Vanish into nature
Antwerp intergenerational center

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The intimate city
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The cafe is not a place a man goes to for a drink but a place he goes to in order to drink in company. —— Pierre Bordieu

Home away from home
Cafes in Vienna
The intimate city
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Posed contextual problems
Social mix
Context - reality of social mix

Berchem as the most "social mix" district
Context - reality of social mix

Three historical layers

- elderly working-class people and partly more affluent newcomers.
- the first wave of Turkish immigrants
- post-1990s new immigrants
Context - reality of social mix

Dynamic native layer
Context - elderly in Berchem

- highly-educated young native Belgians
- elderly working-class people

Isolated elderly
Active Social Mix
Intergenetation

Choice of site
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Schools as potential site to create "mix"
Choice of site

Highly residential area containing many seniors
Choice of site - user group

- School block
- Isolated elderly
From user group to program
From user group to program - students

Three schools

- School de merode
- School de knikkerbaan
- Stedelijk Lyceum Groenhout

Age ranges:
- 2.5 - 6
- 6 - 12
- 12 - 18
From user group to program - students
From user group to program - elderly

Elderly - loss of social space in Berchem
From user group to program - cases
From user group to program - Intergeneration center

How does program going
Site analysis
Site
Site location

Civic Centre
Site analysis

Most active street
Driekoningenstraat - Statiestraat
Site accessibility
Site

Historic value
Site - current situation

Current site as a private parking lot
Site - current situation

2-3 floors residential buildings of yellow/red brick facade
Design
Idea inspired by site

Site special conditions — walls
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Site special conditions — trees
Idea inspired by site - vanish into nature
Idea inspired by site - typology study

Typology study - Surrounding buildings
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Rockoxhuis
Hotel du Bois
De Kleine- en Grote Witte Arend
Huis Draecke

Courtyard-Antwerp
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Typology study - Surrounding buildings
Pavillion - isolation and connection

Canglangting

Wangshiyuan

Typology study_ Chinese Garden architecture
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Tara House

Maggie center
Idea inspired by site - isolation and connection

Idea of isolation and connection (block and corridors)
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Informal space in surrounding schools, Potential of corridors as city rooms
Site accessibility
How does two generation mix - different entrances, a playground to be seen
Zooning - elderly

isolation and connection
Zooning - children

isolation and connection - integrate with kindergarten
Zooning - shared

isolation and connection
Intimacy and city room
Space and quality - corridor - intimacy
Space and quality - corridor - intimacy

development of corridor in schools - informal space
Space and quality - room - intimacy
Space and quality - room

Meeting room
Reading room
Kitchen
Physiotherapy
Dancing Room
Afterschool care
Space hierarchy from private program to public

In complement with the homogeneity inside the corridor, richness and complexity is created
Space and quality - courtyard

new building and old walls - form courtyards
The enclosed garden can be considered a paradox. To close off the outside world and bring a controlled nature within, creating an outdoor room that functions as a metaphor for nature.
Entering space

Courtyard

Gardening

Sports

Playground for special children

Farm

Children playground

courtyards as outdoor room

outside catering
Main city room - where two generations meet - solid and hollow

brick and timber - solid and hollow - warm and cold
Main city room - roof and wall

The isolation of roof and the old wall - contrast of lightness and weight
Main city room - building and city

urban gesture - a public living room
Main city room - inside and outside

the vague boundary of interior and exterior - courtyard as outdoor room
Main city room - flexible function

create all kinds of opportunities for two generations to gather
Materialization - structure - sustainability

Structure and sustainability
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Rhythm/atmosphere of nature - semiinterior
prefabricated framed wooden structure - faster establish and easy restoration
Materialization - technology - climate

Floor cooling at hottest day

Special requirment of elderly and children
Materialization - technology - climate

Winter

Extract air

Supply warm air

Floor heating

Special requirement of elderly and children
Materialization - facade - material

Material and urban gesture
Thanks for viewing!