P4 Reflection

An anarchistic factory

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The Why Factory
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1. Relationship between research and design

Since the beginning of this year, we have been working on a Jakarta oriented graduation-project. The project's main focus is the Kampung and its complicated status within the growing city.

**Brief resume**

In short our studio tried to map and understand some of the major issues the city is facing. From a larger towards the smaller scale many complex interlinked problems are present. We have displayed and explained these issues in our research book.

**Project hypothesis**

Our hypothesis is, that a strategy of densification would allow for reconsideration of the entire urban fabric and give an incentive in the form of more income per square meter, thereby facilitating solving many of these issues. This strategy has become a starting point for the individual graduation designs.

**Test case: Kebon Kacang**

In the course of our project, the neighbourhood Kebon Kacang has become a test-case for our studio. It harbours different situations that can be generically found across the city. The Future Models exercise will focus on this particular area. In the drawing on the side, this is the area denoted in pink.
The goal of my individual project is to find tools and strategies to provide an alternative for the illegal squatters along the Ciliwung riverbanks, while giving an incentive to help solve floods and introduce open, public space at the same time.

As a group, we researched on the qualities and issues of kampungs and re-used rules and tools in our new design proposals. We also researched the current qualities and future growth projections and written a manifesto based on the conclusions from that research.

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2. Relationship between theme and subject

What is the relationship between the theme of the studio and the subject/case study chosen by the student within this framework (location/object)?

**Hypothesis tested throughout the scales**

We started this project as a group within T?F with the goal of researching possibilities of increasing the density of urban villages in South East Asia. The Why Factory started a research on this topic in 2007 with the Vertical Village studios, which lead to the publication in 2011. We planned on bringing the knowledge and research further by focusing on the city of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Jakarta as a city was chosen because of the fact that 70% of the city consists of kampungs, which are urban villages. The city is in a desperate need of a new vision on this informal part of the city while maintaining the growth of its global and formal city; the kota.

The studio research is divided into scales ranging from XL to XXS, as shown before. Scale XL till L have been researched and designed by the group.

The individual research focuses on one of the four generic situation which can be found within the L scale site (Kebon Kacang). These are the M scales and are:
- the innercity-kampung
- the kampung kota border
- the riverbanks
- the economic and production centre

My project (from the M to XXS scale) focuses on the riverbanks.

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**XL**

Jakarta
1:250,000
Group

**Implications**
- > design (Jakarta Impian)

**L**

Kebon Kacang
1:10,000
Group

**Implications**
- > design (Kebon Kacang Masterplan)

**M**

4 Individual sites (situations that occur more often)
1.1000
Individual

**Implications**
- > design (M till XXS architectural and policy designs)
3. Relationship between studio and student

What is the relationship between the methodical line of approach of the studio and the method chosen by the student in this framework?

The Why Factory

The Why Factory’s research projects are positioned in a classical research tripod of models, views and software; of model cities, applications and storage. The research on the Future City is undertaken through the interactive composition of three fields. It speculates on possible theoretical models in the model city program. It makes counter proposals for existing cities.

Both the group and the individual parts of the graduation project have aspects in all 3 of the elements of the research tripod. 3D models of the city are been used to test the quality and impact of both architectural and infrastructural strategies. Parametric software tools have been used to show the impact of various scenarios of densification. Axonometric and section drawings of both the current and the future situation are used to test and showcase qualities to determine if the solutions maintain enough kampungness.
4. Relationship between project and wider context

What is the relationship between the project and the wider social context?

**Jabodetabek**

Jabodetabek, the urban agglomeration consisting of DKI Jakarta, Bogor, Depok, Tangerang and Bekasi, is the second fastest growing megacity on the planet (Robinson, 2011). Current projections show that Jabodetabek’s population will reach 38 million people in 2030 (Jakarta municipality, 2014).

However, this growth will take place in a city that is facing major problems; all these issues are deeply interconnected and are seriously jeopardizing the city’s livability. (Kusno, 2010; Robinson, 2011; Silver, 2007). We believe these problems should be tackled with a radical reconsideration of Jakarta’s urban fabric. We propose the double the amount of inhabitants, going from Jakarta to Jajakarta.

In 2030 Jakarta will have expended so much due to migration and population growth, and in this process overtaken many adjacent cities, that it will be called Jabodetabekasepususesuci (Jakarta municipality, 2014). An unpronounceable name for a megacity that has become so addictive to growth that it will become uncontrollable. The municipality will be left incapable in effectively managing the dramatically enlarged city.

Stopping the urban sprawl will mean that the city center, known as DKI Jakarta, should increase its density; both in its inhabitants as in floor space, in order to be able to house the majority of the expected growth for all income classes. This change will require a new kind of urban fabric, in which the kampung is intensified.

The re-envisioned Kampungs will have to house more people then ever while maintaining its diverse income groups. Doubling the population density will offer the opportunity to tackle some of Jakarta’s major issues while reimagining the core fabric of the city which is in grave need help.

Jakarta is not the only city that faces these kinds of issues. Other cities in Indonesia such as Yogyakarta, Semarang, Surabaya and Bandung are all facing similar issues due to massive migration from the countryside to the cities. The strategies on an architectural and infrastructural scale are therefor not site specific, but could be implemented within various all of Indonesia’s kampungs and other south east Asian cities.