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A4003: Core Studio 3, Fall 2016. “States of Housing.”  

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STATES OF HOUSING  

East Harlem Housing Competition Entry, 1963.  


Studio Description  
Housing is the third and final semester of the required core studio sequence. The studio is structured through three assignments, beginning with urban and typological analyses set in New York City and followed by examining a housing project located in one of the following cities: Rio de Janeiro, Mumbai, or Berlin. This examination will include travel to these sites and conclude in an eight-week design project. This year’s studio will focus on the myriad states of housing that we, as architects, typically encounter in practice. The studio is organized through two principal means—research/analysis and an architectural proposal—and will operate as a laboratory in which to explore new possibilities for urban living in New York City, specifically within a South Bronx site. Throughout the term each student will examine the significance of public or social housing both past and present, local and global, placing a new emphasis on the history of visualization in parallel the history of housing and its representation. Embedded within the studio, these examinations will be developed through team projects that speculate on the rich potential for contemporary urban housing types.  

The first part of this studio is structured around developing a body of research and understanding of housing in New York City, and housing in global cities, introducing students to housing typologies through two specific assignments. The first assignment will focus on site, infrastructures, and typology using a cross section of the New York City, from Manhattan to the Bronx; the second assignment will examine the architecture of housing units, environment, and building programs and systems through a select building in Rio de Janeiro, Mumbai, or Berlin. Students will travel to one of these locations as part of this assignment in order to gain knowledge about their specific building, its history, context, and the city in which is it is found. The final project will consist of designing high-density, mixed-use housing and public space with community amenities. Each assignment builds upon the previous, starting with the urban scale and gradually zooming into the scale of the unit to, finally, integrate systems into a design project. Students will examine distinct typologies of housing both public and private at a variety
of scales. In addition, students will design units, aggregate these units, and explore the subjects of health, live/work, and the arts in relation to housing. Although the brief puts forth the perimeter-block housing type for the given site, no housing type is off-limits to exploration. The studio aims to establish a space for a discussion about typology through housing, to occur throughout the term. Housing, by its very nature, is a generic building type. Some may argue that working within a particular typology produces boring buildings. However, it is precisely through understanding of a type and its multiple typologies that one to understand the motivations behind a particular building’s peculiarities. The specificities of a particular context in the city produce weird and unexpected moments that alter the original type’s form. In the complexity of the contemporary city, housing offers up an exemplary form to be explored, rethought, altered, added to, subtracted from, and so on. . . . Students will be exposed to a variety of housing types and will work within New York City for their projects, but will undertake research projects in select cities around the world to compare and contrast a variety of subjects including: density; socioeconomic structures; climate; materiality; development models; cultural relationships; single-occupant and family dwellings; and the relationship between informality and luxury. In general, housing studios will use their precedents and site visits as a means to gain knowledge about what constitutes contemporary housing.

In 1958 architect Lina bo Bardi questioned the very definition of housing, asking what constitutes housing and what is included within housing. By her definition, housing includes shops, schools, public services, and all those things that are distinct from intellectual luxuries like museums or libraries.³ Rio de Janeiro holds a broad range of architectural history that revolves around social class; here, wealth and poverty are neighbors. Rio precedents are Pedregulho by Affonso Reidy, Co-op Ativa by Demetre Anastassakis, and Sergio Bernardes em Botafogo. Students will study the impact of the climate on living in the city and how both traditional and novel forms have addressed the issue of comfort through density, topography, and materials. Over the last three decades, favelas have been constructed in order to provide the necessary economy of live/work housing in the city. Often referred to as “informal” settlements, they are becoming increasingly stable places and are now called “communities.” Students will visit Rio das Pedras and should reconsider the favelas in the context of Utilitarianism or fairness, at the same time as considering housing typologies and the urban grid. Infrastructural projects are also important to understand the relationship of the new city of Rio das Pedras to Rio de Janeiro, specifically the significance of being “on” versus “off the grid.” Berlin’s turbulent history has provided a foundation for new types of architecture and housing. Berlin precedents are Block 1 by O. M. Ungers, Potsdamer Platz by Renzo Piano, and Unité d’Habitation by Le Corbusier. Students will visit additional projects, varying in scale from low-rise multi-family housing to multi-block mixed-use developments and live-work projects. In Berlin, students will study the impact of the northern European climate on living in the city and how housing projects have addressed the issue of comfort. Each type adjusts itself differently to the grid and to its environment, addressing family types, age, playgrounds, heat gain, waste management, and water reclamation. Mumbai will also offer students a range of housing types across different socioeconomic and environmental conditions. Mumbai precedents are Kanchenjunga Apartments by Charles Correa and the Residential Chawl typology. Students will study the impact of Mumbai’s (tropical wet-dry) climate on living in the city and how traditional as well as novel forms have addressed issues of comfort, shared living space, air flow, sanitation, and maintenance. Low-rise, high-density, and tower housing precedents will offer valuable research opportunities through which to re-approach housing in New York City. Students will travel to these locations not only to learn from the different contexts surrounding housing typologies in the city, but also to transported new ideas about scale and environment back to the South Bronx.

