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Introduction

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In the Autumn semester 2012 the studio continued its investigation of density and the manner in which it can be managed in the contemporary European city. In this instance Naples was chosen as the location for our studies. Naples is a very different kind of city to London and Zurich, the places previously chosen. It is economically disadvantaged while at the same time it holds an exceptionally rich architectural culture, particularly from the Baroque period. In contemporary terms, it displays a very palpable sense of tension that exists between the need to preserve a form of architectural patronony and the financial difficulties that are omnipresent.

Our work considered the city centre as an inherited urban tissue and proposed precise architectural projects that would repair and complete a number of voids or ruptures that have arisen as a result of earthquakes, war damage, or simply through neglect and decay. We resisted the temptation to raze to the ground existing neighbourhoods that currently operate in a socially complex and urbanistically fragile condition instead by proposing numerous viable for a number of sites it is hoped that a form of urban repair could be found.

As in the past, the emphasis of our work revolved around an overarching interest in considering density and normative architectural programmes.

Project Sites

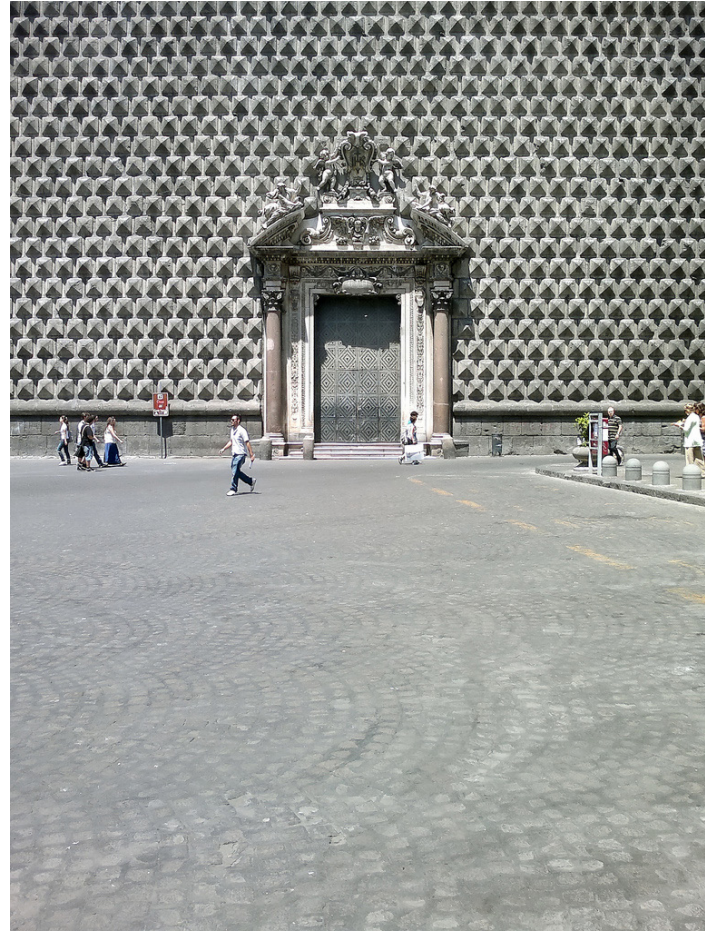


Project sites

- 1 Vico Pallonetto Santa Chiara
- 2 Vico Giuseppe Maggei
- 3 Vico Cinquesanti

- 4 Via Luciano Armani
- 5 Vico San Giovanni in Porta
- 6 Vico San Petrillo
- 7 Vico Giganti - Vico Gerolomini

