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## Introduction

Our work in Chiasso is in the first instance an urban undertaking. We have elected to work in the area of the city that lies to the west of the historical centre. As is the case with numerous Italian and Ticino cities the centro storico is a place that is complete and while it remains important in terms of cultural association we see the task is one of repair rather than a strong need to rebuild and densify.

Instead we have elected to work in an area that is immediately adjacent to the extensive zone of public infrastructure. A building in this place will be one the first a visitor to Switzerland would encounter when entering the country from Italy.

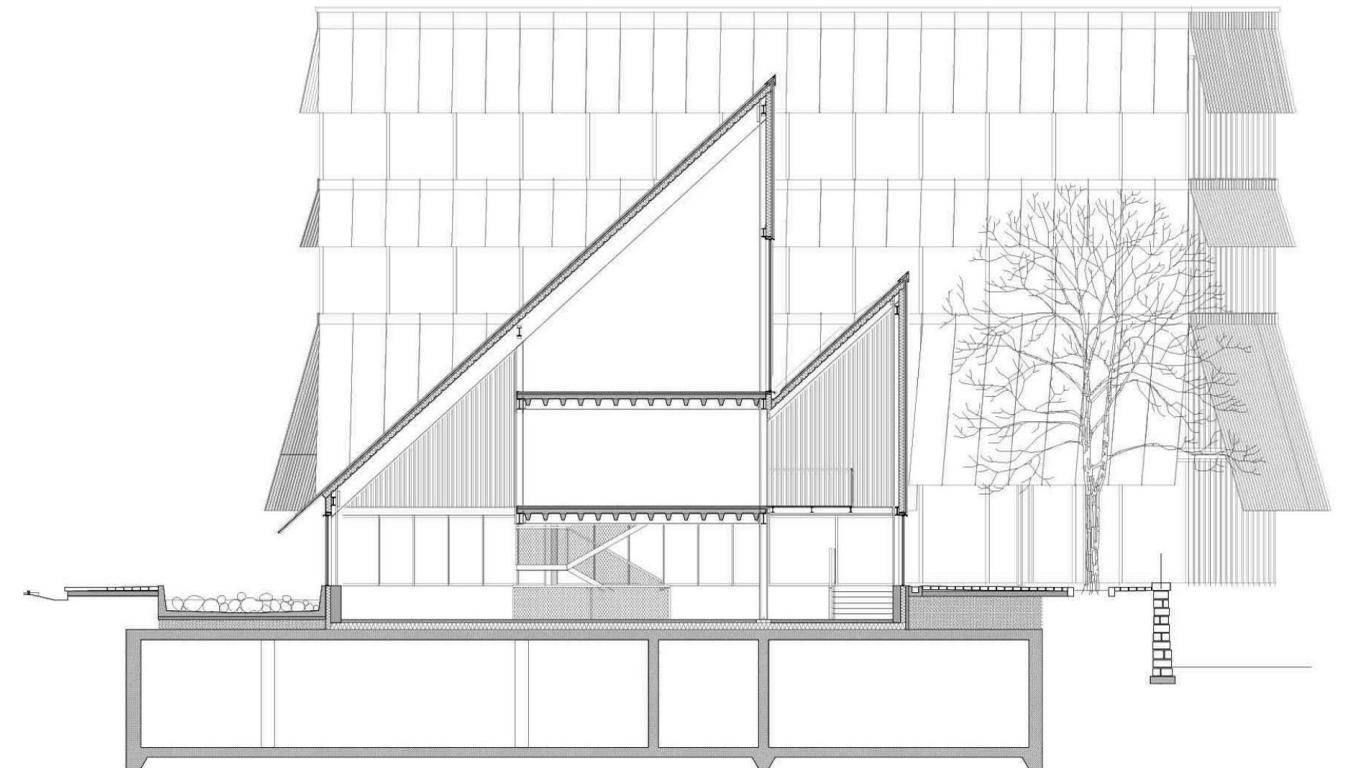
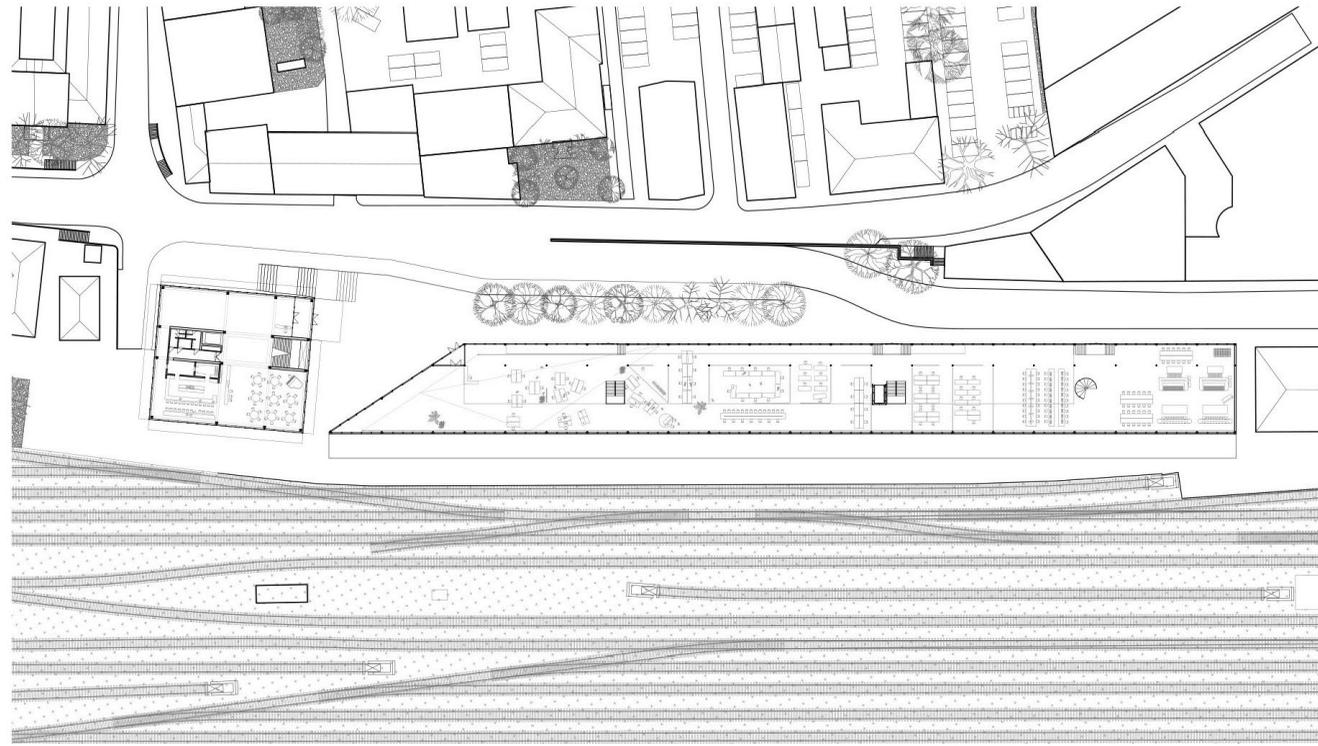
The cultural wealth of any city can in part be aligned to the quality and character of the way the shared spaces are structured and the manner in which buildings contribute to the framing of these spaces. Any project on the site chosen needs to find answers to this point.

In the first instance students produced careful surveys of the existing situation and from this develop a strategy plan. The scale and ambition of the wider urban plan was argued for on an individual basis.

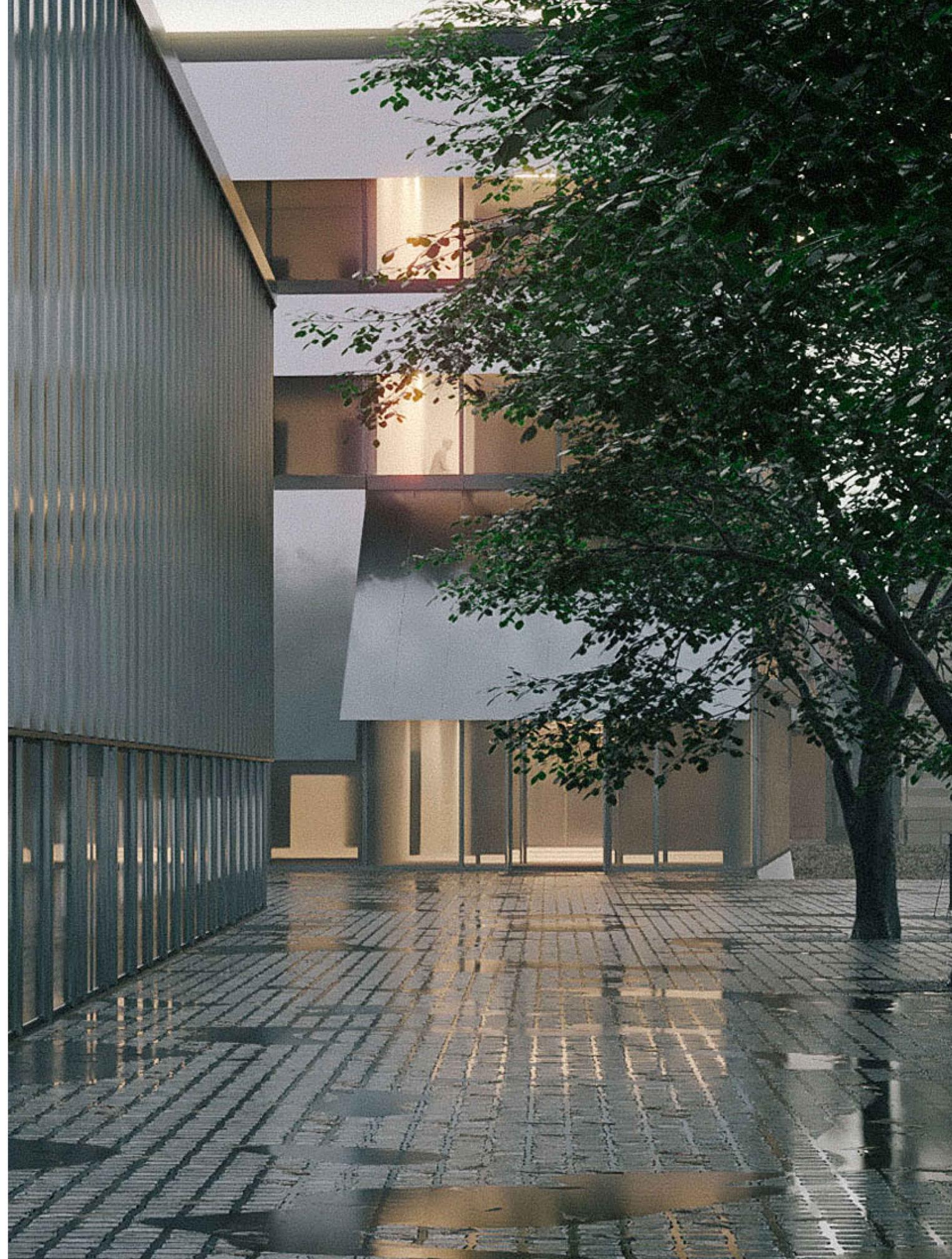
Every project considered the amount of urban adjustment and transformation that is needed. The image and representational character of each building has been precisely developed and addresses a number of questions. How should a contemporary building serving this programme on this site be arranged? What materials should be employed in its making? How do you consider the need for sustainable solutions to be addressed? In what way do you allow future transformation and change to occur?

The main task for the diploma was to develop in detail a single building proposal within a wider strategy plan that can be understood as fulfilling a public use. It should function as a place of learning with different forms of social structure. The arrangement of these needs has been carefully considered.