In Aldo Rossi’s 1982 book *The Architecture of the City*, the architect writes, “American architecture is above all ‘the architecture of the city’: primary elements, monuments, parts. Specifically, New York is a city of monuments such as I did not believe could exist.”2 If there are monuments, they too fit within types. How then does a type differ from a monument? Does urban context differentiate between type and monument? Students will examine this distinction, between pure expressions of type and cases in which a type is altered by the city to produce architecture. How is the problem of repetition represented? Specifically, it is understood that the repeated number of units can become monumental as an overall form for housing? Or through the seriality of housing towers in the park that appear monumental and in particular ways become monuments of specific socioeconomic groups? How does the city intervene in the design of a building? What constraints or alterations are reflected in the design of a project and in its ultimate form?

The studio emphasizes understanding the history of New York City’s multiple housing types and how they continue to develop. But how is type in turn impacted by a multiplicity of forces, from the literal (gravity) to the more social and metropolitan? Through research and drawings, the studio will investigate Greater Harlem and the South Bronx, two neighborhoods that offer innovative and rich architectures, developed over the past 50 years in the face of complex social and cultural histories. For instance, Harlem’s “Main Street” along 125th Street reflects a changing landscape of ownership, occupation, and public vs. private space.3 One can look to the lack of development of the East Harlem Triangle as an urban failure by the City, despite a local community’s efforts to reshape the same. There are many lessons to be learned by studying these neighborhoods especially in the context of the current housing crisis that New York City is confronting. Similarly, as an urban connector the Bronx’s Grand Concourse raises new possibilities for development and housing types. But are these changes and developments productive? Do they produce the kinds of neighborhoods that are culturally, socially, and economically beneficial? Rather than accepting the rules, can the studio provide the setting for a re-examination of their performance? How does architecture play a central role?

For the past four years the studio has examined sites in East Harlem and the Bronx, focusing on the prominence of the East Harlem and its proximity to Harlem’s “Main Street,” on urban infrastructure, on the Greenway park system, and on Harlem River. They emphasized understanding the history of New York City’s housing, its varied typologies, and the development of the city grid, but also questioned zoning code. Prior studio sites included City-owned property and sites designated for development under former Mayor Michael Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace Plan, a public/private planning initiative that aimed to create and/or preserve 165,000 affordable housing units in NYC by 2014. The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) is the largest municipal developer of affordable housing in the nation and will be a valuable partner of the studio.4 In May 2015, Mayor Bill de Blasio announced his plan for affordable housing in New York City, building upon the previous administration’s goals of increasing affordable housing units to provide a more equitable and healthy city. He set the goal of providing 200,000 affordable housing units, preventing 120,000 from becoming unaffordable and building 80,000 new affordable units. 17,400 affordable housing units were financed in 2014. De Blasio is also in the process of changing the 421-a low-income tax subsidy, typically known for its 80-20 model, to a 65-35 model, virtually cutting in half the rate of affordable unit production.

The form of the modern and contemporary city, especially as exemplified through urban housing models, has had the greatest impact on general public health. Health remains one of the most important issues confronting public housing in the American city. This is especially the case in New York City, where recent developments have had a profound impact on citizens’ health and, reciprocally, citizens’ health has had a profound impact on the form of the city. Today, New York City leads the

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nation with its policies and programs for housing and health, making instrumental and visible changes to the city’s social and built form through interventions like bike lanes and new parks. And yet the urban population continues to struggle with chronic health problems, from an obesity epidemic in the Bronx to childhood asthma in East Harlem. The studio will study local and national policies—including New York City’s Active Design Guidelines, PlaNYC, and the Affordable Health Care for America Act—in order to understand how shifting policies relate to urbanism. Designing housing requires a critical rethinking of the relationship between individual and public health, the environment, development, and architectural and urban form.

Health, as a subject of study within in this studio, can take on multiple meanings, the first being literal, physical health. But this term, health, can have value and be attributed to other conditions related to housing like economics, policy, ideas of sustainability, and the social. This year’s studio builds upon and expands previous research by shifting its site across the Harlem River. The relationship between the previous years’ Harlem River sites and this year’s will test new architectural and urban conditions, searching for new types of housing. This studio will challenge each student to think about the aspect of urban public health within all assignments, but health will be a primary theme of the final housing project.

Over the course of the term the studio will examine a site in the South Bronx made of three block-ends and bound on all sides—by the Grand Concourse, by a playground, by the Metro North tracks, and by Hostos Community College and Center for the Arts. Nearby infrastructural throughways include the Madison Avenue Bridge to the north as well as Major Deegan Expressway and Harlem River to the west. These boundaries not only create physical edges but also confront the site with their variety of scales. Each student team will be challenged to design a housing proposal that takes a position with respect to the “street,” infrastructure, specific architectural typologies at play, and the shape and elevation of the site. Among the greatest challenges for this specific site are the location of its “front door,” the question of the project’s image and impact on the skyline, and the project as part in relation to a whole. Even if the architecture can perform sustainably and healthfully, what is its impact upon its context? Inherently, the three block-ends suggest a perimeter-block model, for the purpose of maximizing light and air to thereby maximize health and comfort, as well as expansive window-wall and envelope design opportunities.