Naples as found



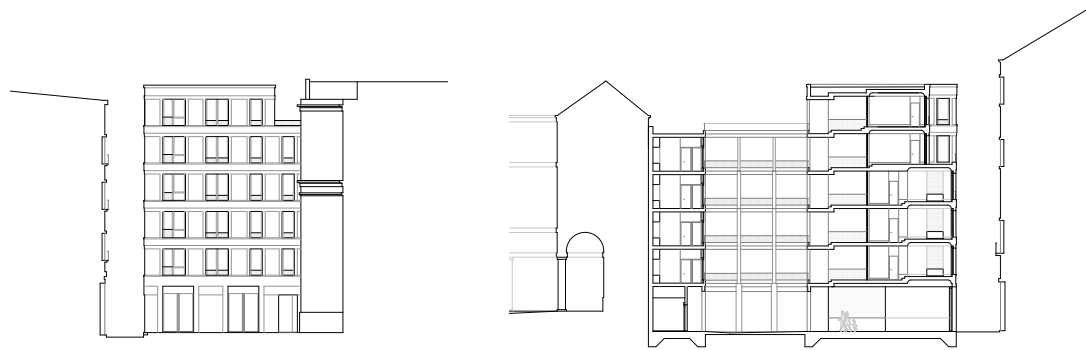
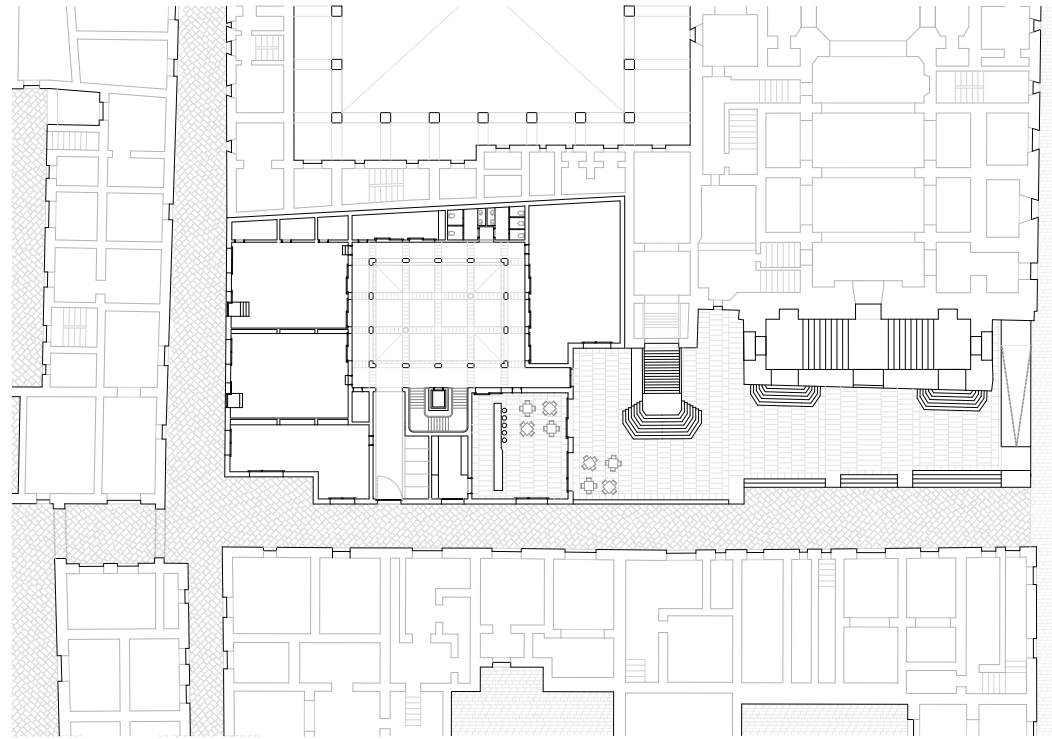
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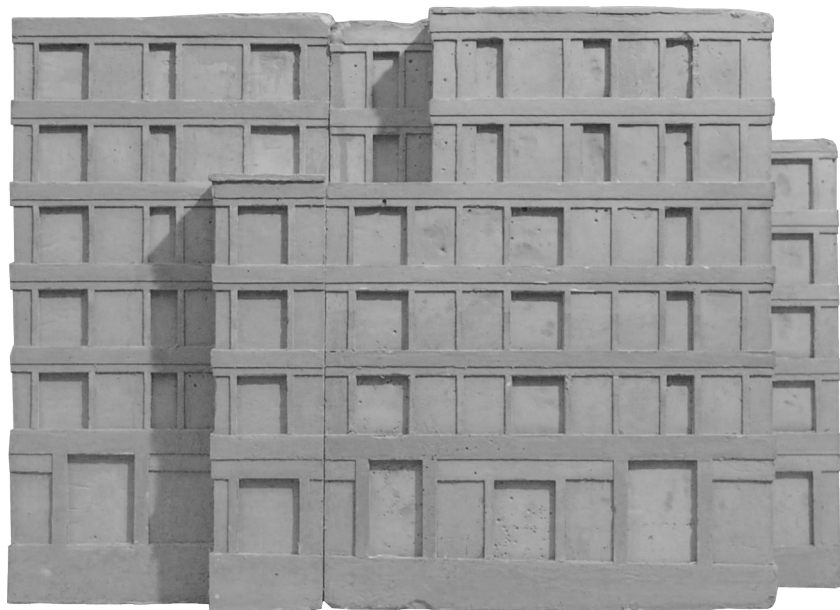
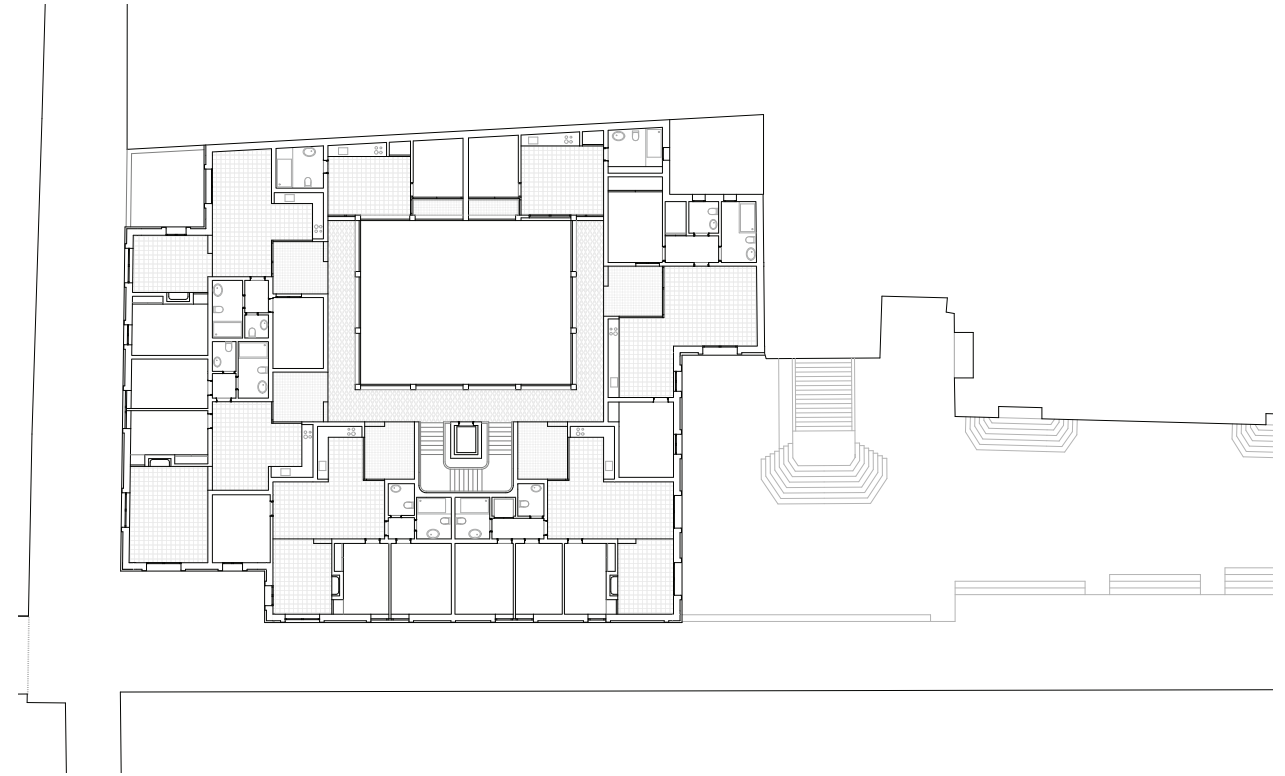