Plan of the area under investigation

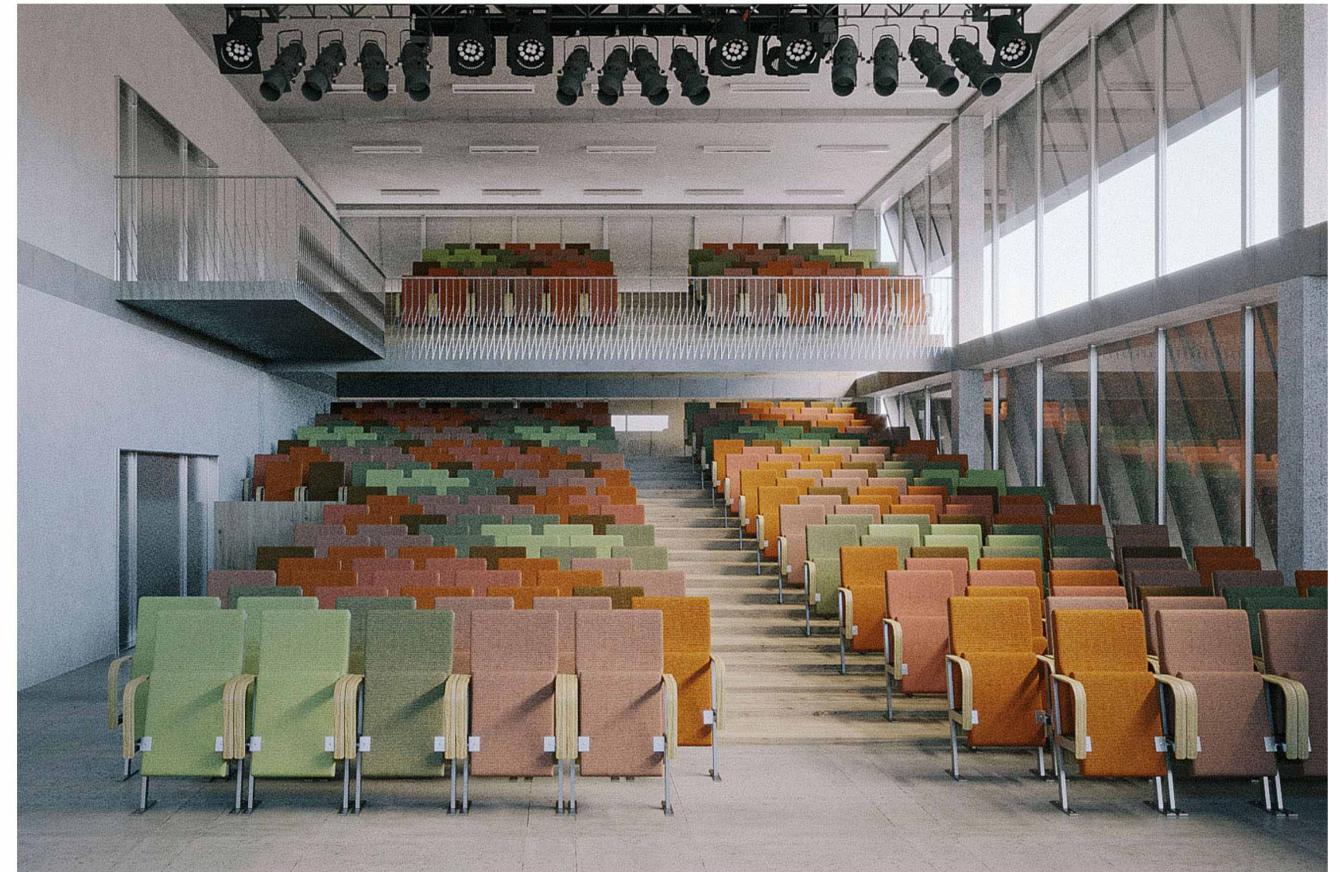


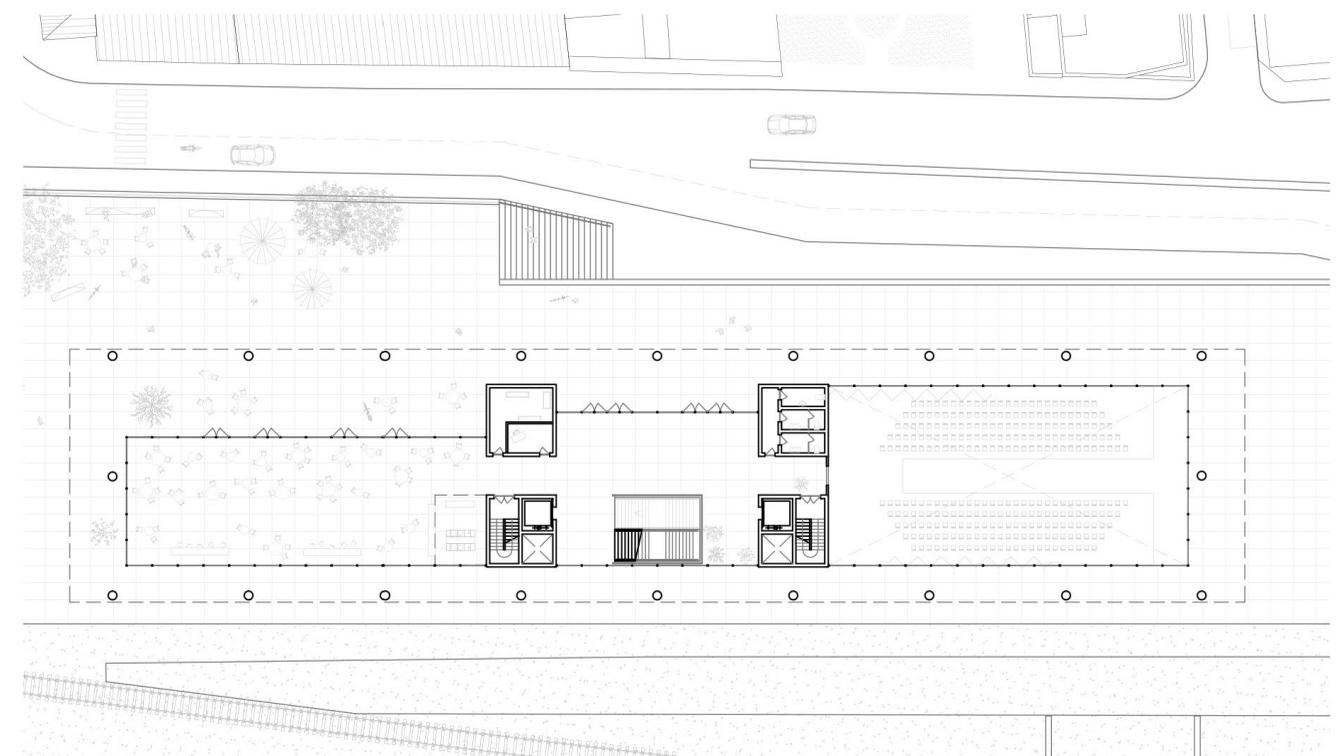
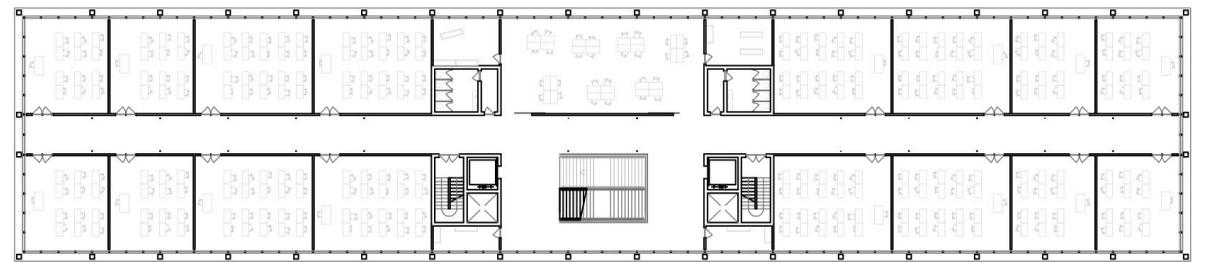
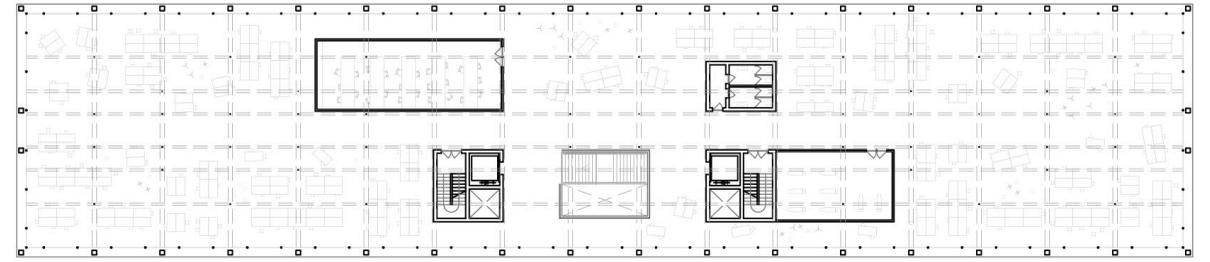