The studio will encourage public and professional discourse surrounding affordable housing and architecture today.

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5 Policies developed in NYC are proving to be groundbreaking and have been adopted by other cities around the country. See: http://mayorschallenge.bloomberg.org/
To begin the term, we will walk from Columbia University through Harlem to East Harlem (passing Strivers Row, Astor Row, Sugar Hill Apartments, and Dunbar Apartments), across the Harlem River, and up the Grand Concourse to the site. Each studio will undertake an analytical investigation of the urban and of typology through issues associated with urban morphology and infrastructural development. The studio will focus on the neighborhoods of East Harlem and the South Bronx, including: Marcus Garvey Park; the 125th “Main Street”; Park Avenue and the elevated Metro-North rail line; Harlem River Drive and Greenway; multiple bridges; Port Morris; Randall’s Island; and the Grand Concourse. From this exercise, each student will have the
opportunity to reverse the working methodology to the studio, looking at housing from the outside in. Each student will learn new lessons and gain new insight into the larger area of the housing site.

In addition to the subject of health, the studio encourages each student to think about the intersection between architecture and urbanism, particularly as regards subjects of economics, structure, materials, etc. as well as formal and spatial questions. How does culture play into housing? Has the city done enough to integrate the Bronx’s significant cultural heritage into its South Bronx Initiative Plan? How has the Bronx changed in response? Larger questions for the studio to consider include issues of homeownership: What is public? What makes a community? Entering into what seems to be a second recession and following a downturn in the national economy, a result of the recent housing crisis where properties in the Bronx on average experienced a 40% reduction in housing prices, how has the foreclosure crisis affected the neighborhoods the studio is working within? Today, the Bronx’s close proximity to midtown Manhattan and its ease of access to public transit—only 15 mins by express train to Penn Station—are fueling gentrification and, at the same time, new developments like Silvercup Studios (a film studio adaptive reuse in Port Morris [de-industrialization]), the Special Harlem River Waterfront District, and a greater connection to parks like Randall’s Island. The pedagogical goal of this studio is to understand the broader physical and historical context of the South Bronx, as well as to undertake an analysis of its urban infrastructure from its organization (think: the NYC grid) to the site section with its shifting geological terrain from the Harlem River to peak at Franz Sigel Park (think: soil types), to forms of urban connections (think: transit and accessibility).

In the way artist Damian Ortega deconstructs the popular VW Bug, each student team is to examine and represent both their research and ideas about the site through a conceptual taking apart of the city. Students are to first examine the South Bronx and then begin to understand the site. (It is intended that the focus of the Urban site study is the larger urban context of the South Bronx.) Students will continue to work site issues throughout the remainder of the term and should ask questions about the site in a methodological manner that serves to both influence their designs and create an architecture as much about buildings as it is about urbanism and infrastructures.

Edge City

Constructed between 1832 and 1835, the New York and Harlem Railroad, running along Park Avenue from City Hall to the Harlem River, mirrored in many ways the early modernization of Upper Manhattan. In 1873, the Village of Harlem was “annexed” to the City of New York; at the time it was considered one the most fashionable residential areas in which to live. Similarly, the Bronx’s history includes the Grand Concourse, designed by Louis Risse, who intended for the street to become the Bronx’s version of Paris’s Champs Élysées. In 1909, the Concourse was extended south to 138th Street, stretching it to five miles and, at parts, 180 feet wide. In the early 20th century, the Concourse was considered to be the “Park Avenue of the Middle Class,” bringing a centralized, “Main Street” connection through the entirety of the Bronx. This condition—of the edge of the city and, in this case, the edge of the Manhattan Grid—offers up a place to study the breakdown of the grid, its dissolution into urban infrastructure, and the physical possibilities of opening up to views as opposed to other buildings. The edge of the city is here bound and contained by large-scale urban infrastructures including Harlem River Drive, train tracks, but also sites in proximity to the Harlem River and the series of parks that line the edge of the city on both sides of the river. Geography and topography are two elements that should be explored.

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7 See: http://mpcie.org/site/historic-district/
NYC Housing Projects

1. Harlem River Houses, 1937.
2. Williamsburg Houses, Public Works Administration.
3. First Houses, New York City Housing Authority.
5. Barbizon Hotel, Palmer H. Ogden and Partners.
7. Astor Row.
8. East River Houses, Perry Coke Smith.
10. The Apthorp, 2207 Broadway, Clinton and Russell.
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12. Sherry Netherland Hotel, Schultze & Weaver.
15. Olympic Tower, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.
16. Silver Towers/University Village, I. M. Pei.
17. Brownsville Apartments, Frederick G. Frost.
20. Seward Park Cooperative, Herman Jessar.
22. Via Verde, Grimshaw.
23. 459 West 18th Street, Della Valle Berheimer.
24. Manhattan Expressway, Paul Rudolph.
25. The Dunbar Apartments.
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SITE SOUTH BRONX
SITE 425 GRAND CONCOURSE

For the purpose of the studio, we will work with a site that is simultaneously real and imaginary. The studio site includes a block originally slated for adaptive reuse bundled with two adjacent blocks.
SITE ZONING
SITE ZONING DEFINITIONS

Residential District R8A
Apartment buildings in R8 districts can range from mid-rise, eight- to ten-story buildings to much taller buildings set back from the street on large zoning lots. This high-density residential district is mapped along the Grand Concourse in the Bronx and on the edge of Brooklyn Heights. (R8 districts are also widely mapped in Manhattan neighborhoods like Washington Heights.) New buildings in R8 districts may be developed under either height-factor regulations or optional Quality Housing regulations, which often reflect an older, pre-1961 neighborhood streetscape.