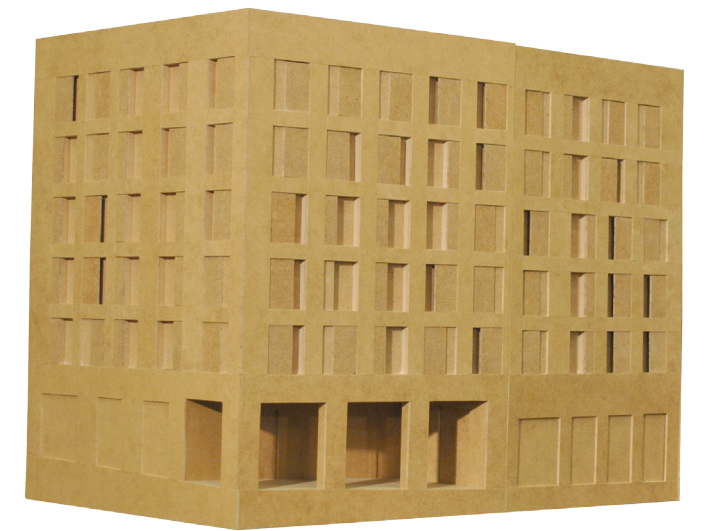
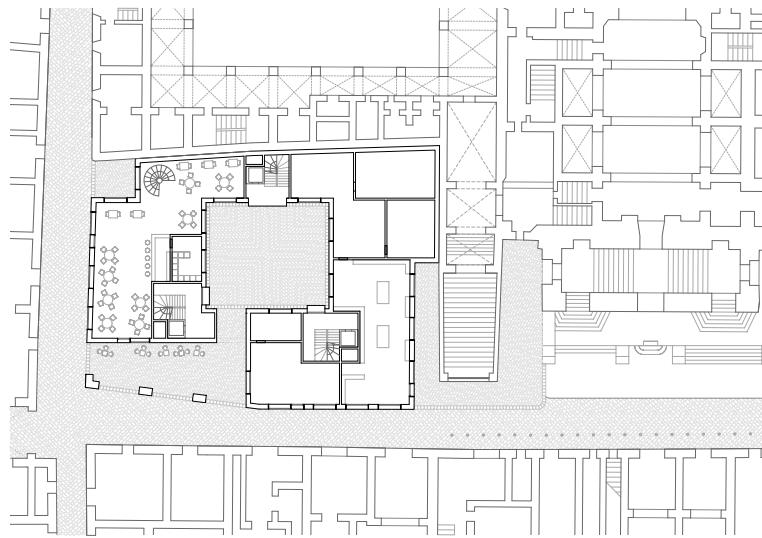
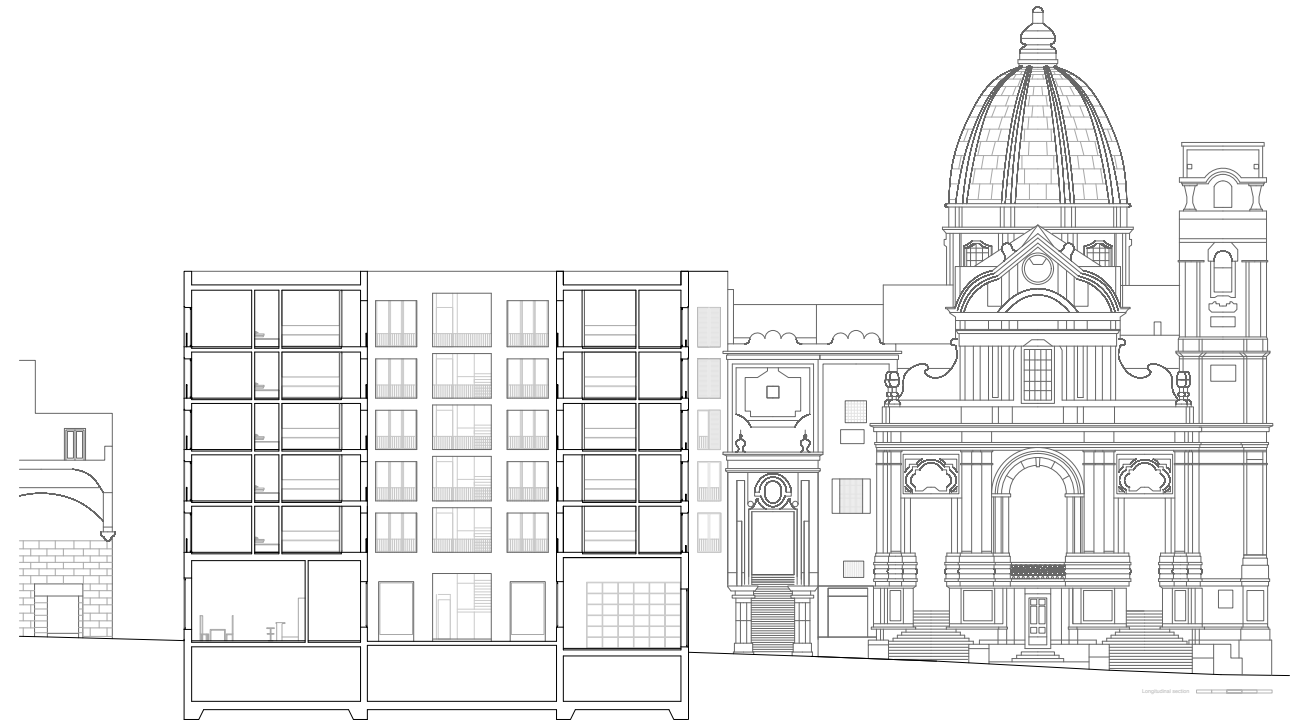
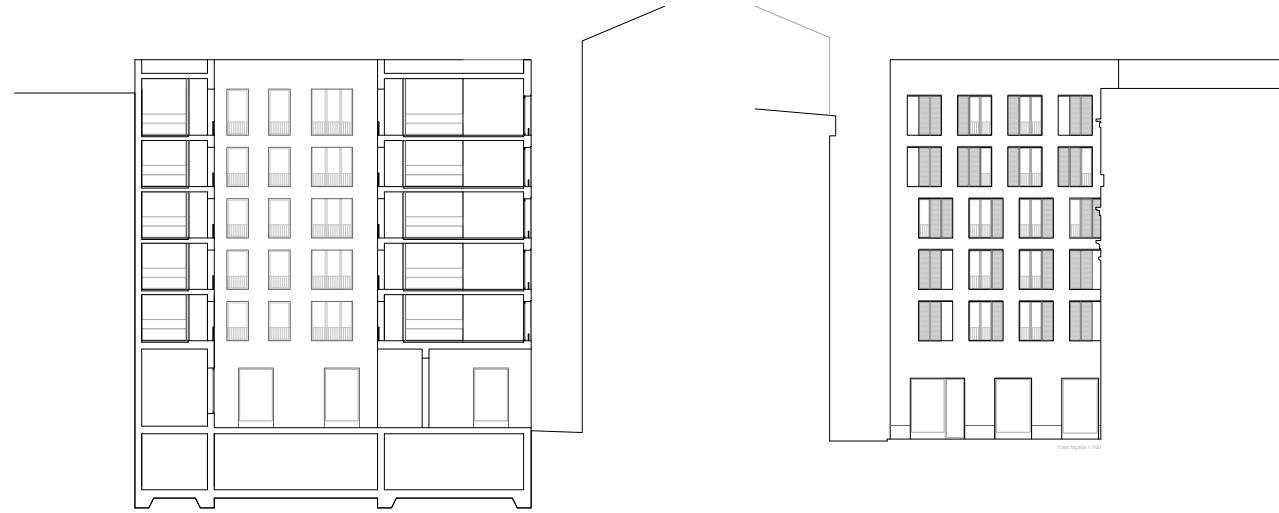
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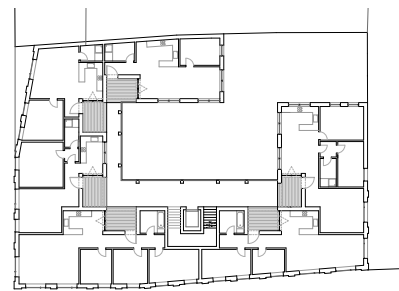
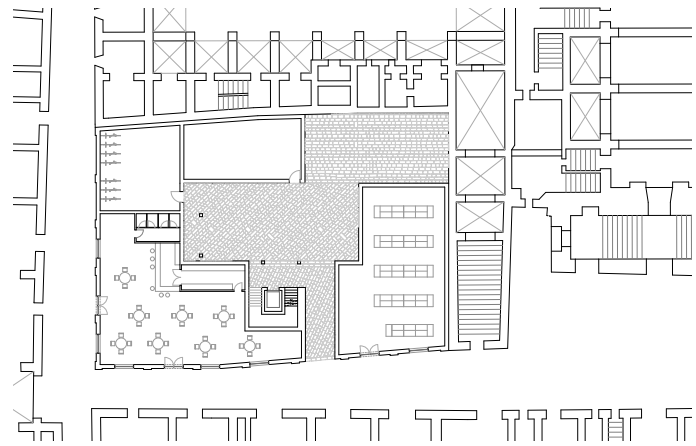
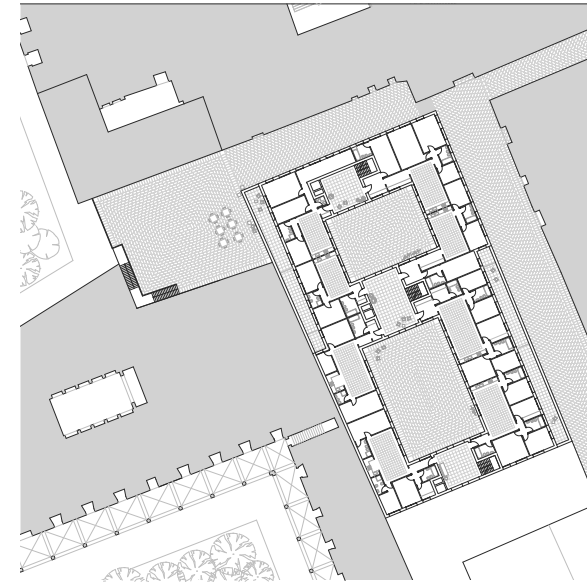
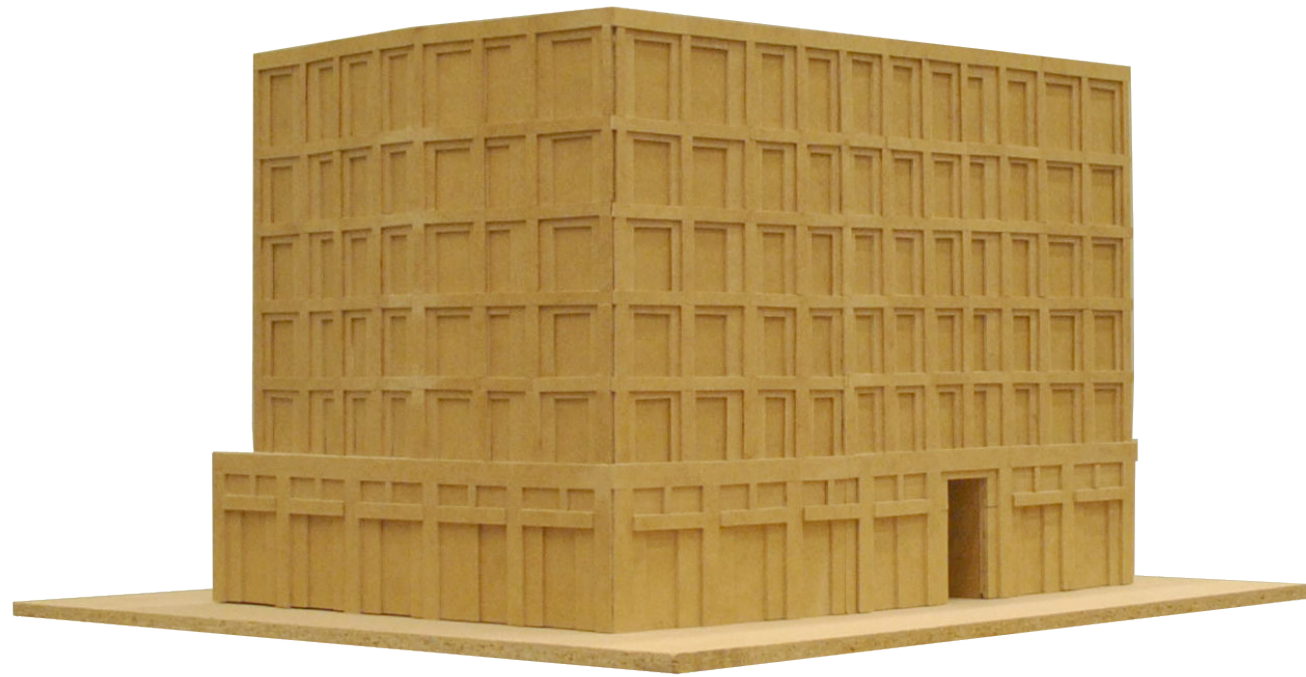




