Graduation project

Water Barrier - Ornithology Center
Istanbul

Public Building - Boarder Conditions studio
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Gated communities are closed off hyper real worlds, where all the problems seize to exist. It is the dream of each beleaguered city dweller: an apparatus for keeping every urban problem out of sight. (Michael Sorkin). Terms such as public space, privatization, urban community, security, identity and citizenship acquire new meanings within the context of gated communities. Belonging to a city doesn’t make sense anymore, but belonging to a community—one marked by shared lifestyles, property ownership and a sense of belonging—does. Herein is the conflicted definition of gated community in the contemporary global city of Istanbul.
Historical overview of Istanbul in relation to gated communities

1980 - 1990

1990 - 2000

2000 -

- Istanbul border
- Coast line
- Study area
- Gated communities

0 5 10 20 km
Map of Istanbul showing the location of Göktürk
“What is gated in Göktürk?”
Research question
Abstraction of borders
Capsules and borders.
Gökşir Mahalle, İstanbul

1. Forest area
2. Development threat area
3. Agricultural areas
4. High security areas
5. Railway
6. Connecting Gökşir with Shemshed and Metal business districts
7. Storm collector and sewage
8. Concrete sewage tank
9. Main road
10. Informal market where various traditional items and artifacts could be obtained. Giving the opportunity for residents to purchase the "identity" quickly and efficiently.
11. Informal gardening market where plants and trees could be sold.
12. Hard Border: consisting of women or male human right side with board main house on top, separates horse and silo and small ticket offices.