The floor area ratio (FAR) for height-factor development in R8 districts ranges from 0.94 to 6.02; the open-space ratio (OSR) ranges from 5.9 to 11.9. A taller building may be obtained by providing more open space. In the diagram, for example, 64% of the zoning lot with the 17-story building must be open space (6.02 FAR x 10.7 OSR). Thus, the maximum FAR is achievable only where the zoning lot is large enough to accommodate a practical building footprint as well as the required amount of open space. The building must set back to a depth of 10 feet on a wide street (>75’) or 15 feet on a narrow street (<75’) before rising to its maximum height of 120 feet.

Off-street parking is required for only 40% of dwelling units, as these districts are easily accessed by mass transit, and can be waived entirely if 15 or fewer parking spaces are required or if the zoning lot is 10,000 square feet or less.
SITE ZONING DEFINITIONS

Special Purpose District MX-13
The Special Mixed Use District (MX) was established in 1997 to encourage investment in, and enhance the vitality of existing neighborhoods with mixed residential and industrial uses in close proximity, as well as to create expanded opportunities for new mixed-use communities. New residential and non-residential uses—commercial, community facility, and light industrial—can be developed as-of-right and can be located side-by-side or within the same building.

Special Purpose District M1-4
A manufacturing district, designated by the letter M—M1-1, M2-2—is a zoning district in which manufacturing uses, most commercial uses, and some community facility uses are permitted. Industrial uses are subject to a range of performance standards. Residential development is not allowed, except in Special Mixed Use Districts.

District C6-3
C6 districts permit a wide range of high-bulk commercial uses requiring a central location. These commercial districts are typically mapped in areas outside central business cores that have a commercial FAR of 6.0 and a residential FAR of 0.99–7.525.10

Public Housing
1974, Section 8 Housing, encourages the private development of affordable homes.
1992, HOPE VI, funds the demolition of poor-quality public housing projects and their replacement with mixed-income, lower-density housing.
The Bronx has 100 NYCHA developments, counting 44,500 apartments.

Affordable Housing
421-a Tax Abatement: 80% market rate / 20% affordable.
421-a Tax Abatement under Mayor Bill de Blasio: 25–35% affordable.
“Affordable” is determined by a percentage of the local medium income.

Rent-Regulated Housing
Includes “rent-controlled” and “rent-stabilized” apartments, received through J-51 or 421-a tax-incentive programs.
Rent-control only viable if tenant has been living in apartment since before July 1, 1971.
Rent-stabilized apartments comprise approximately 59% of Bronx, 43% of Brooklyn, 45% of Manhattan, and 42% of Queens housing.

Market-rate Housing
An apartment with no rent restrictions, allowing the landlord to raise rent to the local market rate.
Less legal protection regarding the right to a lease renewal and evictions.
Different neighborhood market rates (feed back into new 421-a).
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SITE PHOTOS


Railroad from 144th St. Google Earth, April 2009.

Walton Ave from 144th St. July 12, 2015.
Requirements and Representation

Each team will work toward a comprehensive understanding of their precedent and will document these findings through a range of scales and material output. While this research will serve as a basis to themes explored throughout the rest of the term, documentation and presentation should be treated as autonomous design exercises. All work should be clear, legible, and (very) well represented. Prepare the following materials, to be discussed in a Joint Studio pin-up:

1. A model of the whole system of an urban infrastructure at a scale to be determined in consultation with your critic.
2. One [1] model and one drawing of a significant detail of the site (either a unique component or a segment of a performative system) that you consider essential to the understanding of the city (at a minimum scale of 1-½” = 1’ 0”).
3. All drawings shall be presented on sheets that are 11” x 17” and no more than four [4] sheets per team as a small booklet.
4. Identify what type of housing project you are working with, and write one paragraph about the South Bronx that both summarizes and conceptualizes the system.
5. Photograph models.
6. Present work as a .pdf, to be projected.
7. All work is to be submitted on a labeled CD to the teaching assistant by September 19. Photos of models are to be submitted as 300 dpi .jpgs, and all drawings are to be submitted as .eps files.
8. One [1] overall site model and site section to be determined in consultation with your critic. To be completed as a studio. Due October 31.

Review
Assignment is introduced on September 9th and all work will be presented as part of a joint studio with the entire Housing studio and faculty on September 19th starting at 01:30 p.m. in Avery 114. The review will start promptly at 01:30 p.m. The review will take the form of a round-robin with all faculty and all students reviewing the projects at once. Students are asked to keep their responses concise and should primarily speak through the documents produced for the review. The second assignment shall be presented at 05:30 p.m.