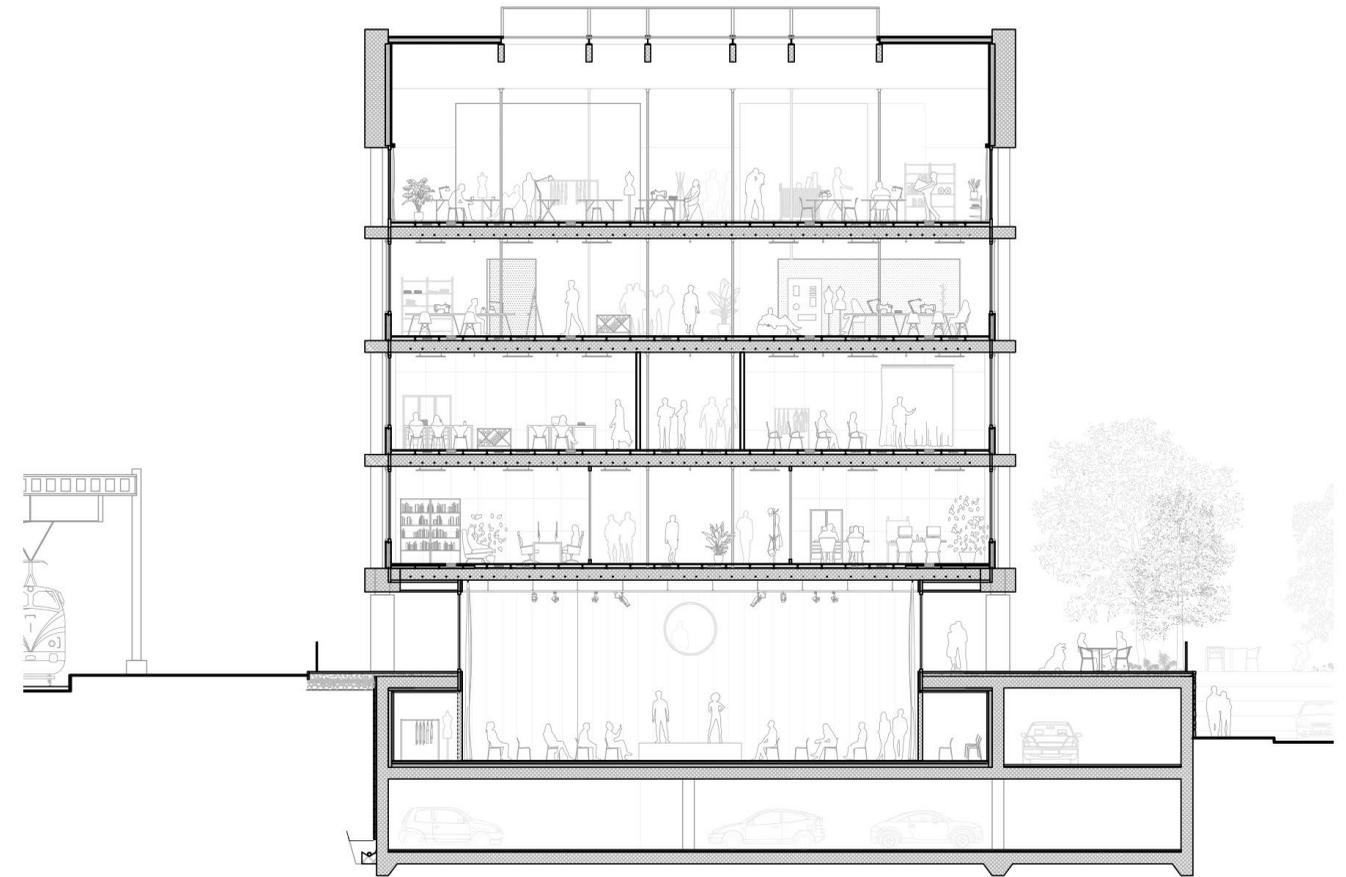
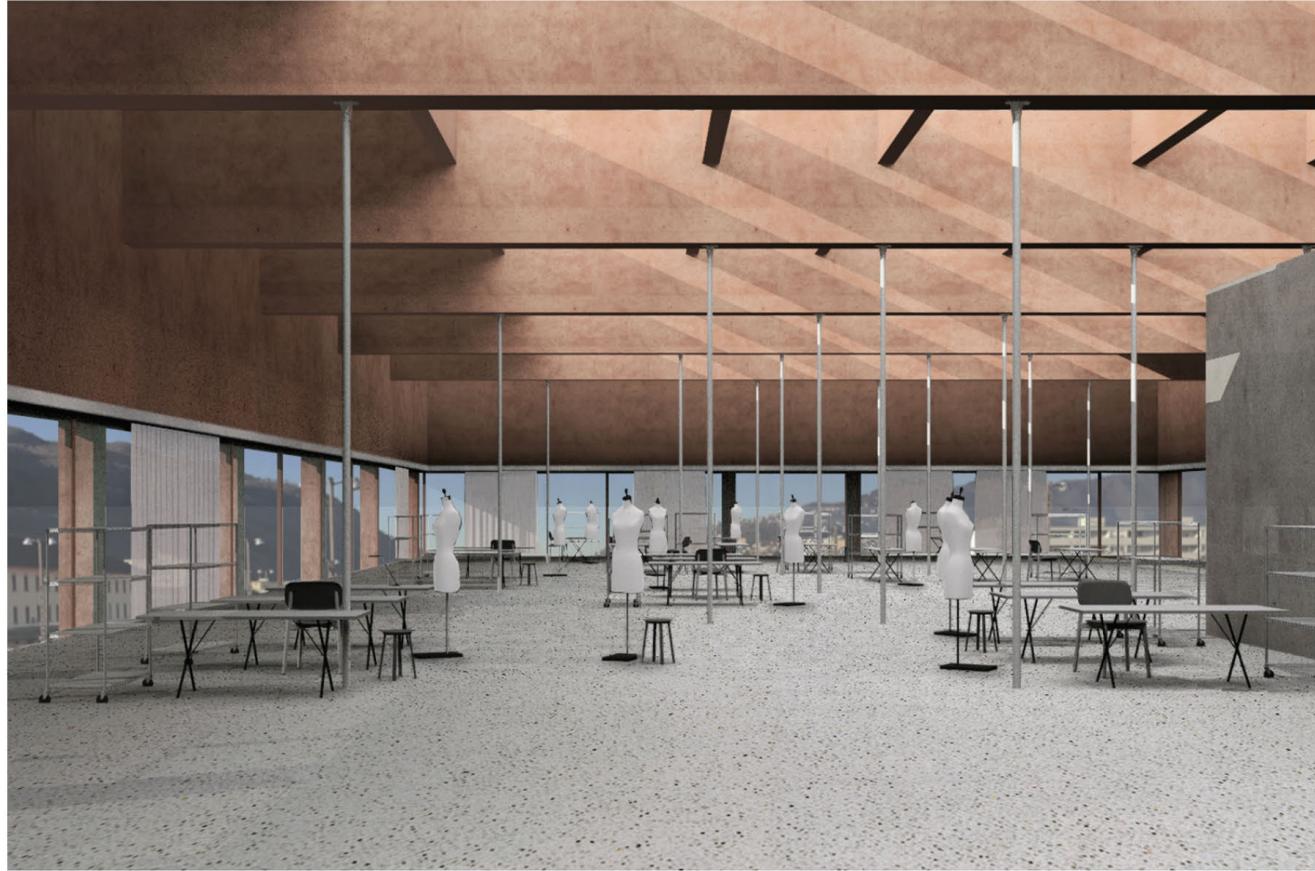




