

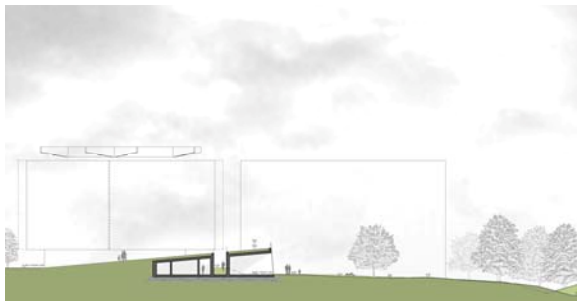
**project : prairie dog kindergarten / University of Göttingen / Germany 2009/2010**

This project is the next investigation in the body of work of educational buildings, which has been globally identified as a target typology with the potential to guide out of the current green recession [ Mike Davis in Munich 2008]. The case study is a kindergarten for the University of Göttingen, as the city with one of the oldest institutions committed to education, according to Wikipedia: "Göttingen is like Cambridge in England or Yale in America: very provincial, not on the way to anywhere - no one comes to these backwaters except for the company of professors. And the professors are sure that this is the centre of the world." The site will in the very landscape characterized campus, which is showcasing flora and fauna to the students and acts like a green lung. The building is strategically placed adjacent to a dormitory from the 1970's and the excellent XLAB laboratory building from 2005, in order to synergize in utilizing the urban frequency and creating a triumvirate constellation to the north, as the entry plaza for the building. The dormitory to the east is shading the glazed entrance, the north and west parts of the building are "landscaped" and the building bermed to then open all up to the south in overlooking the campus green-scape. The building's approach is a hybrid of landscape and building and this way attributing to the multiplicity and complexity of requirements/influences as excellence in urban-landscape integration, pedagogic, environmental/ postfossil performance which informs the architectural performance of a building of solid mass prefab concrete softened with wood and perforated with light of the framed views into the landscape and the sky. The goal is that all creatures will perceive the building as it has always been there, down to the prairie dogs as just one other outlook point in their walks through the green campus city of Göttingen.

existing urban context on "Dr. urban side"



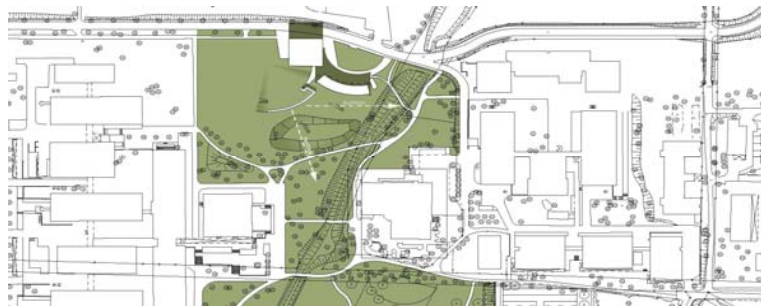
sectional site interventions



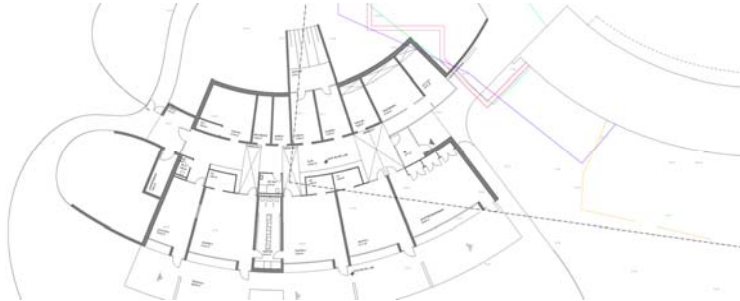
existing condition of "Mr. landscape side"



the union of the dissimilar triumvirate



the architectural schematic



the urban entrance



the urban edge



with the perforation of the earthy solid with light and view voids...