Readings
Assignment #2
Local Versus Global Typology

Due: September 29, 2016 at 01:30 p.m. in Avery 114.

In the second assignment, each studio will undertake an analytical investigation of one housing project. The pedagogical goal of this work is to investigate relationships between specific housing types, fixed building systems, variable programs, and multiple forms that are both descriptive and representative of housing. Common housing types within New York City include but are not limited to the following: single corridor; double-loaded corridor; skip-stop; tower; courtyard; railroad; row house; transverse core; and single-room occupancy. With the knowledge gained about NYC housing types and their urban setting in the first assignment, investigate how this knowledge relates to the many other types of housing that exist in Rio, Berlin, and Mumbai. As a way to further understand the significance of housing, this part of the studio will include travel to Rio, Berlin, and Mumbai. For the purpose of the studio, and given the short time frame for this assignment, each critic has preselected a precedent related to the studio trip that their studio is to examine. Precedents range in type and in location. While the studio is based in the Bronx, each student should undertake the problem of housing with a broad view.
Each housing type has a very specific ideology regarding the relationship between collective and domestic living, as well as specific implications for overall form and urban morphology. By its very nature housing produces new subjectivities within itself. Arguably no housing project is the same, despite largely repetitive programming of units, corridors, parking, laundromats, lobbies, elevators, stairwells, and other building systems. The precedent assignment is meant to introduce not only numerous formal types but also organizations and issues critical to housing and architecture like materials, environment, economics, value, and social and cultural influences. Further, the intent is to comprehend the systems that simultaneously inhabit the relatively small space of a dwelling, from circulation to plumbing, structure, and electrical. Precedent analysis is critical to conceptualizing work done later in the term. Where the distinction between house and home emerges is of critical importance in a housing project. To that end, divisions between public and private shape both the physical form of the building and are also embedded within the public policy and governance structuring the intent of all urban housing. Students are encouraged to research subjects that could be explored all term.

Each team is charged with the task of examining and taking apart their single precedent for its form and performance/systems. (Please see the below list.) Begin by gathering all relevant information, such as plans, sections, and images. From this information each team will begin to record and assess through the acts of making and drawing, producing an analytical study of each precedent. This evaluation should be approached from two scales: from the unit and from the overall form in urban context. For the purpose of this studio the unit is as equally important as the project’s overall form. When examining precedents, analyze the models for health and wellbeing through the appropriate, related systems. Additional components and systems to investigate include: urban infrastructure; urban morphology; post-occupancy; materials; structure; life safety; accessibility; zoning; policy; etc.

Pedagogically, precedent analysis is a twofold exercise. First and foremost, it is a way into the housing studio through well-known architectural, formal, spatial, material, and structural examples. The systems found in each precedent and their relationship to one another will be defined by each team. Second, as a collective of eight studios, comparing and contrasting housing projects through specific lenses will require a particular analytical method of work. Through drawings and models, each team will reveal specific connections between the architectural form and related systems. These connections could range from the project’s organizational logic to its structural diagram and material assemblage, to its relationship to site, to its cultural underpinnings. These two ambitions serve to establish a fundamental way of thinking about architecture in relation of the subject of housing.

At the completion of the assignment each studio will present a full, comprehensive overview of their housing precedent. It will be necessary to undertake research and documentation as well as apply methods of analysis that will then be reviewed in a group pin-up. The representation of the assignment shall be comparatively evaluated between these projects in a collective studio assignment.
Requirements and Representation

Each team will work toward a comprehensive understanding of their precedent and will document these findings through a range of scales and material output. While this research will serve as a basis to themes explored throughout the rest of the term, documentation and presentation should be treated as autonomous design exercises. All work should be clear, legible, and (very) well represented. Prepare the following materials, to be discussed in a Joint Studio pin-up:

1. A model of the whole building at a scale to be determined in consultation with your critic
2. One model and one drawing of a significant detail of the building (either a unique component or a segment of a performative system) that you consider essential to the understanding of your building (at a minimum scale of 1-½” = 1’ 0”).
3. Analytical drawings of the units.
4. All drawings shall be presented on sheets that are 11” x 17” and no more than four [4] sheets per team as a small booklet.
5. Identify what type of housing project you are working with, and write one paragraph about the project that both summarizes and conceptualizes the typology.
6. Photograph models.
7. Present work as a .pdf, to be projected.
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Readings

Additional Readings
Reyner Banham, *The Architecture of the Well Tempered Environment*
Global Housing Typologies