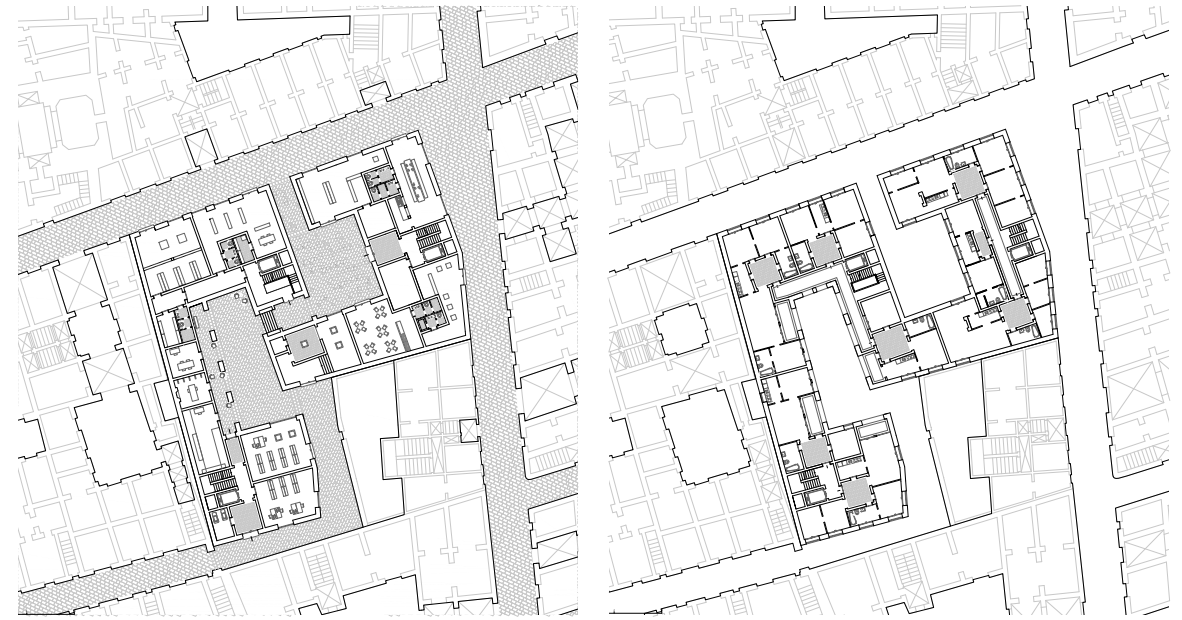
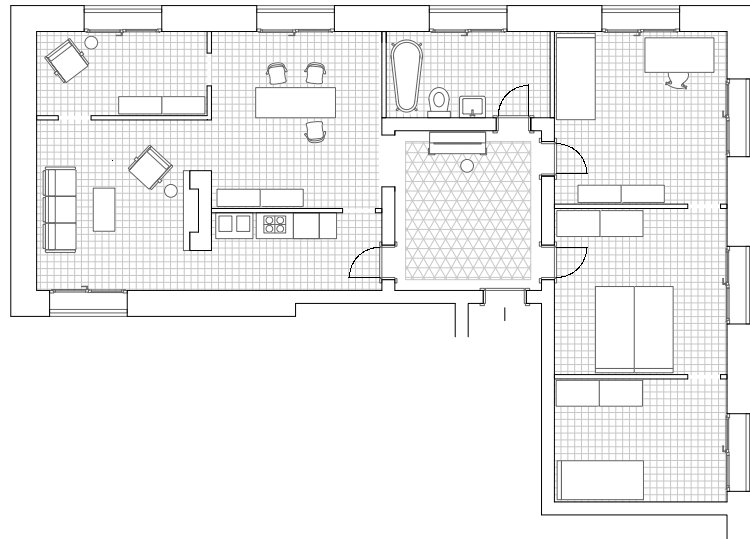
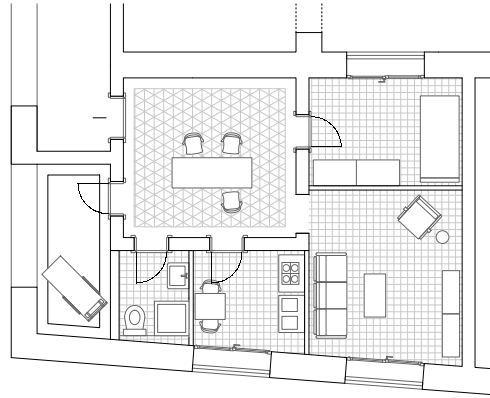