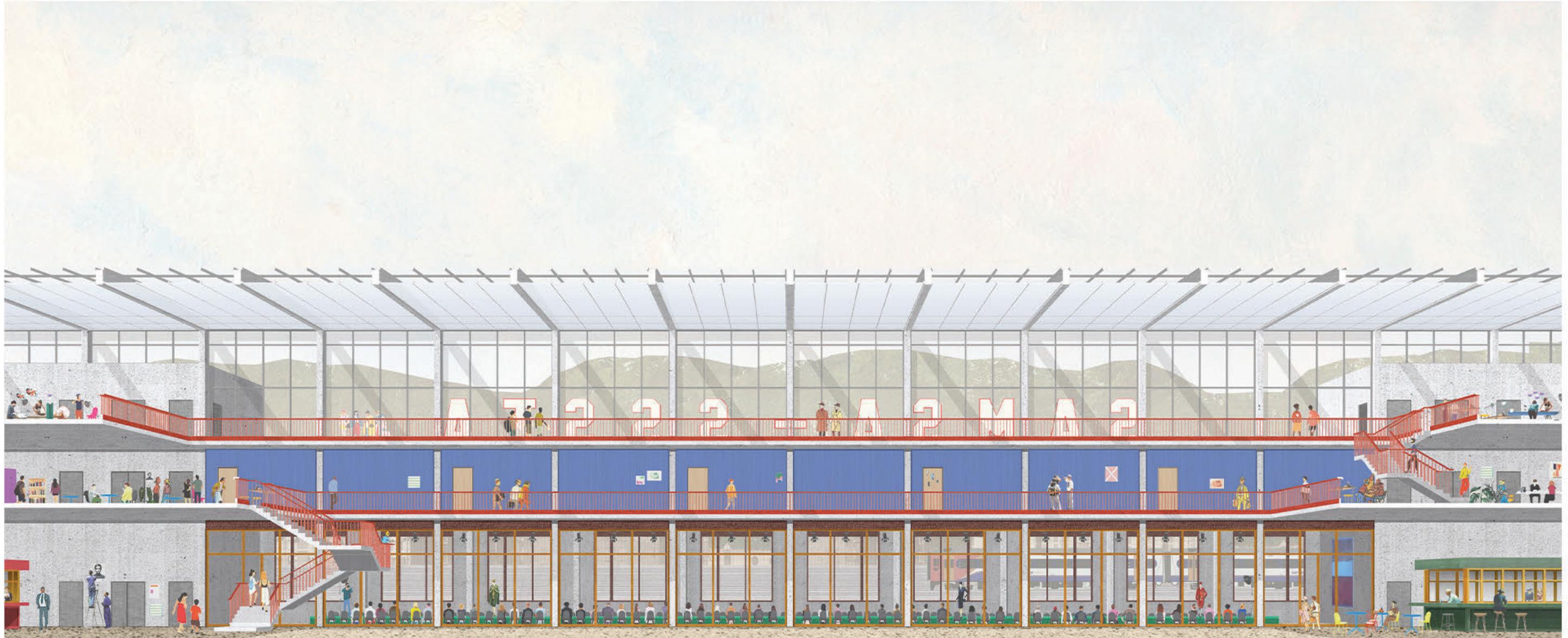


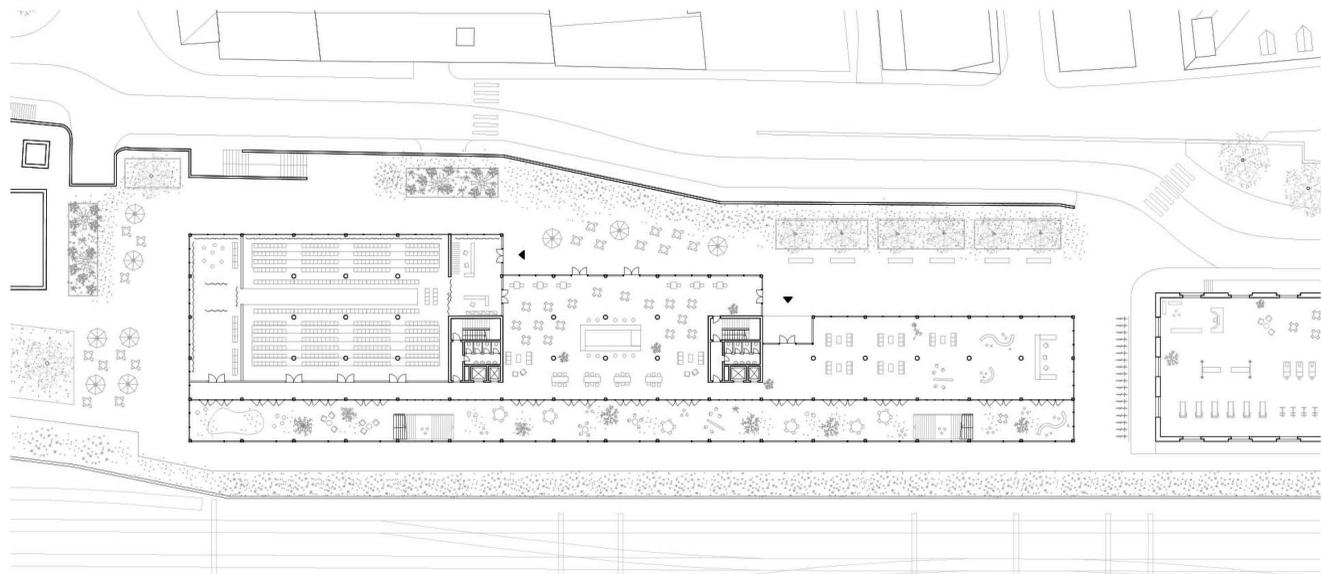




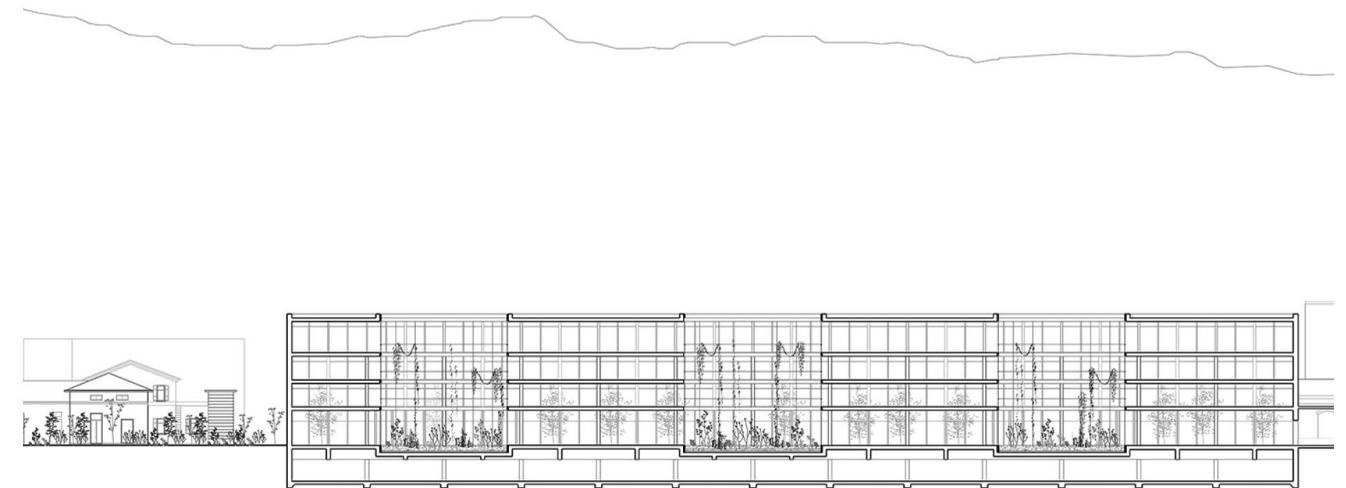
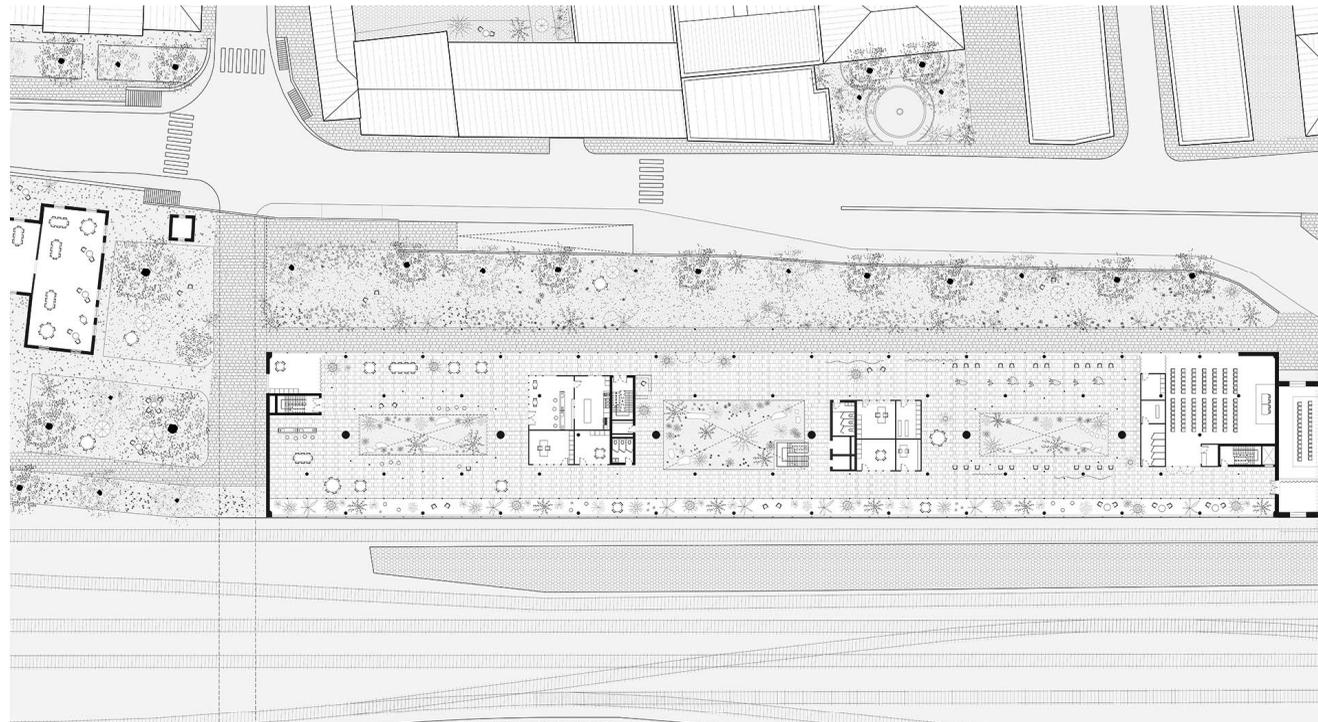




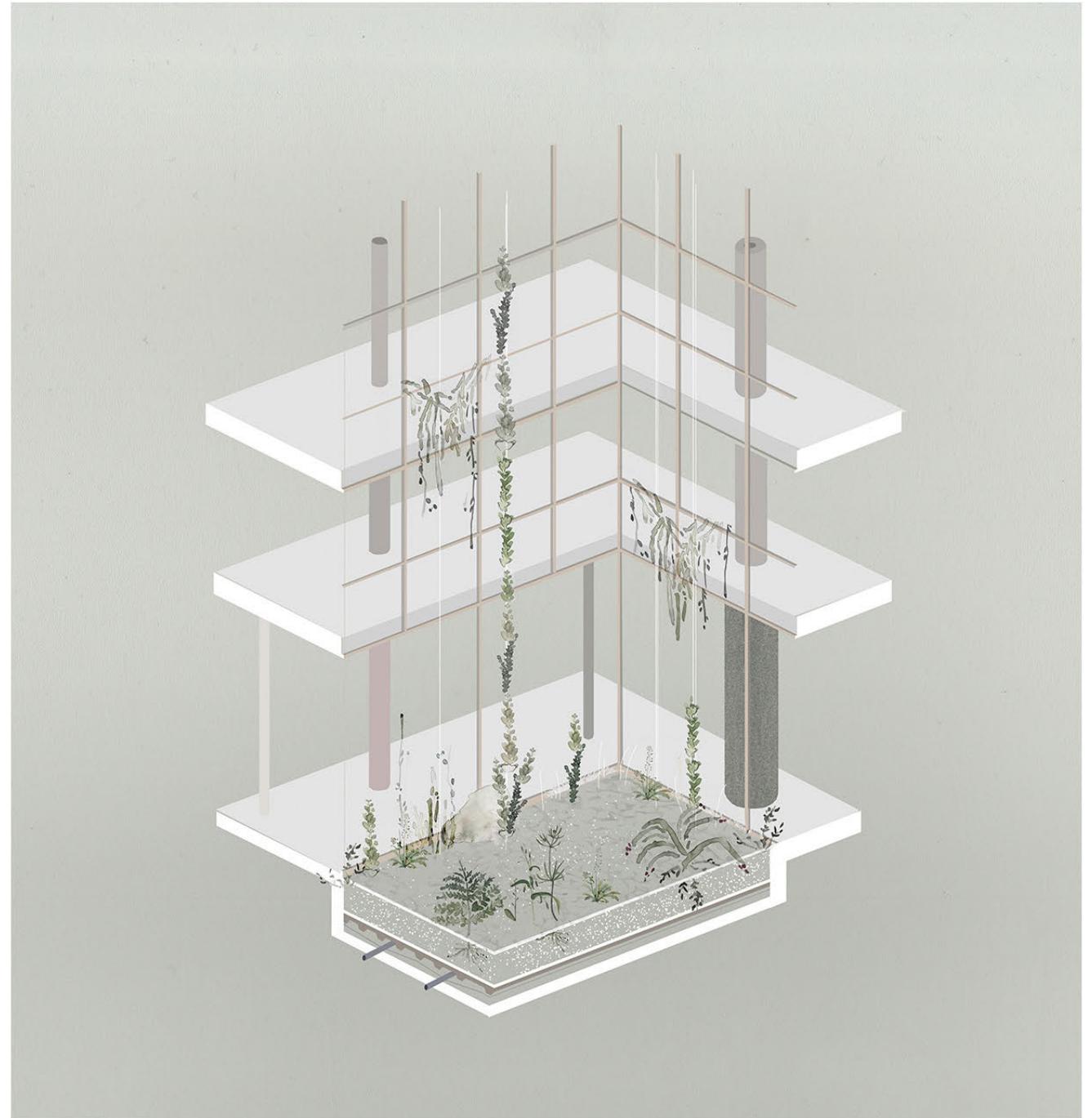
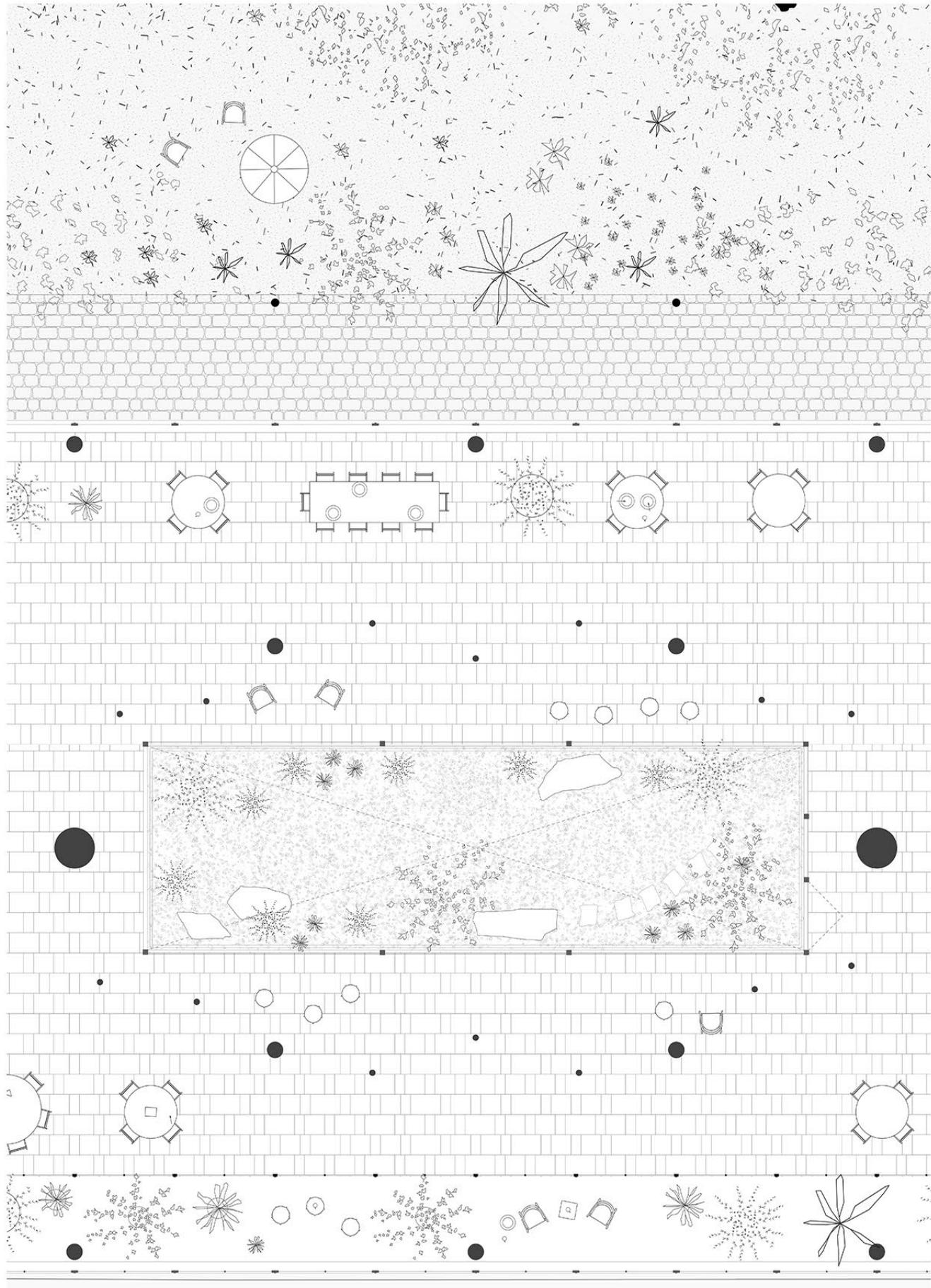