4. Linked Hybrid, Steven Holl (Beijing, China, 2009).
5. Gifu Kitagata, Kazuyo Sejima (Gifu, Japan).
6. Saishunkan Seiyaku Womens' Dormitory, Kazuyo Sejima (Kumamoto, Japan).
7. Kanchanjunga, Charles Correa (Bombay, India).
8. Kasbah, Piet Blom (Hengelo, Netherlands).
9. Madrid Social Housing, Morphosis (Madrid, Spain).
10. Habitat ’67, Moshe Safdie (Montréal, Canada).
11. Unité d’Habitation, Le Corbusier (Marseille, France).
12. Mirador, MVRDV (Madrid, Spain).
15. Hansaviertal Tower, Van den Broek en Bakerma (Berlin, Germany).
18. Jacques Forte (Postal Worker Housing), Philippe Gazeau (Paris, France).
19. KNMS and Java Eiland, Diener and Diener, Architects (Amsterdam, Netherlands).
20. Schots 1+2, S333 Architecture + Urbanism (Groningen, Netherlands).
21. Silodrom Complex, MVRDV (Amsterdam, Netherlands).
22. Borneo, MAP Architects with Josep Lluis Mateo (Amsterdam, Netherlands).
23. Hook at Holland, J. J. P. Oud (Rotterdam, Netherlands).
24. Bouca Housing Complex, Alvaro Siza (Porto, Portugal).
25. Nexus World Housing, Steven Holl (Fukuoka, Japan).
27. Eda Housing, Chiba Manabu Architects (Yokohama (Kanagawa, Japan).
28. Langham Court, Goody Clancy & Associates (Boston, MA).
29. Peabody Terrace, Sert, Jackson and Gourley (Cambridge, MA).
30. Lafayette Park Apartments Ludwig Mies Van Der Rohe (Detroit, MI).
31. Marina City, Betrand Goldberg Associates (Chicago, IL).
32. VM Houses, BIG and JDS (Copenhagen, Denmark).
33. Quinta da Malagueira Housing, Alvaro Siza (Evora, Portugal).
34. Housing on Lutzowplatz, O. M. Ungers (Berlin, Germany).
35. Crawford Manor, Paul Rudolph (New Haven, CT)
Individual Studio Assignment*

Each critic will confirm their precedent selection upon the beginning of this assignment.

Bunge Studio: Madrid: MVRDV with Blanca Lleo, Celosia Building, 2001-2008
Marino Studio: Milan: Banfi, Belgiojoso, Peresutti, Rogers, Torre Velasca, 1950.
Solomonoff Studio: Montreal: Moshe Safdie Habitat, 1967
Assignment #3 Housing & Community: Units, Structures, and Environments

Due: December 7 or 8, 2016 at 12:00 p.m., Room TBA.
Units
Having already been introduced to lessons from site and precedent studies, students will be introduced to the problem of designing housing by creating units, addressing the problem of aggregation not as an autonomous practice but instead through systems of structure, program, accessibility, and environment. Modern architects approached housing as a purely functional problem, often working from the inside out. An example of this approach can be seen in Czech avant-gardist Karel Teige’s research for the 1932 book *The Minimum Dwelling*. For Tiege, the housing question is essentially one of “a problem of statistics and technology,” to the point that housing ultimately comes down to “a question of the general plan.” While these ideas were formulated to address housing crises in the aftermath of World War I, today the idea of the minimal dwelling is understood to hold a different meaning. Each team will design a prototypical unit that explores the minimal. In a city often already at the minimum—minimum area, minimum light, minimum budgets, minimum amenities, and minimum proximity to fresh air—what is a minimal unit today? How is the minimal addressed in systems? Each team should speculate on the limits of this prototype. Inclusion of the model of the OMA/Rem Koolhaas’s Lemoine House as model introduces structures, physics, and accessibility as a means to both understand and produce the design of a house and its basic forms. These same criteria are essential to urban public housing, and should begin the design of the unit.

From Structures to Environments


Formal exercises of unit repetition will begin the next series of studies, on structures and aggregation. Here students are to propose complex structures of repeated units, learning lessons related to scale, structure, and systems, as well as engage in the dialectic between form and function. Today, aggregation is understood through different processes of production than those previously practiced. (Compare Moshe Safdie’s Habitat [1967] in Montréal to Steven Holl’s Linked Hybrid Housing [2009] in Beijing.) For the purposes of this studio, the focus will be on high-density models. Returning, perhaps nostalgically, to the beginning of the Columbia Housing Studio—that is, to its emergence in reaction to 1960s urban renewal projects and in the
context of the Museum of Modern Art’s exhibition New City: Architecture and Urban Renewal (1967) and Another Chance for Housing: Low-Rise Alternatives (1973)—the studio will hold history up as a valuable lens and reference for reading the city. (Both exhibitions presented housing projects for East Harlem.) This longstanding interest in high-density alternatives should not only form the ground of each aggregation study but also rethink the same for the contemporary conditions of the city.

The studio will examine high-density housing that serves a specific audience, such as aging populations or artists with a special regard for human comfort. Students will design a series of climate effects and comfort zones within their projects. Similarly, to test and model climatic envelopes, structural studies should be completed in the form of digital stress tests. The School’s Roving Engineer program, which has previously accompanied the studio, is being reorganized this year; a new program of initial Presentation and Roundtable Discussion will be held in the beginning of the term. The purpose of this program is to provide students with access to structural engineering principles and concepts at the beginning of the design process. Roundtable discussion will be followed by an engineer being assigned to each studio. This engineer will visit the studios once before the mid-review and once before the final review. Students should be prepared in advance of meeting with their assigned structural engineer. Structural and aggregation studies will interweave with site studies.