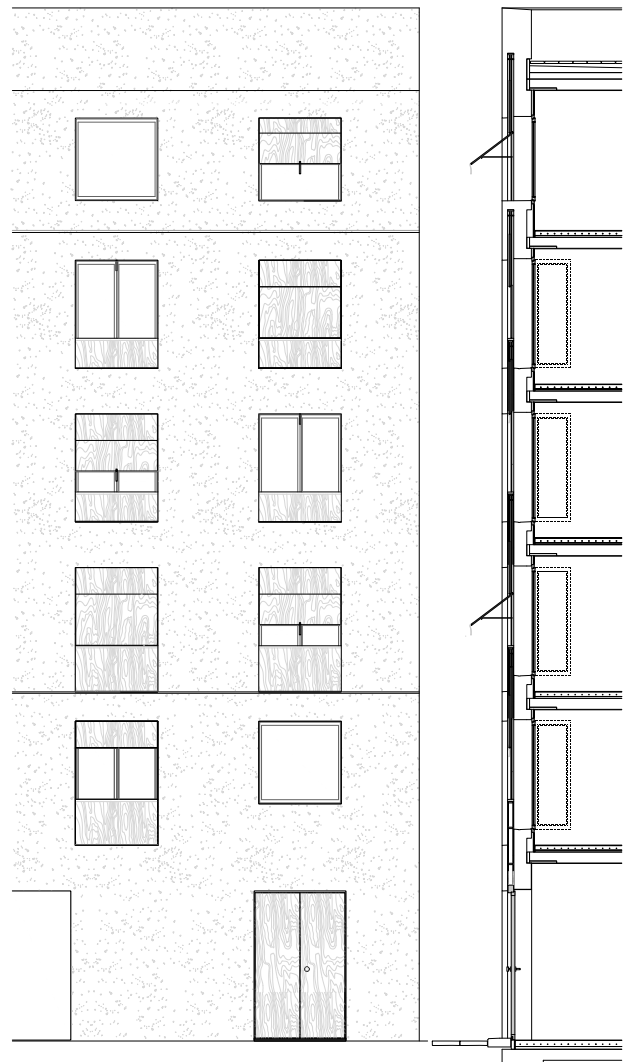


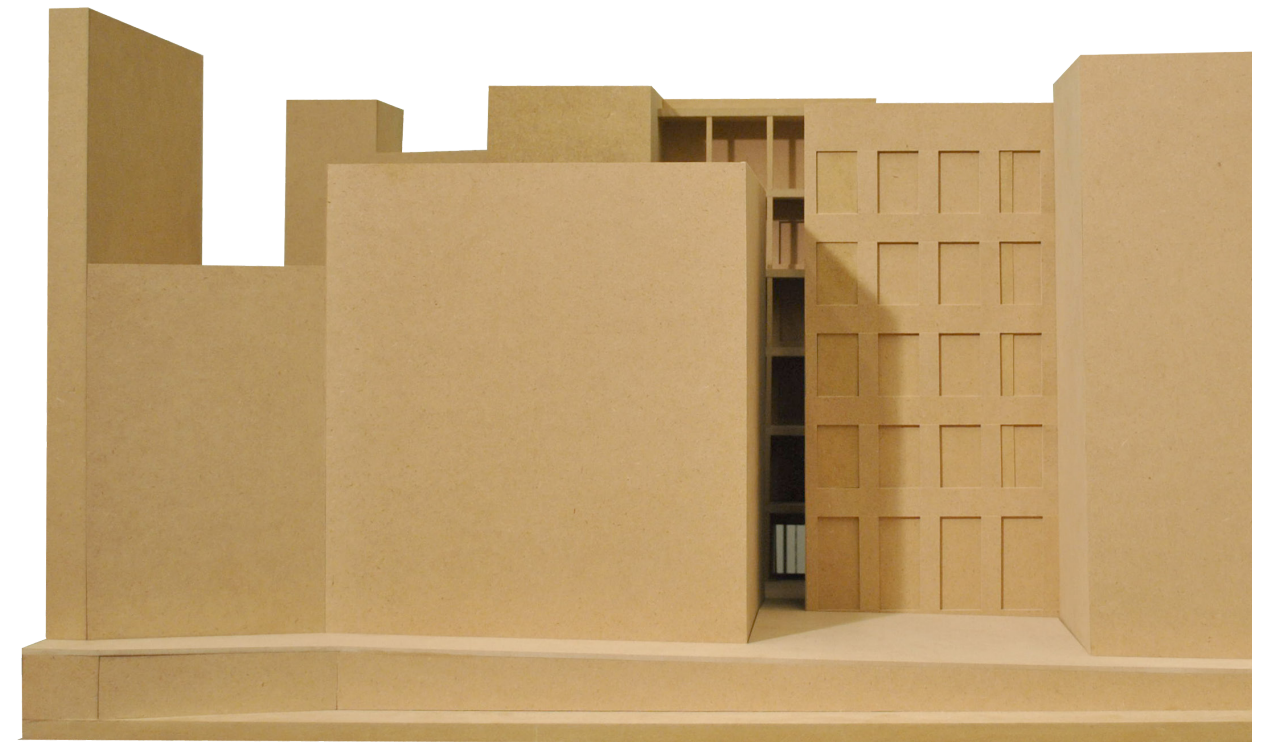
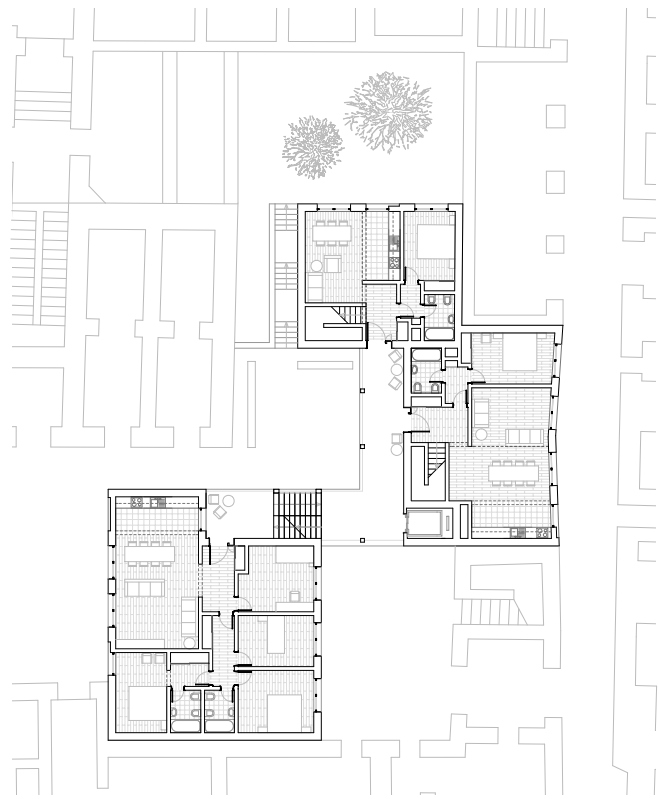