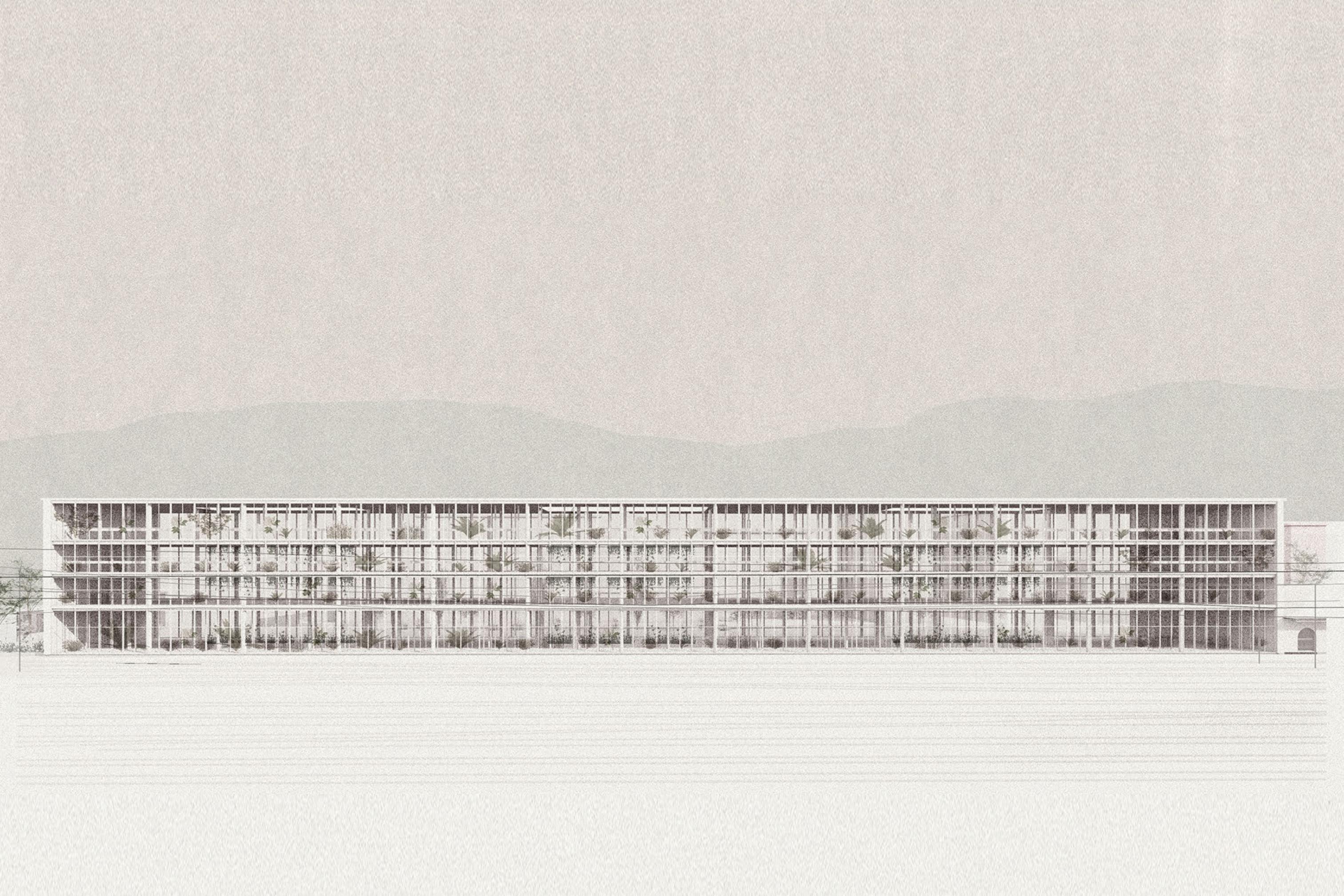


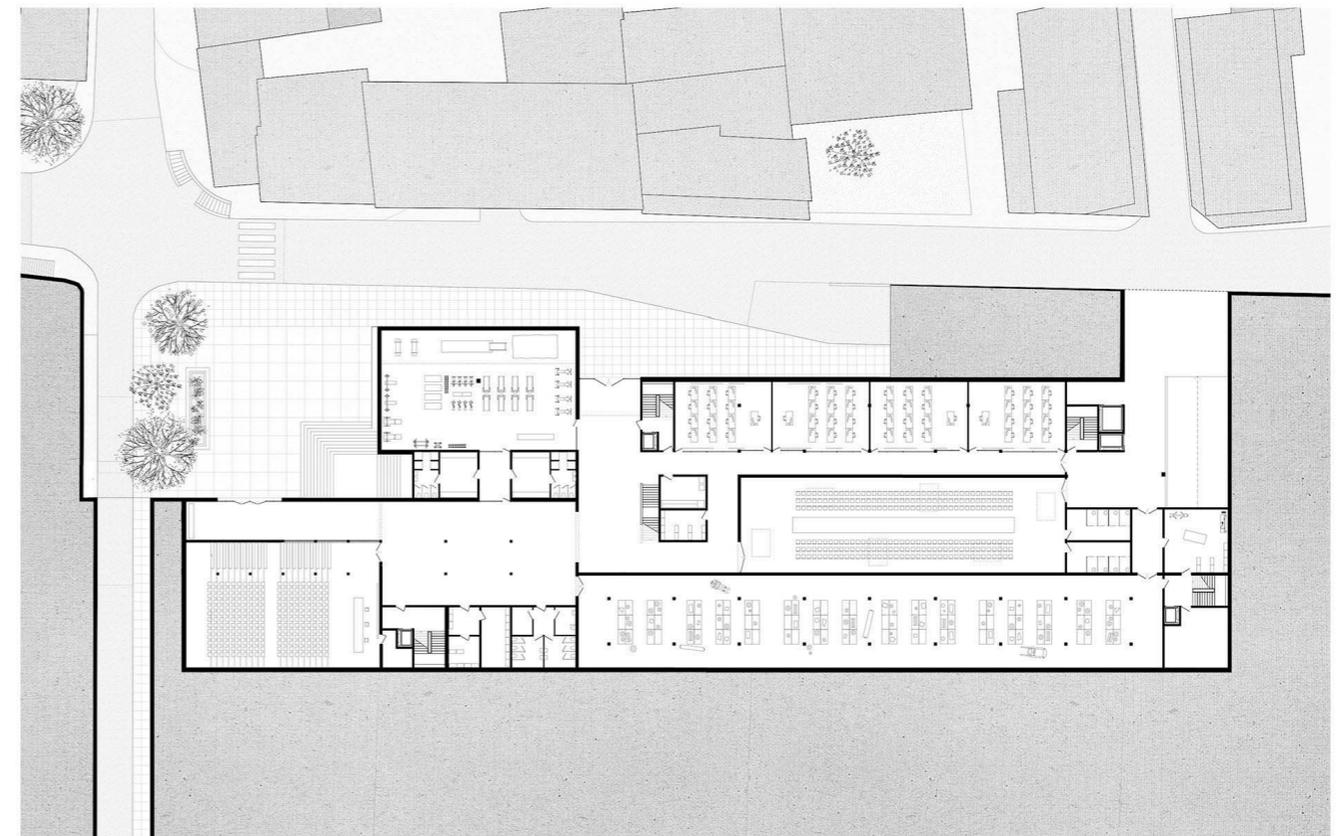
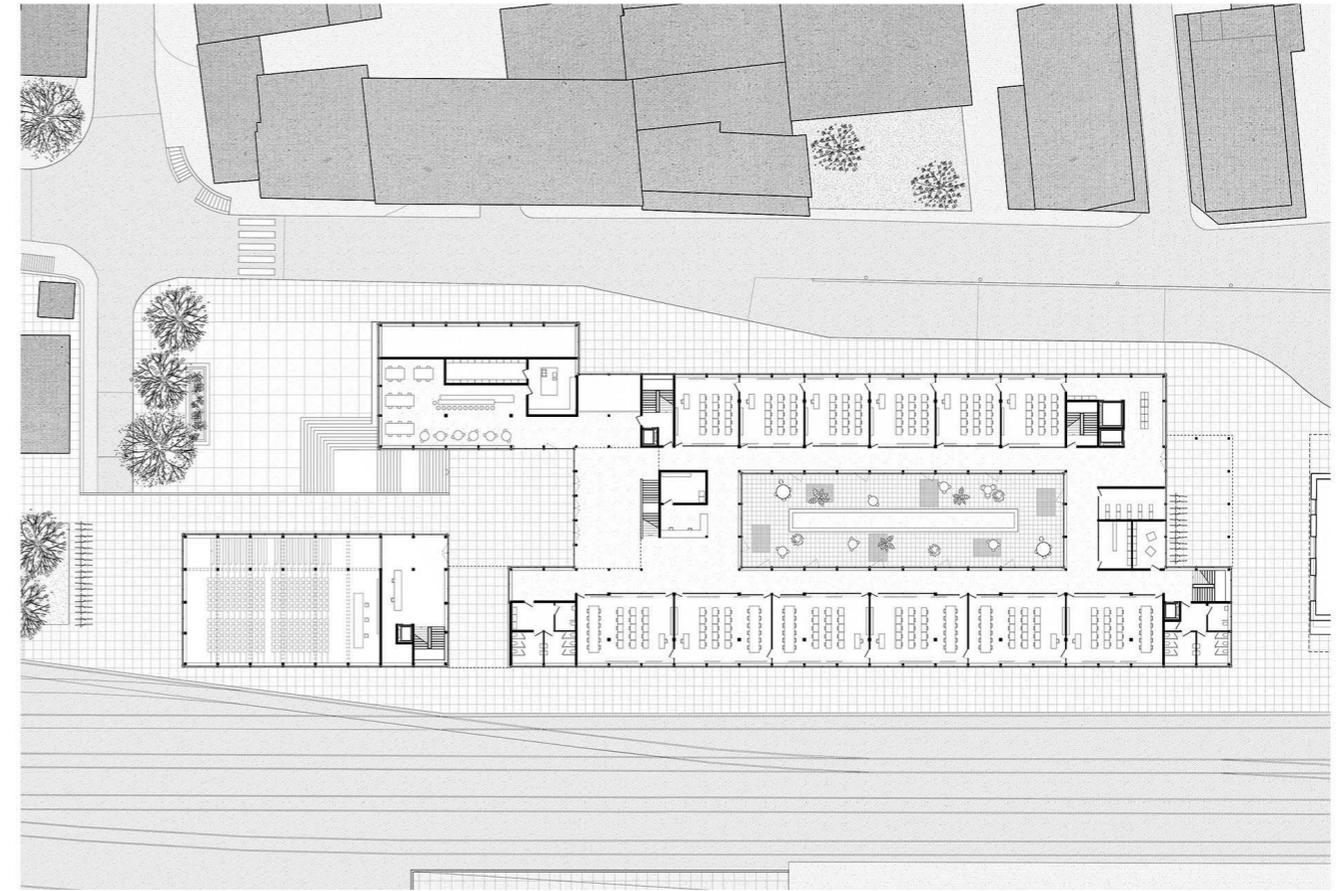
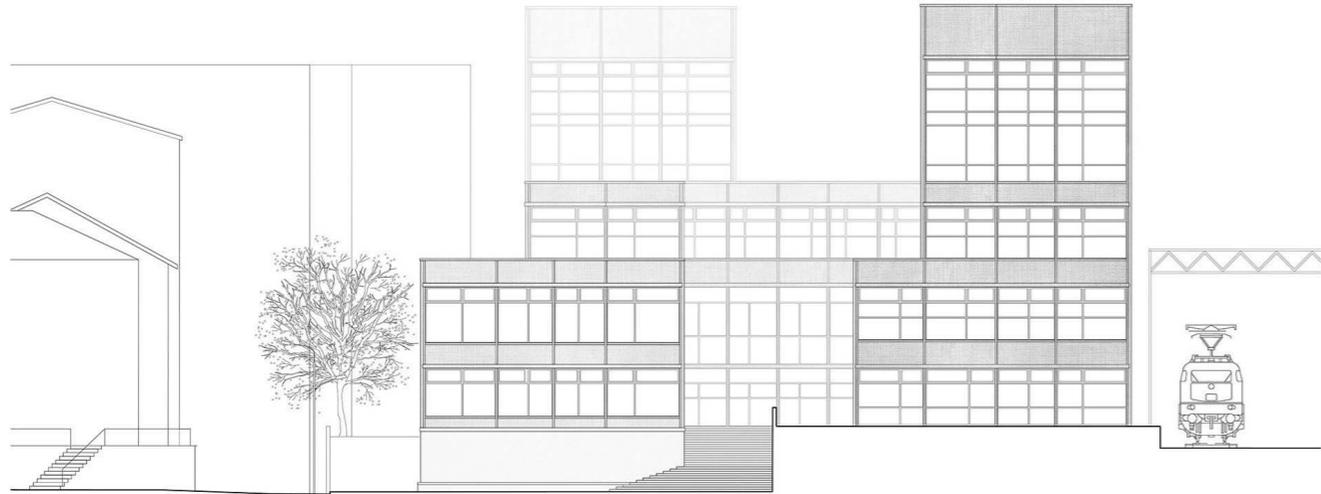


