



CONCLUSION

This investigation aimed to transcribe an architecture of opportunity over the built fabric of Pretorius Street, in order to clarify process and address the illiteracy of the outsider, whilst defining opportunities as a result of architectural intervention. It set out to discover an enabling form of architecture where exposure to programme and the depths of the city block were revealed. To discern the legibility between the lines on various scales and address its own future impact, the investigation embraced the need for change to the 'everyday'.

The response was consistently moulded by the theoretical positions and associated framework of reaction to existing conditions. The 'city as possibility' maintained the optimistic intentions where the outcomes have the ability to shape the story of the city and the 'everyday experience' provided the social context and continually questioned levels of exposure. The framework of clients and the building management is in a sense experimental, where everyday literacies are confronted by various methods and parties. However the need for opportunity, support and access to knowledge, especially within the overload of information and the happening city is part of the contemporary context and developing nature of our society.

To successfully define an architecture of opportunity, two principal factors emerged. Firstly, that context is paramount and considering the greater experience of the investigation through revealing concealed spaces, integrating programmes, allowing for accessibility, continuing movement patterns and harnessing the existing, was necessary. Secondly, acknowledging that the process of adaptation adds new layers of meaning determined the role that distinctive new work would play in showcasing legibility. The experience of to walk along a line, progressing through the building, is realised by maximising exposure to distinctive new work, varied and improved spatial dimensions, a sense of phenomenal transparency and a recognition that possibility exists within Pretoria. The legibility of movement, systems, programmes, everyday tasks and potential for interactions allows for a varied and memorable experience for the outsider.

The adaptation of 239 Pretorius Street achieves a flexibility from a temporary and mundane environment. However it also acknowledges the future change which will occur within the lines of the city. The legibility of this impact is the anchoring of the scheme into the historic narrative of the city and the larger network of movement.

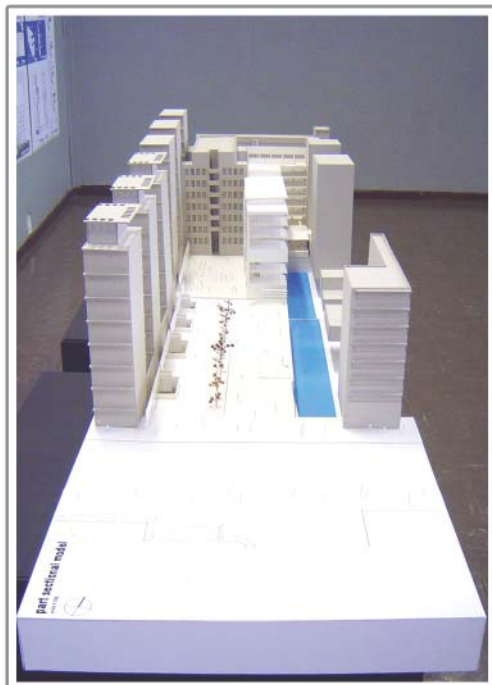
[The everyday] walks along a line, and, perhaps, our greatest pleasure is in seeing it so often near falling, without being ever actually down.

APPENDIX





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