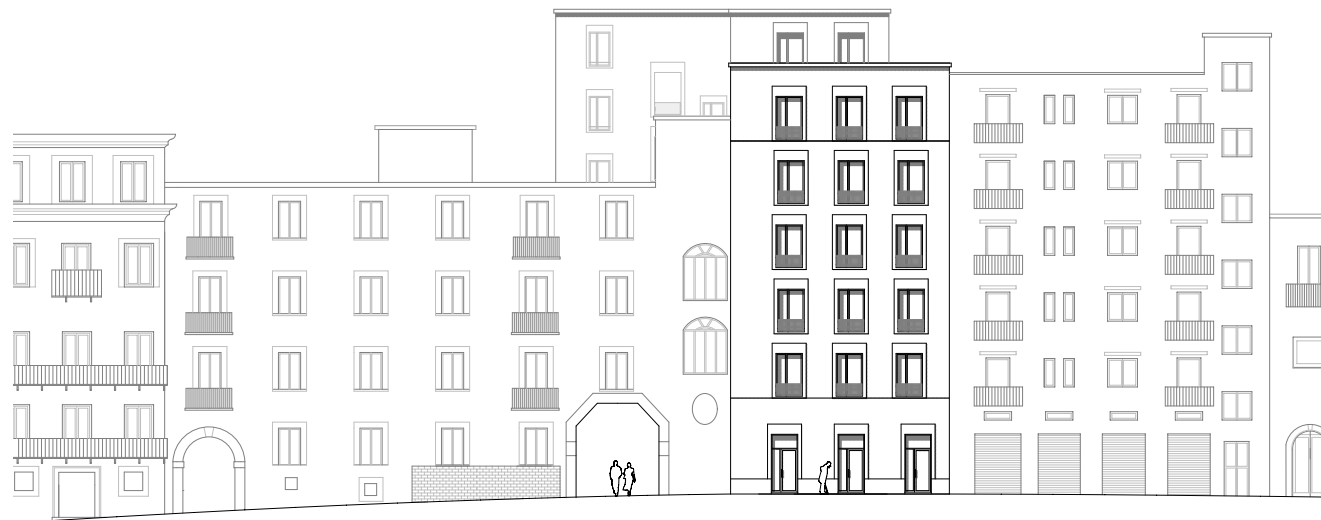
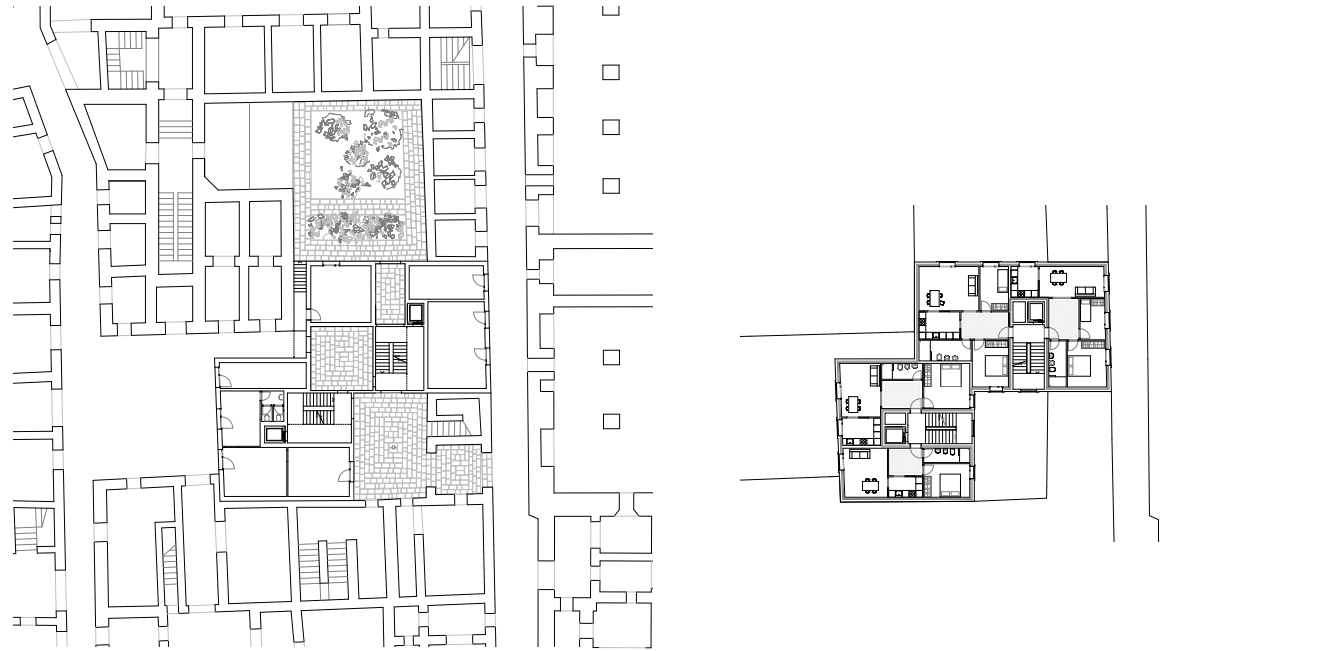


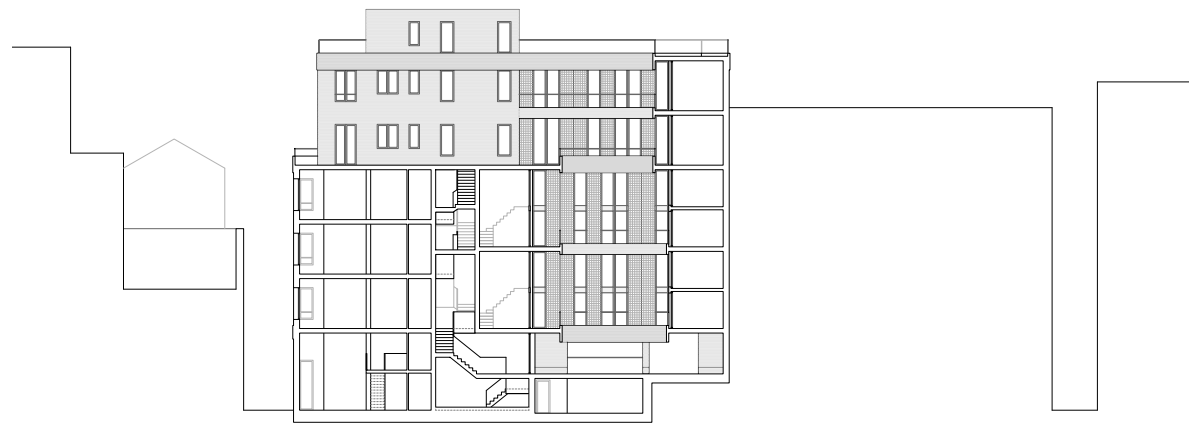
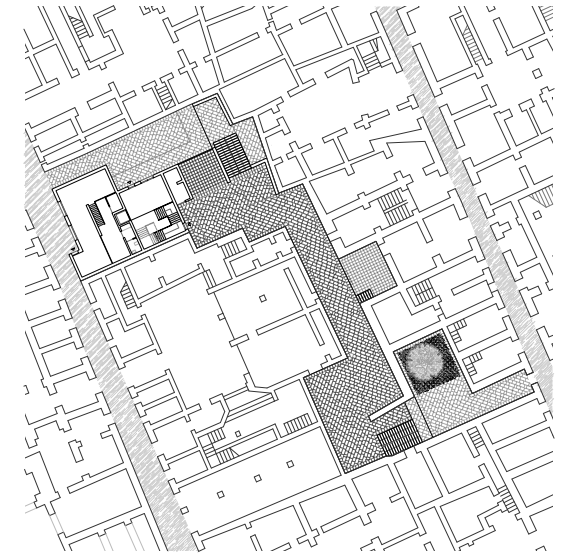