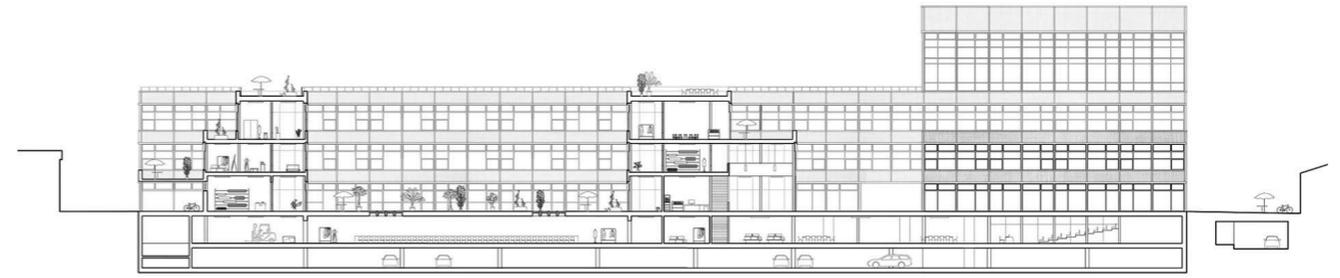


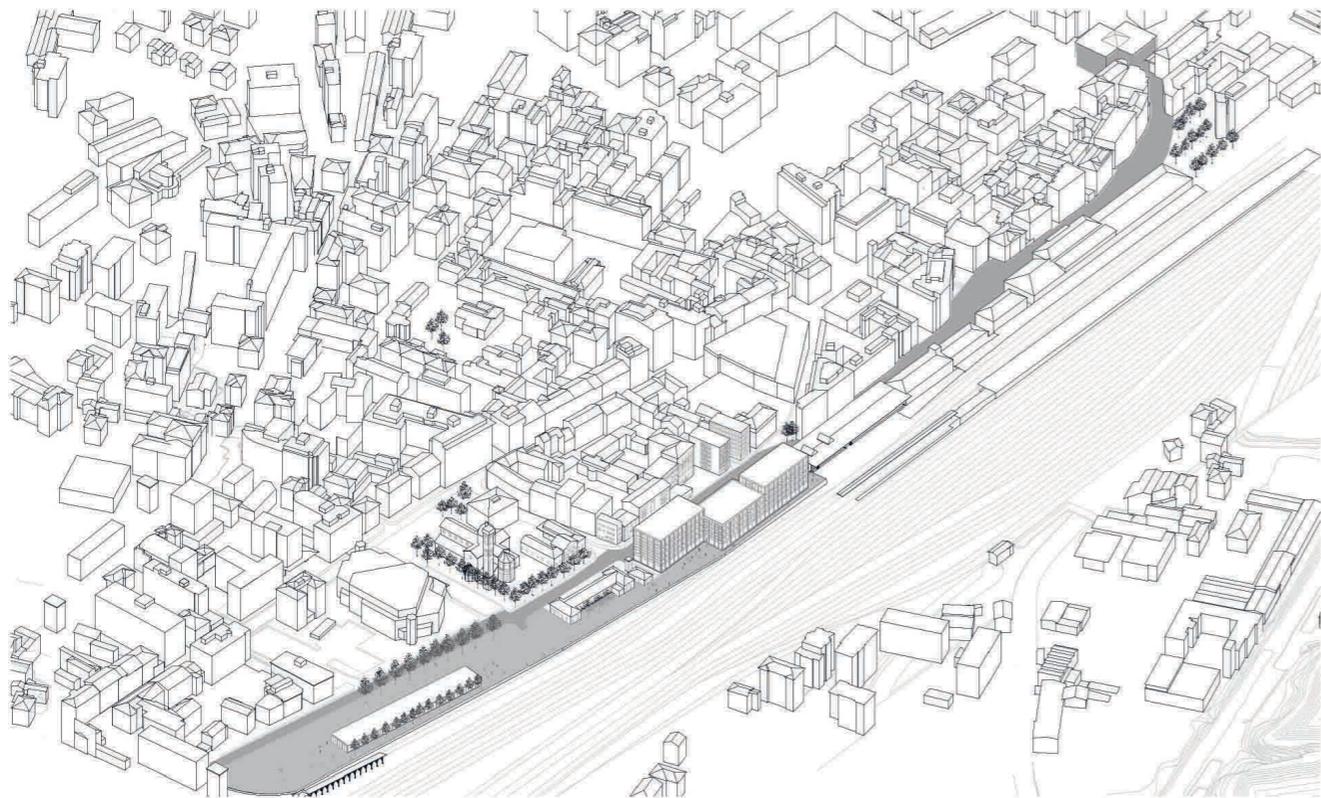
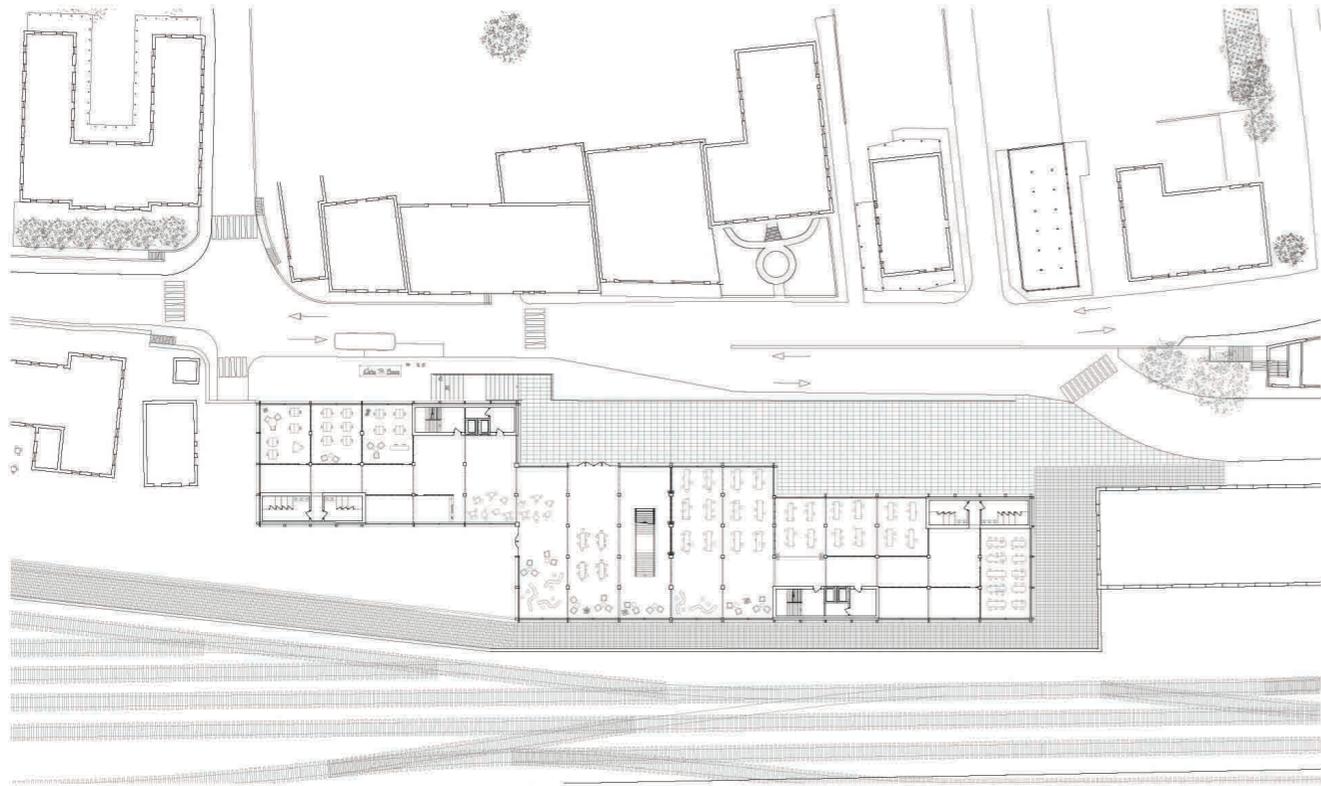




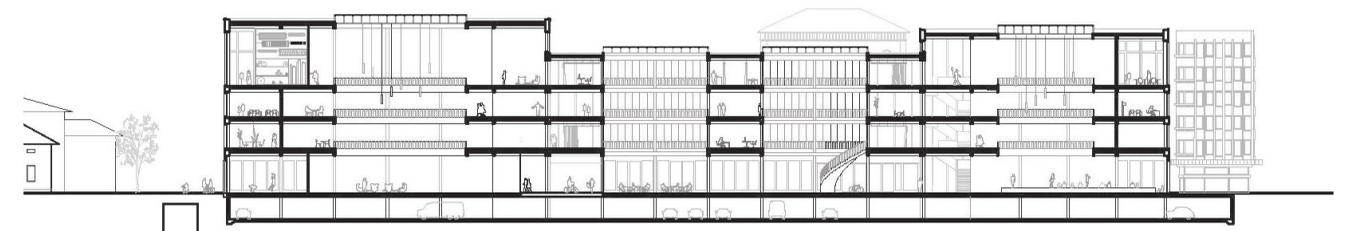
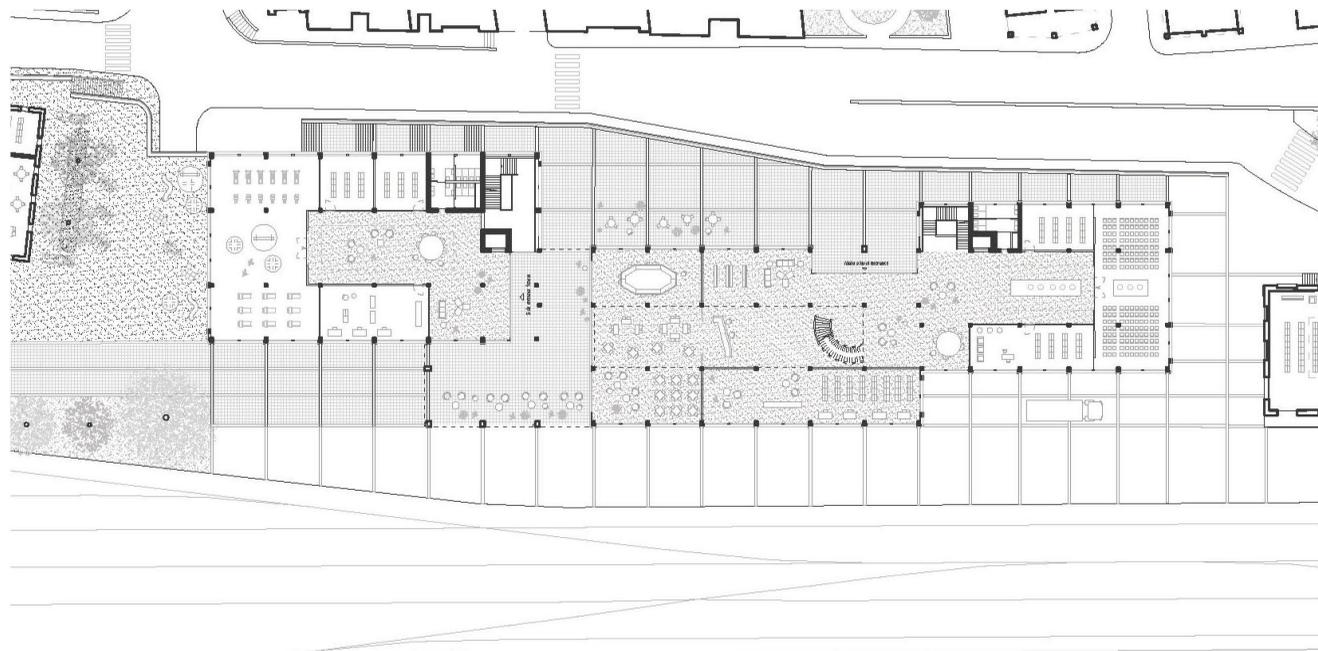
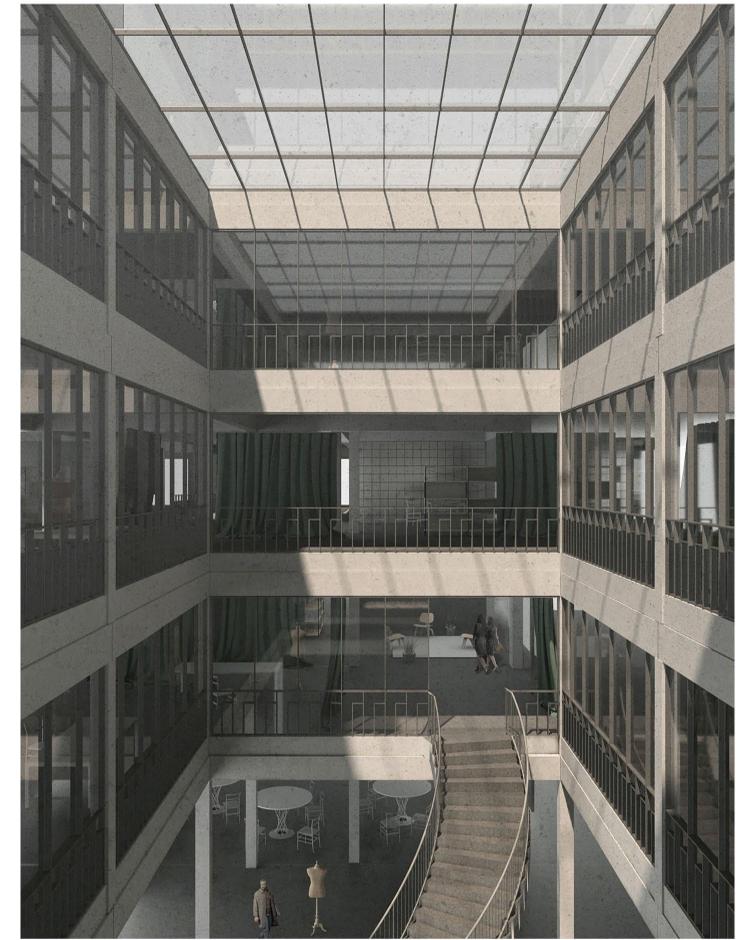




