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2022-2023 Columbia University GSAPP Portfolio

THE NEUTRAL ZONE

| Design Work | Co-work with Huanpeng Li, Yangxi Liu Studio Work | Summer 2022 | Columbia University GSAPP Instructor: Eric Bunge

"A world capital, or a temple of peace... It is too soon to use such fine phrases, non? The UN simply does not exist yet. The nations are not united. The UN is not proved. It is simply a poste de combat." Le Corbusier, 1947

Seventy years later, the UNHQ exists; however, was the UNHQ ever **completed?** As with the environment or geopolitics, everything in the world is constantly changing, and so is the UN. As the UN's mission and inner workings become more complex, we propose that it will require a compact and effective space that hosts conversations between different departments.

The project, **The Neutral Zone**, connects the original UNHQ to the northern part of the site to a new armature for inter-agency discussions and collaboration. The ground level is open to public visitors, per the original master plan. There is a visual connection between general visitors and UN staff as people look up to the zigzag grid of the second-level. The second level links multiple nodes of conversation platforms that facilitate cross-departmental conversations, also accommodating overseas UN agencies' offices. The third and highest level is organized as a square grid of paths connecting various chambers and a common hall, hinted at when people look up from the ground level. **The Neutral Zone** aims to improve the foundation of the original UNHQ and encourage crossdepartmental dialogue. In this project, we accept the chaos of the world, and forge neutral relationships between different countries' delegates, the UN, and the general public.





A Presentation of Work Re-imagining the UNHQ by Students at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation Led by Adjunct Associate Professor Eric Bunge With Teaching Associate Farah Alkhoury.





SEPTEMBER 2022 12:00-1:30pm **On Microsoft Teams**







SECOND

GROUND







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GROUND







Design Strategy







Ground Floor Plan







Second Floor Plan 2

Top Floor Plan



Overall Axon

Interior View 1





Interior View 2



West-East Section



South-North Section



Ground Level Sectional Perspective



Second Level Sectional Perspective





Top Level Sectional Perspective





Interior View 3



Interior View 4



2 FROM URBAN FEED URBAN

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Municipal Solid Waste can be converted into biochar, the negative carbon additives, and its unique advantage include avoiding carbon emissions from waste transportation and burning while permanently storing carbon inside. Combining it with different building materials can lead to the possibility of a self-repairing building that redefines metabolism. The project will design a new trash chute system that collects and converts wastes during the operation of buildings into biochar-included materials as products, which forms a closed loop circulation economy around MSW that encourages a new lifestyle about trash sorted and shared living. MSW collected from surrounding buildings will be re-exported as biochar products to make a bigger influence. This infrastructural system works both at building-scale and urban-scale, connecting buildings, forming public skywalks, and leading to new types of aesthetic spatial qualities around the trash chute system.









BIOCHAR QUALITY



WOOD WASTE Stronge Biochar





NYC MSW Transportation (World)



NYC MSW Transportation (US)

Types Trash in MSW



More than 60 percent of MSW have the potential to be converted to biochar, and they usually become landfills and composters in the current system, emitting a lot of carbon.

According to the construction plan, several buildings surrounding Penn Station will be demolished, 7 Penn Plaza is one of them. As one of the busiest places in NYC, we studied greenhouse gas emission of buildings on site and the trash truck density here. Both are very high, which means the attempt to reduce trash and emission in this area can be efficient.



Percent of MSW in Waste Facilities



7 Penn Plaza Study



Typology Study



The system could work at a larger scale in the city as a new type of infrastructural system. Trash in surrounding buildings can be collected and transported through horizontal trash chutes to the central building and converted into biochar products. Those chutes are also designed to be skywalks that connect rooftop spaces in the community to create more public spaces in such a high-density area. In this way, the new Infrastructural System serves both functionally and aesthetically, and expands the concept of metabolism to a larger community scale.

System Purpose (Urban)



View from Walkway



View from Roof Gardon





Public Gardon



Office Common Space





Work Space



Residential Level (Room)



Residential Level (Common Space)



Building Phase Axon

Basement Level



Residential Room



Residential Trash Chute



Basement Work Space



Ground Level Plan



Basement Plan







Residential Level Plan











3 MoMA: The Kaleidoscope

| Design Work | Co-work with Wentao Liu, Xun Lu Studio Work | Spring 2023 | Columbia University GSAPP Instructor: Juan Herreros

"We aspire to be a catalyst for **experimentation**, **learning**, and **creativity**, **a gathering place for all**, and **a home for artists and their ideas**." MoMA's Mission Statement

Three women—Lillie P. Bliss, Mary Quinn Sullivan, and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller—founded MoMA with the radical idea of creating "a public gallery where the works of the founders and masters of the modern schools can be seen." DS+R designed the current MoMA after several expansions and redesigns. Since its founding, MoMA has prioritized education. In 1951, **Victor D'Amico** officially established MoMA's educational department, making it more than just an exhibition or collection of the founders and masters.

In our design, we want MoMA to **reopen the garden** as the main entrance and resume its educational mission by renovating it into **a** *learning experience circulation-leading* building. Compared to the old MoMA, our design divides the institution into two major programs: *circulation*, which includes educational programs, and *permanent collection*, which is more contained and controlled. And the sculpture garden as the main lobby is the start of **the educational journey**. Along with this circulation, numerous public educational programs are attached, such as meeting rooms, auditoriums, media rooms, public exhibition spaces, and classrooms for printmaking, sculpturing, painting, or sketching. Also, visitors will enter the colorful rooftop for leisure at the end of the circulation. We envision the *MoMA as a Keilascope* that allows people to explore the unlimited possibility of images. MoMA can finally accomplish its mission and become a treasuring place in midtown Manhattan.

MOMA The Kaleidoscope



Timeline of MoMA

MoMA in a Educational Desert

Current MoMA Opening Time



EXHIBITION TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.



NIGHT TIME: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. STUDY CENTER TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. THEARER TIME: 1:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 7 p.m.



Current MoMA Facade and Entrance

CAEF/ RESTAURANTS PRIVATE/ OFFICE SCULPTURAL GARDEN EXHIBITION 54TH

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Current MoMA Program



- - Staff/Member Entrance
 - 年 Not-in-use Entrance

New MoMA Program

Private Education









Ground Floor Plan



Entrance Perspective



2nd Floor Plan





2nd Floor Atrium Perspective



3rd Floor Plan



3rd Floor Perspective



4th Floor Plan



4th Floor Perspective



5th Floor Plan



5th Floor Perspective



Roof Floor Plan



Roof Garden Perspective

Zoom-in Axon Perspective

Entrance Perspective

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