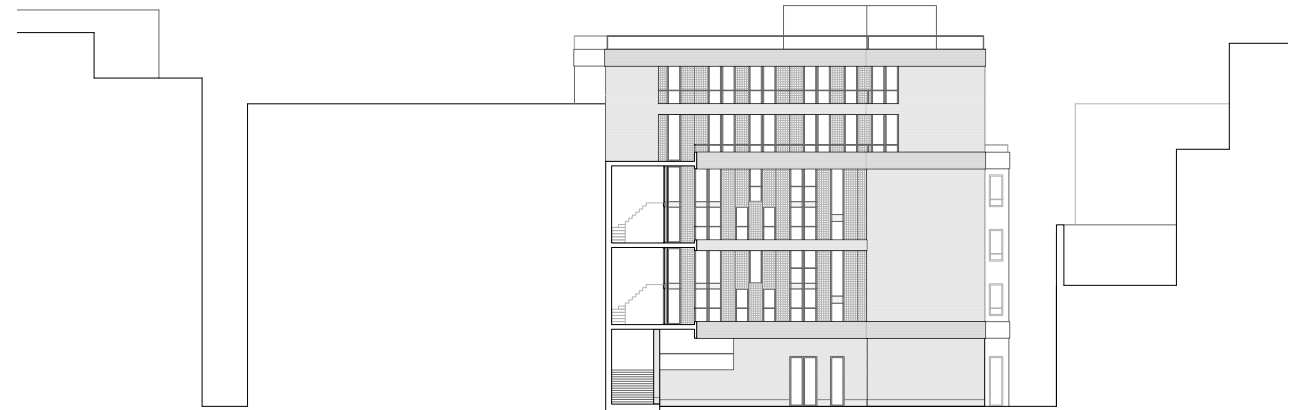






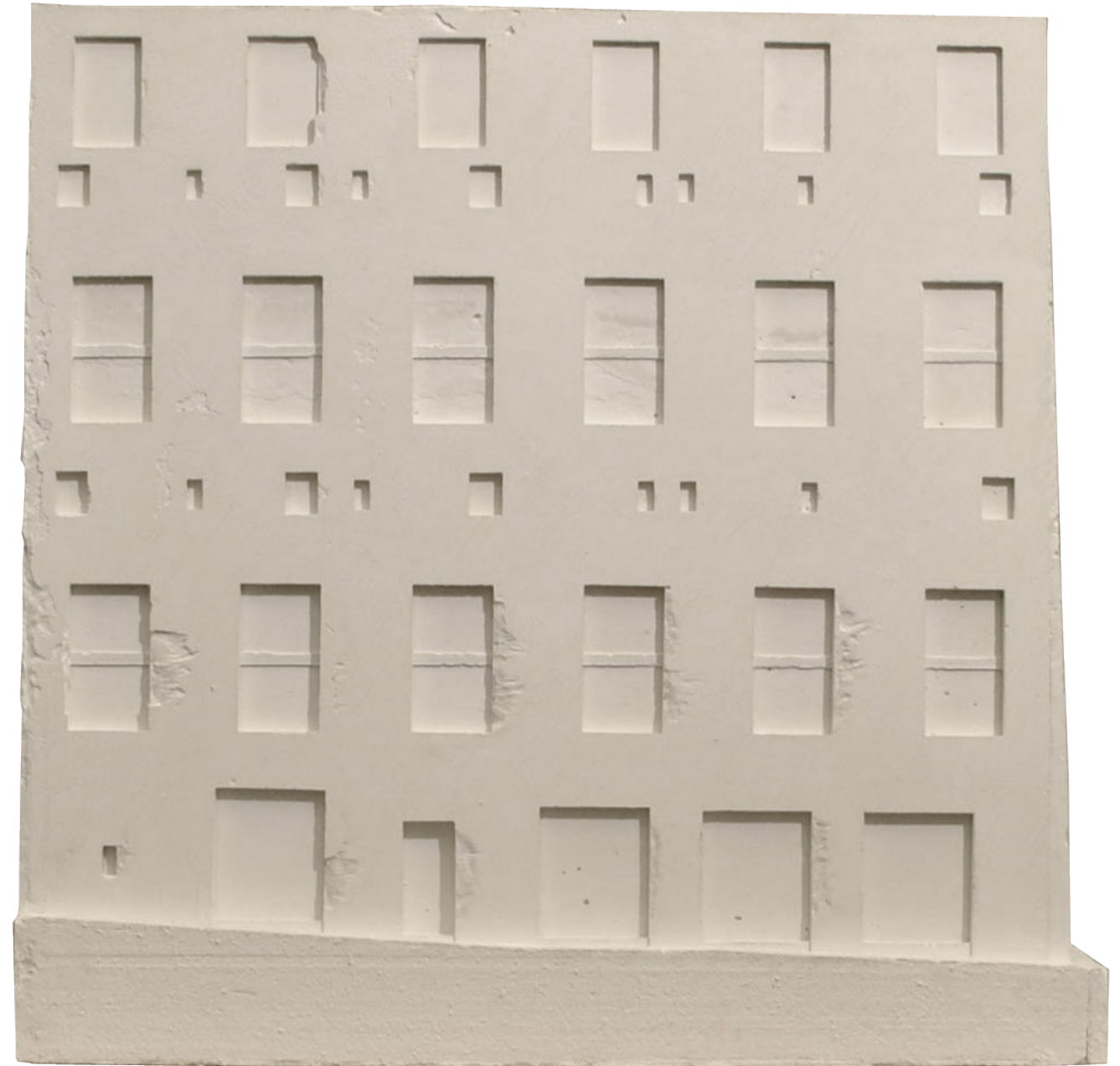
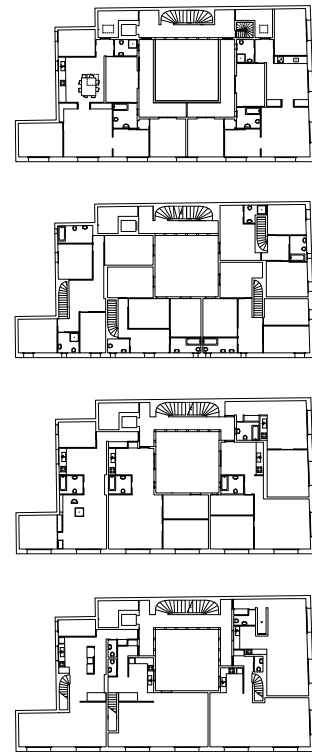
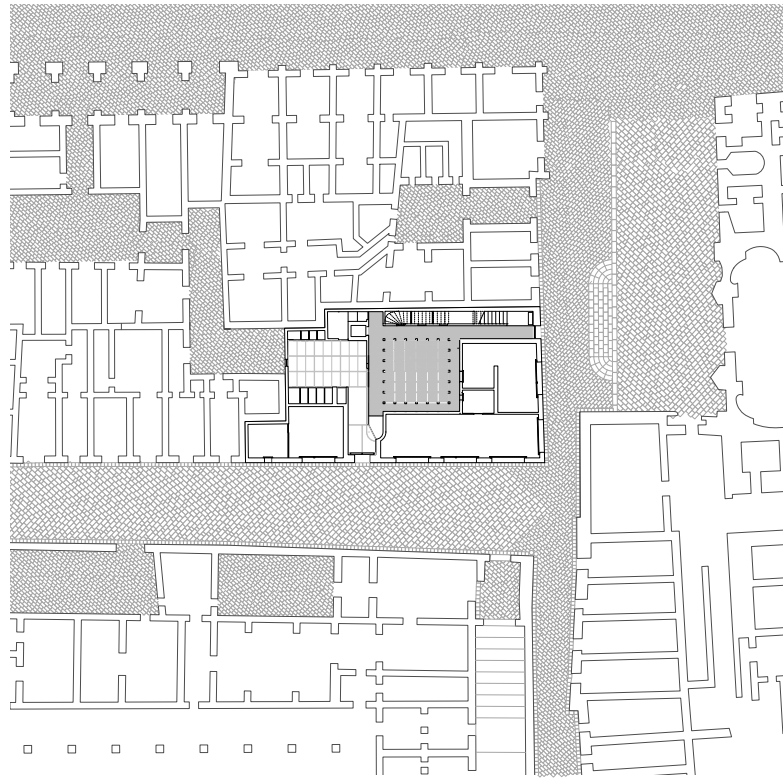