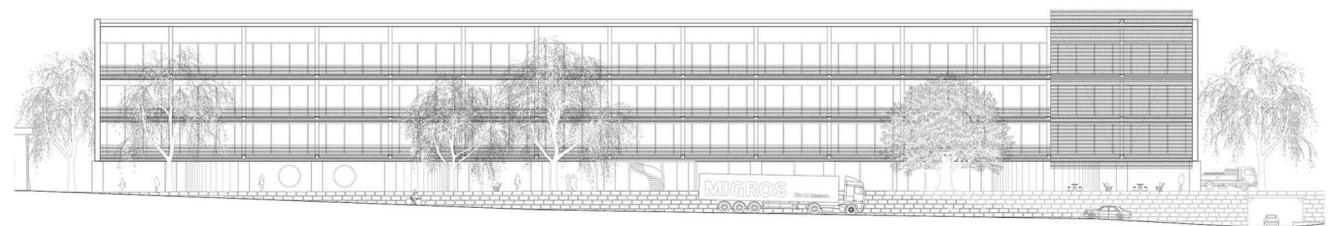
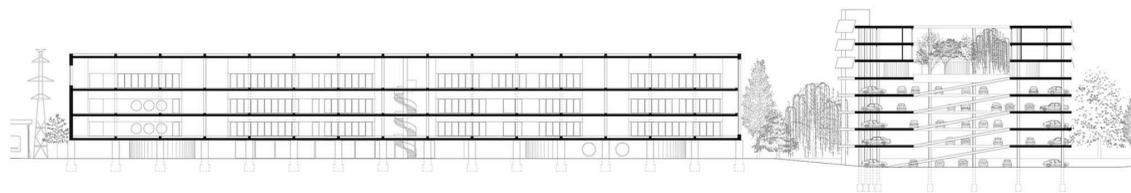
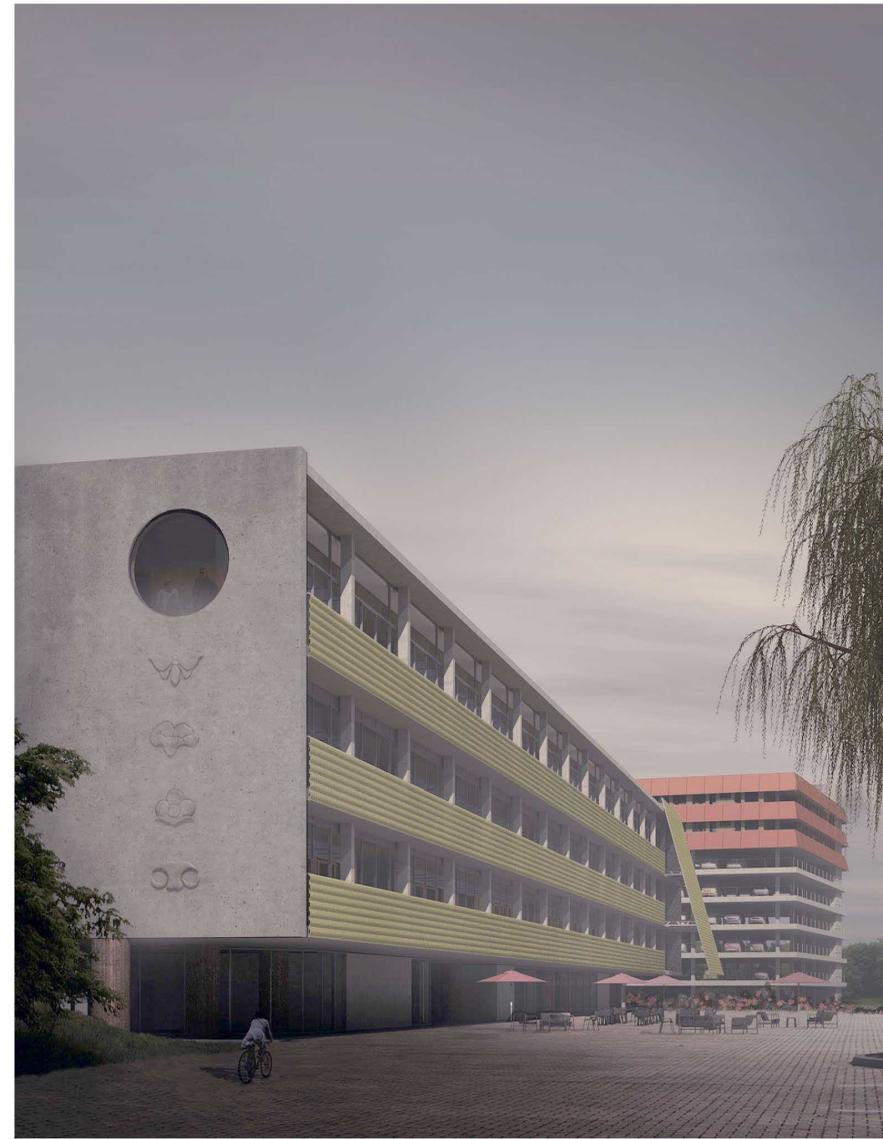