G. Robert Le Ricolais (1894–1977) examined the beauty of failures. The elements of stress upon built form include gravity, physics, wind loads, shear, lateral forces, and other strains placed on its structure. What type of structure can be made in response to such stresses? Imagining a stress diagram, will a particular type of stress produce a formal response? Is this stress examined from the inside out? Or from the outside in? Structural concepts will be explored primarily through model making. The structural stress should promote a fundamental concept for the project that equally reflects a particular position on the domestic.

Program

Before beginning design work the program given as part of the housing project is to be analyzed, in consultation with your critic, through a series of modeling studies. The primary program for this studio includes housing, a community center for the aging, and a commercial space with public space. This city-owned property is to be developed under the Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s (HPD) Low Income Rental Program. For the purpose of the studio it is also allowable to work with the guidelines of the 80-20 program: “At least 20% of the units in the project must be affordable to tenants earning
no more than 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), or 40% of the units must be affordable to tenants earning no more than 60% of the Area Median Income, or, in New York City only, 25% of the units to be affordable to tenants earning no more than 60% of the Area Median Income.”

The zoning change permits a change in residential units and the inclusion of a community center to be located anywhere in the building(s) where residences are allowed. Each team should carefully examine both the program and the relationships between given programmatic parts. The program may be changed, but only following consideration with your critic. Any changes should be considered against the given zoning and codes.

While it is possible to approach housing through these systems of value and economies, it is also important to work towards new contemporary ideas of living and habitation. The Lemonie House by OMA/Rem Koolhaas presents commingles issues from domesticity, privacy, intimacy, and physical limitations to structural, environmental, and material novelty in creating a new form of living. If housing at a larger scale with repetitive units undertakes all of these elements, what types of design studies and concepts can each team explore?

New York development tends to follow artists, a movement currently synonymous with gentrification. This trend started in a deindustrialized SoHo, when artists renovated large industrial factories into live/work lofts. In 1971, the City rezoned the area to allow for commercial activity. SoHo has since been used as a precedent for Brooklyn, Queens, and now the Bronx. According to the current NYC zoning regulation, Chapter 2, Article 1, “home occupation” enables residents to use 10% of their homes for specific types of work: artist studios, professional offices, and teaching up to four pupils at a time. However, as our site is also under the MX-13 Special District Overlay, “home occupation” is redefined as 49% and allows greater variation in work. Live/work units can offer the neighborhood a variety of commercial types that directly relate to street life. Neighborhoods in Rio like Rio das Pedras are entirely constructed by mixing living and working spaces, where proximity to the street increases value and accessibility. Although signage and advertisement in live/work units in NYC are addressed in the zoning code, are there opportunities to link the impact of live/work units with the design of the street?

As part of the “home occupation” code and in relation to the site’s immediate context, of the Arts Center and schools, the housing project should consider new models for working as part of its program. A community is growing in this neighborhood, and within the Bronx, through projects like Silvercup Studios that open up opportunities for live/work unit types and affordable or below-market-rate housing for artists. Consider other projects for living and working like Ozenfant Studio by Le Corbusier and the Schindler House shared by Richard Neutra and Rudolf Schindler.

As NYC has had a long tradition of mixing residential types and populations, the studio will also include programming for the aging. “Crystal ball in hand, I see a future that retires the retirement community and fully integrates older adults into every facet of American life,” writes Dean Linda Fried of the Mailman School of Public Health in her book Unafraid of Aging.

There is evidence that, by the year 2030, certain global populations will count more elderly than child citizens. What it means to grow old in American society holds different meaning than in the past. (“Aging” and retirement were understood to take place at a particular age: 65.) What does this mean for society and for (urban) housing? Statistics show that East Harlem’s aging population is growing. Part of this studio’s program is to design and develop a community center for the aging.

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RESIDENT SHARED AMENITIES

| Storage | 15 SF per unit |
| Laundry |
| Dryers  | 1 dryer per 40 units |
| Washers | 10 washers         |
| Waiting & Folding Area | cardio machines, stretching area |
| Exercise Room   | 2,250 SF           |
| Accessible Green Roof | 8,000 SF          |
| Bicycle Storage | 50% of units; 15 SF / bike |
| Parking         | required for all buildings above 110th street |
| SUBTOTAL        | 48,250 SF          |
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SUBTOTAL    173,750 SF

TOTAL NET    258,500 SF+

Net Service areas include common spaces and mechanical at 20%.
Envelope enclosure to be determined in gross calculation.

*The project must comply with ADA requirements and all current zoning guidelines and restrictions for New York City.
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MID-REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

These requirements represent the minimum documentation required.

Drawings
At a scale of 1/32”=1'-0'”: Site Plan with context.
At a scale of 1/16”=1'-0” and 1/8”=1'-0'”: Plans with Ground Plan.
At a scale of 1/16”=1'-0’": Sections and Elevations.
At a scale of ¼”=1'-0’": Full Building Section with detail.

Models
At a minimum scale of 1/64”=1'-0’”: Massing Model within urban context.
At a scale of 1/16”=1'-0’": Building Model with immediate site.
At a scale of ½”=1'-0’": Detail Model of your selection.