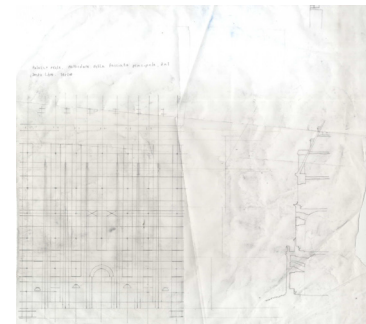
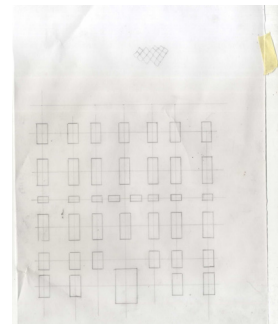
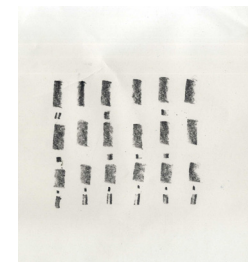
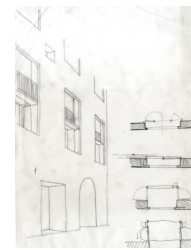
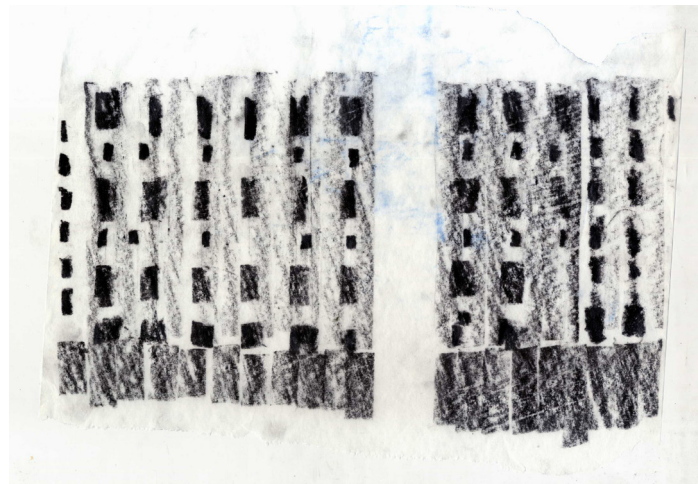
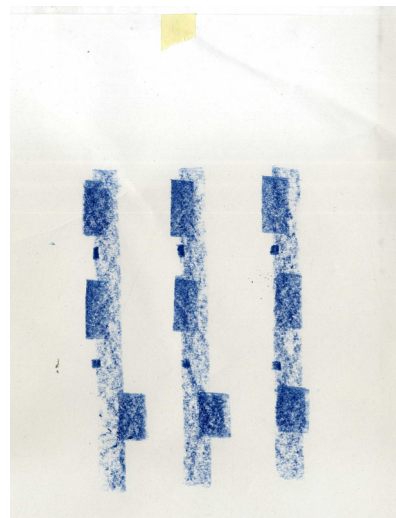
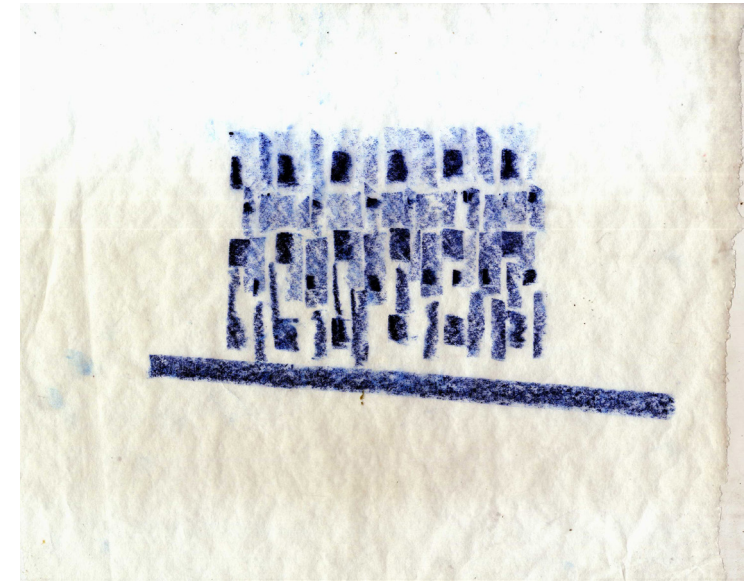
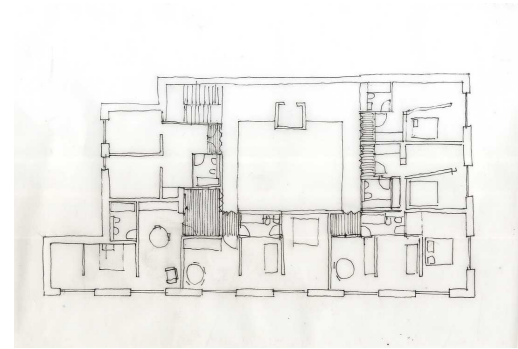
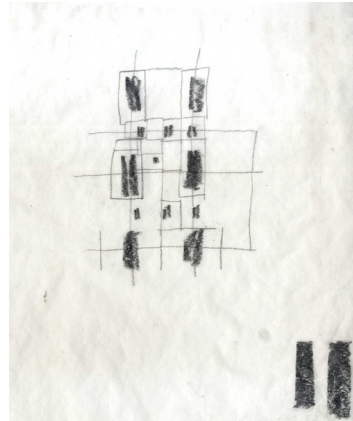
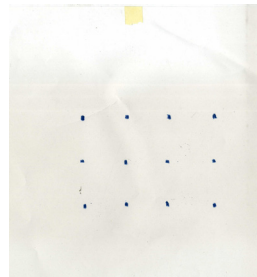
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