Graduation Plan

Master of Science Architecture, Urbanism & Building Sciences
**Graduation Plan: All tracks**

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**Argumentation of choice of the studio**

I think heritage is a record of history using architecture. After the Korean War in the 1950s, most of the buildings in Korea were destroyed. In other words, most of the structures recorded in the general Korean era were lost. Therefore, for generation born after that, including myself, heritage has come to be called as referring to only special architectures that have survived a long time ago. However, looking into the future, heritage is the architecture worth recording of the concrete buildings that remain next to us today. That is why I want to know more about 20th century heritage architecture in this studio.

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**Goal**

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<td><strong>The posed problem,</strong></td>
<td>After V&amp;D went bankrupt in 2016, the huge department store became obsolete in the city center. Large shopping malls no longer play a role today. The huge department store building is waiting for revitalizing. Moreover, in the rapidly changing modern society, the meaning of socializing in public places is emerging.</td>
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research questions and

The meaning of city center is the most important place for the public. At this point when it can no longer serve as a commercial building, a huge department store should become a public space that can be used by the majority of people.

In addition, since the space itself remains even after time passes, questions were raised as to what various values could be found by analyzing the space as an architect.

Thus my research question is “If the heritage department store is transformed into a social public space, what are the possible spatial aspects to re-use?”

Design assignment in which these result.

Hybrid Park in the Heritage Dordrecht department store connecting to urban city center.

Heritage buildings which are mixed with socializing public place and park will make people aware of social values. Through this research and project, I will focus on the social value of heritage architecture. People’s attention is focused on how to make community, health, well-being and social sustainability. Accordingly, I intend the goal of on renovation architectural project, how to create a sustainable society, and in what space people can socialize in the contemporary society. It is no longer architecture from the past, but aims to play a role as a hybrid park of Heritage department store with a new function as a park and public space in the future.

**Process**

**Method description**

Case Study Research:
First, team work analyzes the physical and spatial characteristics of 8 V&D Department stores in the Netherlands by dividing them into different scale levels. Four different scale levels are analyzed by dividing into City Center, Urban Block, Building Object, and Facades and Roof. Investigation methods include collecting original drawings from archives, redrawing them according to each scale level, drawing diagrams to reveal their characteristics, and performing modeling to understand physical characteristics.

Historical Research:
In order to predict the new shopping culture, I also need to investigate how the shopping culture historically originated in Europe, and how online shopping is generally conducted today. Therefore, it is necessary to investigate how the shopping culture has developed. Related literature includes Rem Koolhaas ‘Project on the City’ (Koolhaas, 2001), and I can research how shopping has developed historically, not
only in the Netherlands but also in the world.

In addition, historical research is needed on how urban parks and plazas have been used and developed by citizens. For example, parks has changed to a place where nature can be preserved, exercised, and people can gather and enjoy. It will be researched about what is the background of this change and what form it has changed needs to be investigated based on ‘The Enclosed Garden’ (Aben & Wit, 1999), and ‘New Public Spaces’ (Gaventa, 2006). In order to conduct such a historical investigation, it is necessary to research data at a desk, such as reading literature and related newspaper articles from archives.

Qualitative Research:
To understand what behaviors people are doing in public space, the qualitative research methodology is necessary. In addition, in order to compare the spatial characteristics between public space and department store, it is necessary to check in which space the socializing pattern appears. In the book of Hideaki Haraguchi’s ‘A comparative analysis of 20th-century houses’, the housing architecture of the 20th century is described five classifications. In this way, the characteristics of public spaces, such as parks and square, can be classified into different characteristics. For this methodology, the research methods are taking pictures, sketching, making models to analyze what behavior patterns people show in public space.

Comparison Spatial Typology:
The final stage of research is to compare the spatial typology of other public parks or squares and V&D department stores. I try to research how a design solution can come out while comparing two spaces with completely different purposes and functions through the common traits of spatial characteristics.
Literature and general practical preference

Method and Framework:

Practical Preference:
1. What is the relation between your graduation (project) topic, the studio topic (if applicable), your master track (A,U,BT,LA,MBE), and your master programme (MSc AUBS)?

: The architecture needs to be rebuilt, but in the 21st century, there will be many cases in which buildings or facilities that have already been built will be renovated. Therefore, I believe that the design, technical judgment and process of how to use which part of the heritage will be sufficiently used in this graduation project. Therefore, if I understand the characteristics of the space in order to add new functions to the vacant heritage department stores, I will be able to help in designing by thinking about the characteristics of the space itself in future architectural practice.

2. What is the relevance of your graduation work in the larger social, professional and scientific framework?

: Today, the unexpected Covid-19 rapidly changes our daily lives. As I mentioned earlier, the use of existing public buildings is changing because of working from home, online shopping and studying at home. As Covid-19 transform industry structure, it might give rise to an increase of vacant architecture in the near future. On top of that, people’s needs would also be changing. Therefore, this graduation work will try to present a solution to how architects should respond in a changing society in the future.
Research and Design Planning Diagram

Main Research Question

If the Heritage Department Store is Transformed into a Social Public Space, What are the Possible Spatial Aspects to Re-use?

Sub Questions:
- Spatial Building Typology based on Different Scale of Redevelopment (Study Existing Project)
- Different Projects about Public Space (e.g., SEC Park) to find spatial features based on social value of space
- Space aspects of public space
- Historical Research (e.g., "History of the City" project)
- Qualitative Research (Analysis of spatial features, e.g., "Drawing of the View"
- Taking Photos/Videos/Drawings and Sketches about Behaviour of People in Public Space

Methodology

- Case Study Research
- Different V&D Department Stores
- Spatial building typology based on different scale level of re-development, study existing project
- Different projects about public space (e.g., SEC Park) to find spatial features based on social value of space
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Research Conclusion

- Comparison between department stores and public spaces

Reflection

Building Technology

- Eco-friendly Method
- Sustainability
- Zero-Energy Building

Analysis of Building

What should be investigated in order to judge the social value of a building?

Program and Scenarios

- Based on users' experience
- Test in the site situation
- Dokdo V&D Department Store
- Investigation of drawings, photographs, etc.

Value Assessment

- Find spatial aspect based on different values and functions
- Matrix

Elaborating Re-design Option

- Material and Detail
- Final design
- Feedback
- Reflection

Initial Re-design Proposal and Scenarios

- Test of design
  - Different scales
  - Target groups
  - Different size of public space

Test in Site Situation

- Based on users' experience
- Test in the site situation
- Dokdo V&D Department Store
- Investigation of drawings, photographs, etc.

Select Location

- Reason: Based on public space
  - Is there a historical public space in the city?
  - Is there the problem of public space in the city?

Essence Model Assignment

- Entrance

Objective

Vacant Heritage Building in the City Center as Public Space

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Motivation

- Rapidly changing society (e.g., COVID-19, online shopping)
- Different meaning of city center in Europe from South Korea