all possible expansion if choosing not to expand horizontally

+if expanding horizontally towards one direction then cannot expand towards the opposite

+if expanding horizontally towards street then cannot expand towards blocks interior
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+ if expanding horizontally towards block interior then expand on the opposite of service areas
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private negotiation

private

communal negotiation
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Plan

Housing
+max. for 6 housing units
+start/end at former backyard entrances
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+ max. for 6 housing units
+ start/end at former backyard entrances
+ further differentiation in more private and communal spaces

private

communal
Axonometric
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+ planting if adjacent to public or labor space

+ light shading construction if adjacent to already existing housing expansions
vertical expansion area defined on the surface of two ground floor residences of the previous model
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+ staircase starting at the communal space of the ground floor

+ movement allowed through the alley
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+staircase starting at the communal space of the ground floor

+movement allowed through the alley

+space created by possible ground floor expansions to be used for future rental, housing expansion, or residence if ground floor acquires labor use
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Housing
65 m²
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everyday life

negotiating

playing

communal life

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labor
social
services
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hairdressers
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