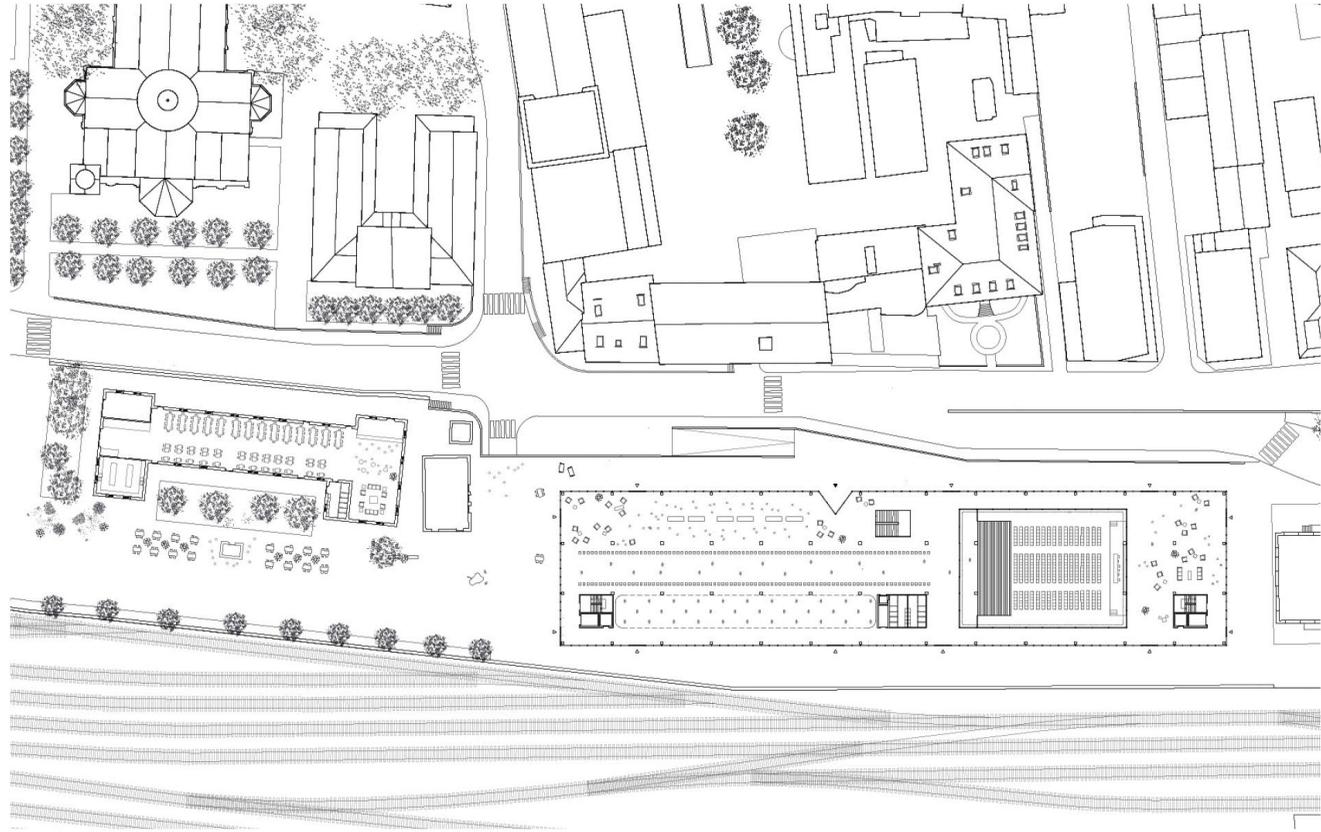




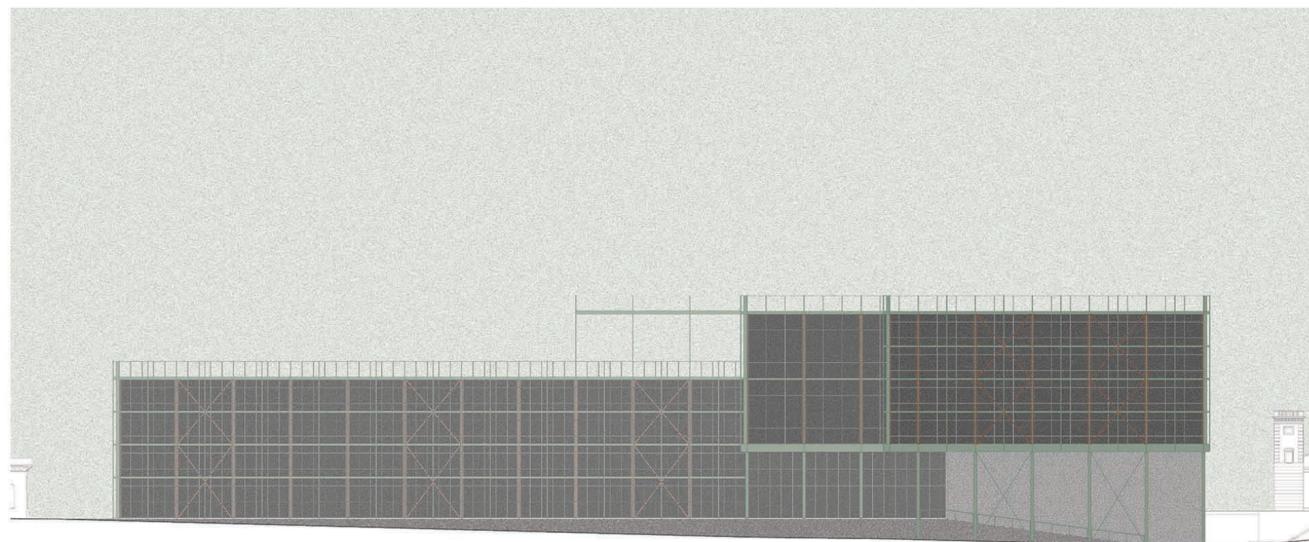
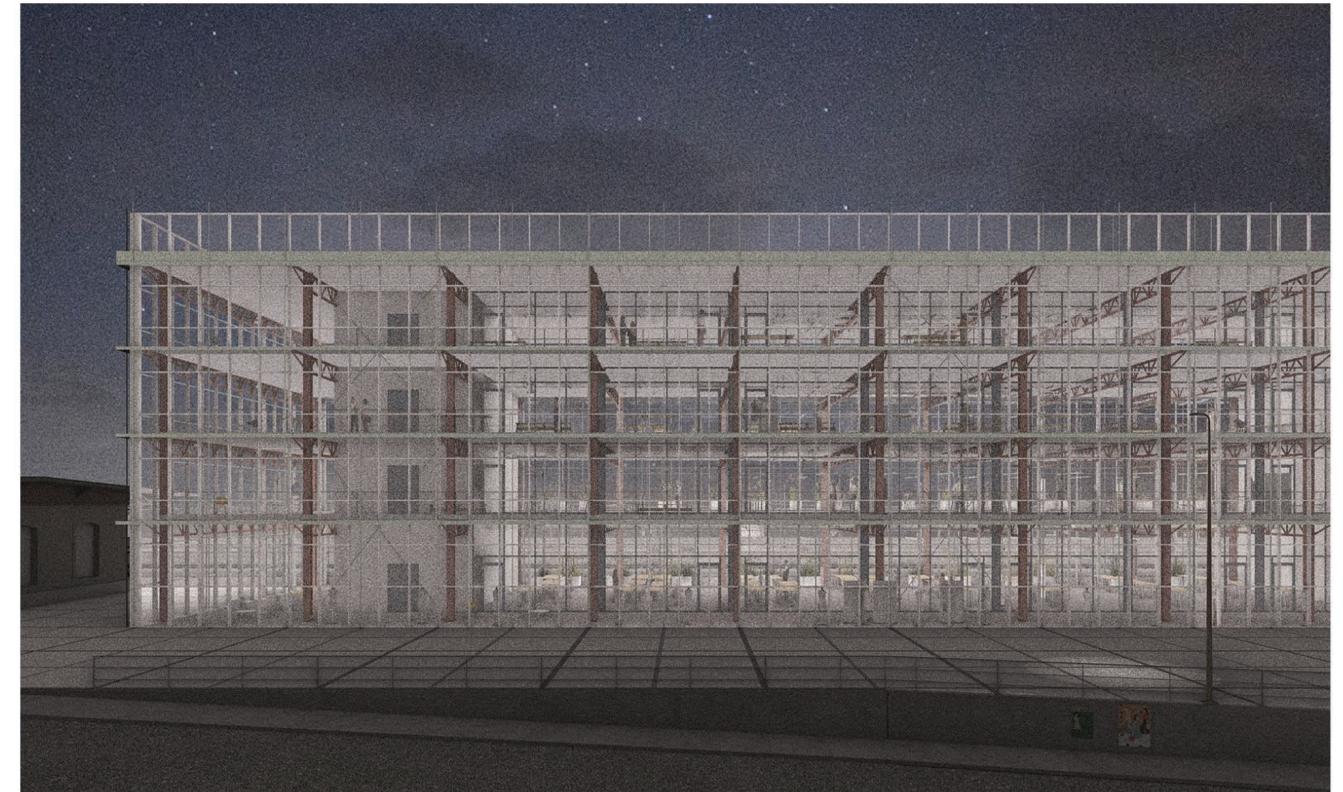
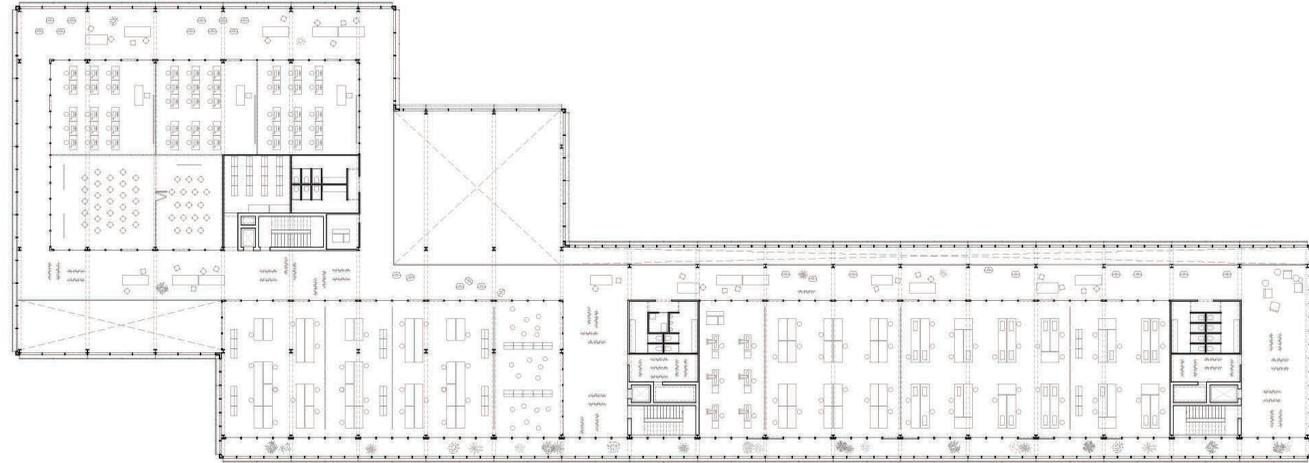






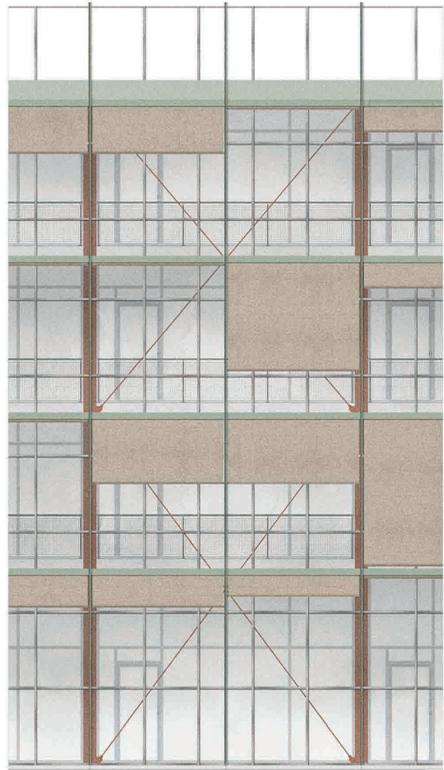


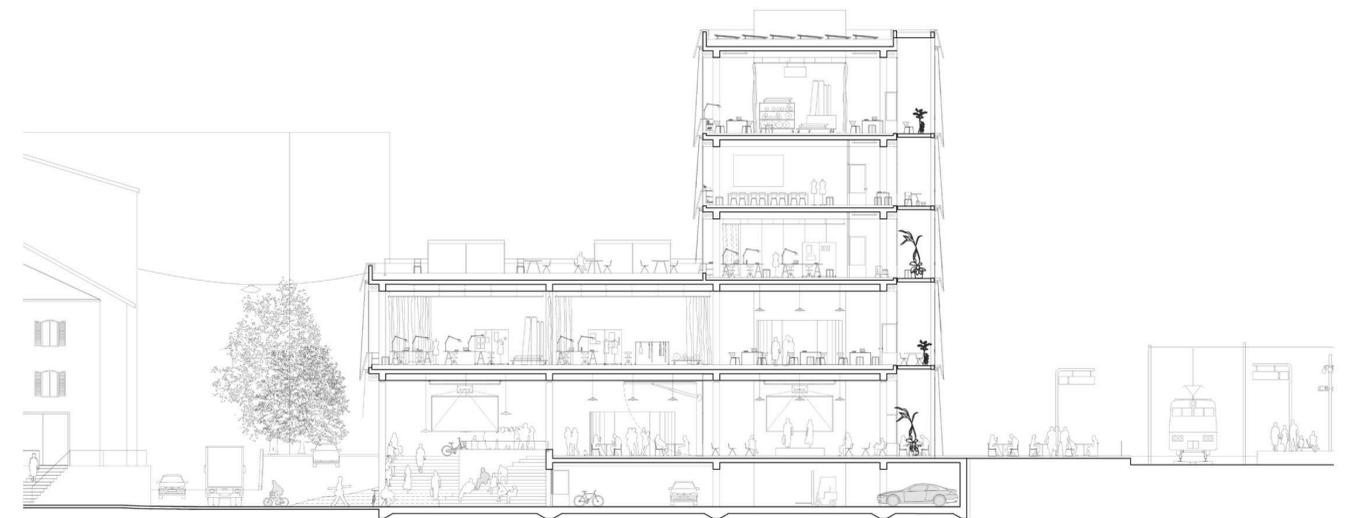
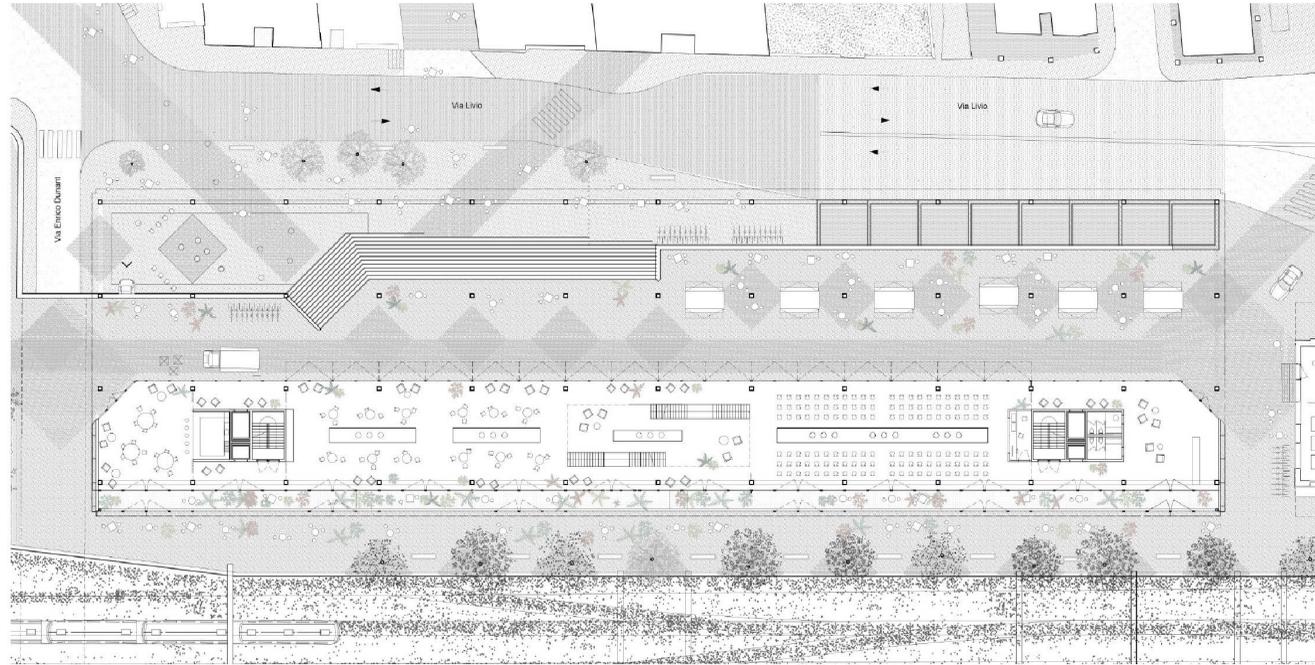




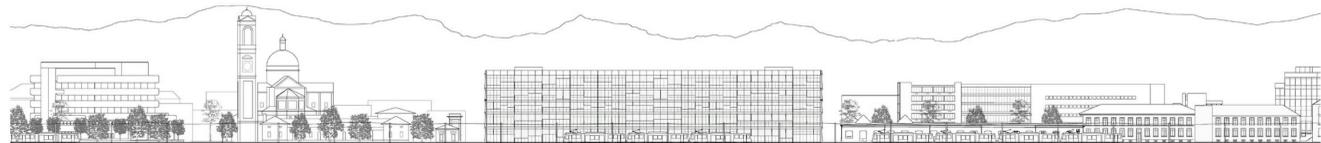


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