Perspectives

Conceptual Structural Diagrams
Produce one [1] key structural diagram that reflects your structural concept and system. In addition, produce a series of diagrams that illustrate the structural strategy and its relationship to other qualities of the design, from materials to light and form.

Conceptual Daylighting Studies
Produce one [1] unit that is presented through either digital or physical modeling to illustrate daylighting effects on June 21 and Dec. 21st at sunrise, noon, and sunset.

Post-Medium Specificity
Produce one [1] drawing, model or 30 seconds of video that captures the essence of your project. This work shall be created to expand upon a theme or narrative of your project.

Additional Work
Other work is also acceptable, and should further elaborate on your design concept. Wherever possible, do not repeat information. Please discuss with your individual critic.

Presentation and Time
Part of studio culture includes balancing your studio work with other classes, both inside and outside of the School. Since this term is dedicated to work as part of a team, please be considerate of your teammate's time in addition to your own. Reviews are meant to be productive, useful, and critical of your work, providing insight and thus helping you move your project forward. Reviews are limited in time and therefore require that each student arrives on time and presents in a concise manner. All digital work should present a visually clear description of your project. Pin-ups are an opportunity for students to test their project with varying audiences. Mock up your presentation before any review and discuss with your critic.
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**Pencils down.** All work shall be collected the night before the mid-review at 11:00 p.m. Each student is to finish printing and pin up or submit their work. Students are advised to stop all work and get some rest. It is recommended that students attend studio reviews as well as the introduction presentation.
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FINAL REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

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**Drawings**
At a scale of 1/16”=1’-0”: Site Plan with context.
At a scale of 1/8”=1’-0”: Plans, Sections, Elevations. All drawings with context
At a scale of ¼”=1’-0”: Full Building Section with detail.

**Models**
At a minimum scale of 1/64”=1’-0”: Massing Model within urban context.
At a scale of 1/8”=1’-0”: Partial Building Model with immediate site.
At a scale of ½”=1’-0”: Detail Model of your selection.

**Perspectives**
Minimum of three [3] views of a day in the life of the building, illustrating both interior and exterior. One perspective should be of a unit. Additionally, views should consider the qualification of experiential differences in public vs. private, shared vs. communal spaces, etc.

**Structural Diagrams**
A diagram that reflects your structural concept. In addition, produce a series of diagrams that illustrates the structural strategy and its relationship to other qualities of the design from materials to light to form.

**Daylighting Studies**
Produce at a minimum one space, preferably the unit that is presented through digital modeling to illustrate daylighting effects on June 21 and Dec. 21st at noon.

**Post-Medium Specificity**
Produce one [1] drawing, model or one-minute video that captures the essence of your project. This work should be used to introduce your project.

**Additional Work**
Other work is also acceptable, and should further elaborate on your design concept. Wherever possible, do not repeat information. Please discuss with your individual critic.

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Pencils down. All drawings, digital presentations, .pdfs, PowerPoints, etc. shall be collected on December 7 at 01:30 p.m. Each team is to submit their work to their critic for review. Model making is acceptable until December 8 at 11:00 p.m. These deadlines are recommended for the purpose of ensuring that students can be present on review days.

Final Documentation
All models, drawings, and other materials must be documented and collected for the School’s archive and for Abstract. Please provide a CD to your critic of all drawings, model photos, and other forms of representation. No grade will be given until your work has been collected and archived. No exceptions.

Schedule
The studio is structured around a profound set of critical issues that will build upon one another. Students will work in pairs for the entire term. Studio pedagogy will focus on a working methodology of building up the scale of each project throughout the term. Domestic projects should take the approach of building from the inside out, while urban projects will look from the outside in. The studio will begin with a one-week precedent study of one housing type. Following this short introductory exercise, the studio will shift scales and examine the site in the broadest of terms. At week four, students will begin design work by developing unit and aggregation schemes, proposing a structural concept, and analyzing the given program. Each team will produce several conceptual schemes for the housing block up to the mid-term review. Each studio will be assigned a structural engineer to work with throughout the term. In addition, presentations and roundtable discussions by experts and professionals will be a critical component of the studio.

Studio Team Spirit
The housing studio aims to touch on many subjects and skill sets throughout the course of the semester. One challenge of the studio is working collaboratively. The ability to work and coordinate with others is a crucial skill for students to cultivate. If you find yourself frustrated, do not worry! Critics and teaching assistants have been through the same thing and are there to help. Students will learn as much, and perhaps more, from their classmates as from their studio critic. With that in mind, please be present in studio during studio class time and engage in pin-ups and class discussions. Students absolutely must be present at all pin-ups and reviews for the entire duration (unless for medical or other urgent reasons). It is more important that students are present for one another's' presentations than gluing last-minute additions to models. Roundtable discussions are intended for students to ask questions, inspire dialogue and challenge one another (and their critics!). Please attend and be on time. There may even be food. . . .

End-of-year Show
In preparation for the End-of-year Show in May, all students must submit three [3] high-resolution images of their projects. Additionally, please remember to save your models for inclusion in the show.