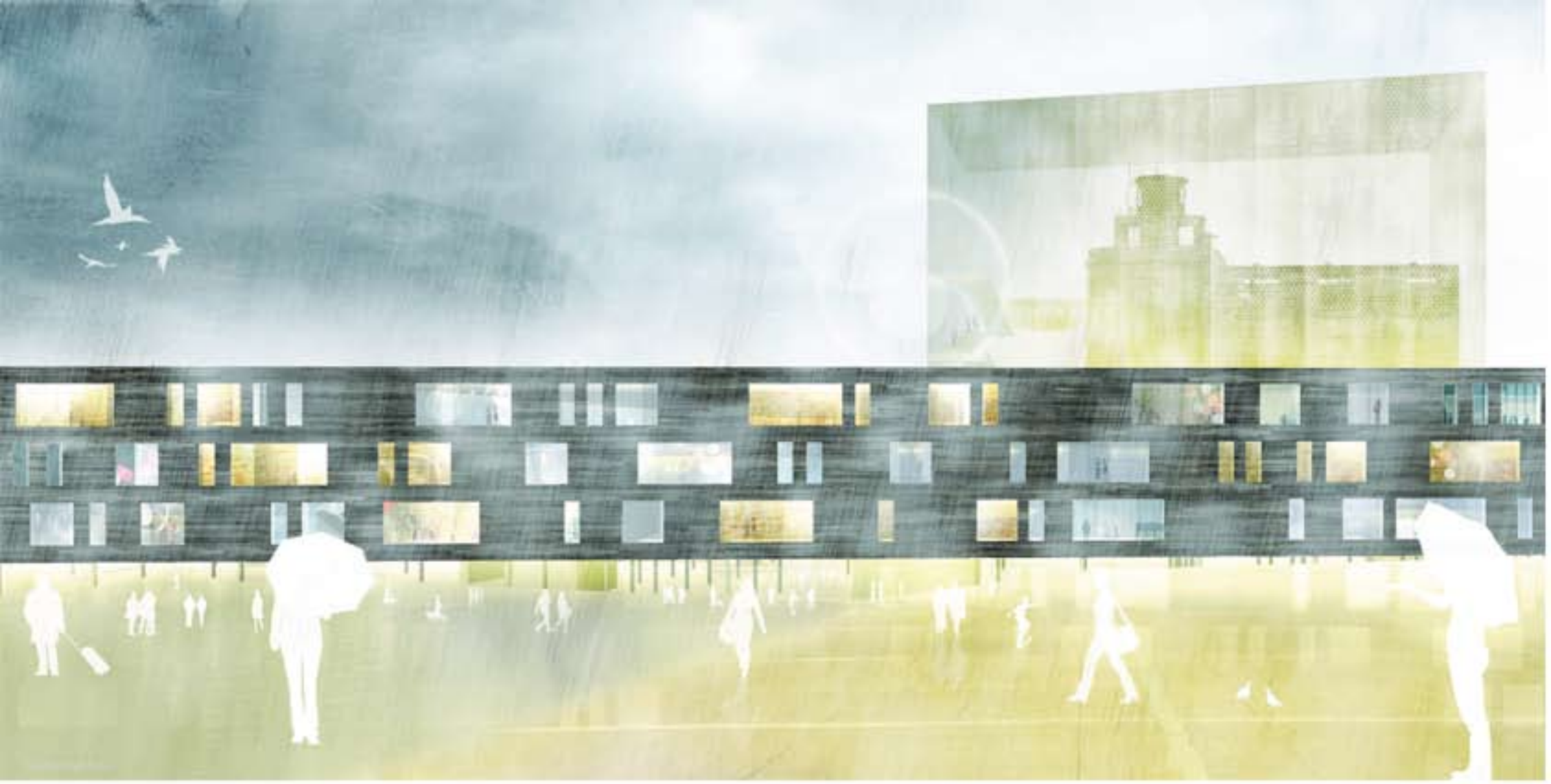

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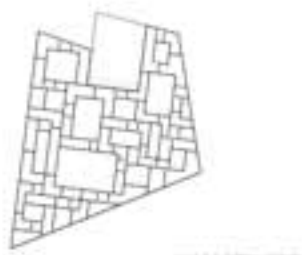
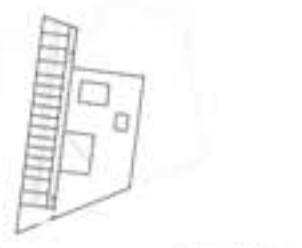
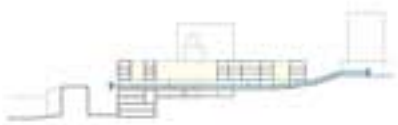


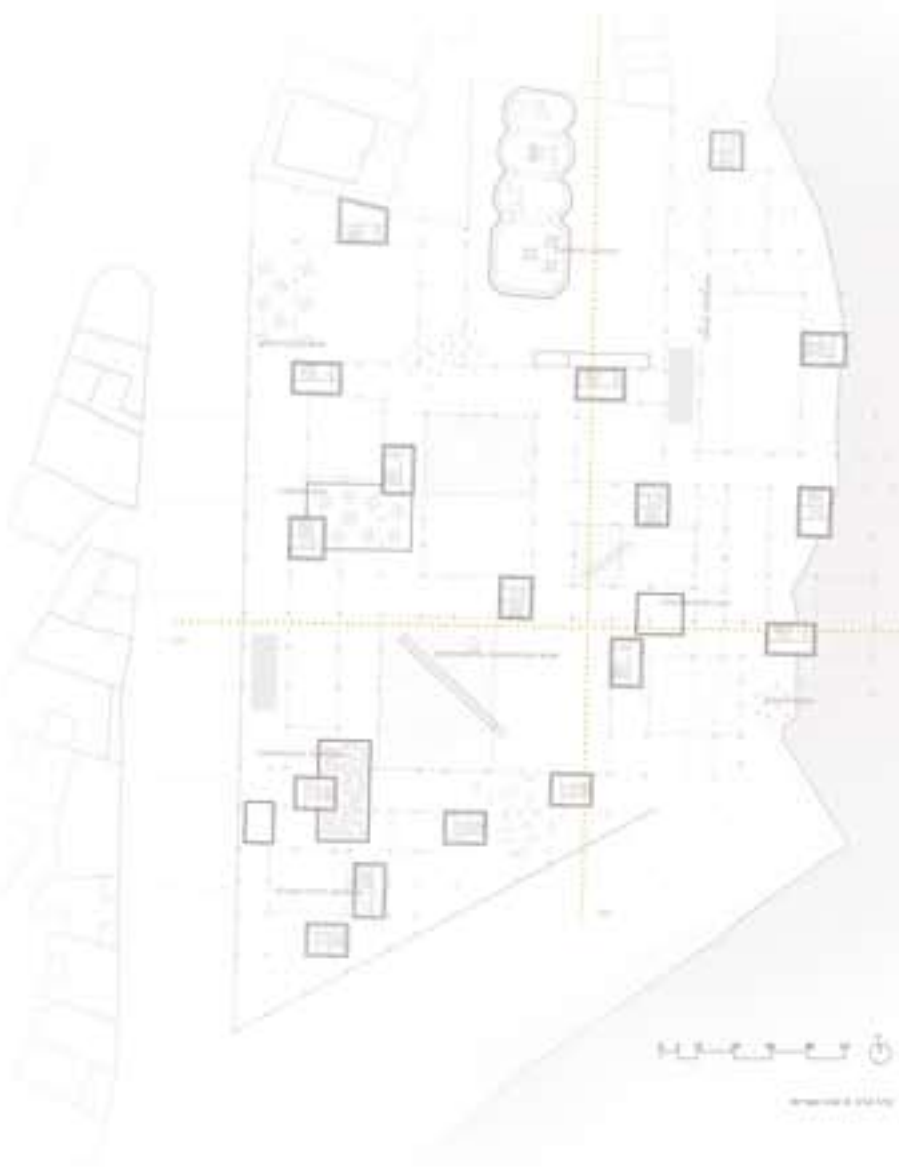
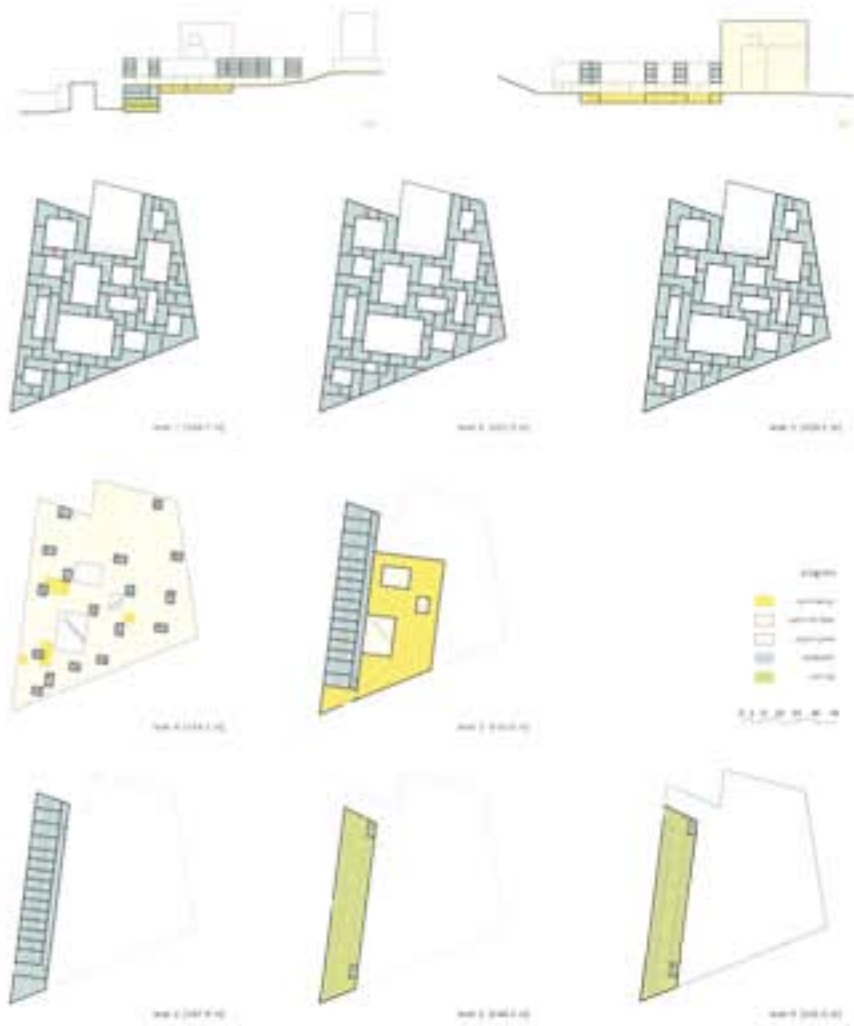




How can we create spatial quality with the dismissed industrial building? Its monumental proportions, no doubt, can be used for this purpose if we are able to make them perceivable. We propose to use the void to underline the bigger scale of the industrial building of La Panificadora. We designed a new semi-transparent skin around the big silos. The new skin wraps the building and the space around it in order to create a new covered and monumental height. In the landscape of the city of Vigo the industrial building remains visible but the new skin suggests that its spaces has acquired a new undefined consistency. In this way the industrial building can host new attractive and public uses both inside the existing construction and in its surrounding void.

The void is the ingredient that is then used to organize the whole design. An entire level of the project is an open space that connects the wall of the renewed silos with the city-hall square. This floor creates a terrace level that is open to the seaside view and that hosts commercial units, public spaces, the Vaivagin st., a new connection with the Paseo Alfonso XII and the entrances to the upper and lower levels of the new buildings.

New residential units are arranged around the big voids of courtyards, which expand the heights of the terrace level. The vertical connections of the housing are optimized to reduce the number of accesses from the terrace. The courtyards housing is not defined as separate buildings, it spreads vertically over the terrace level and reaches the city-hall square, in order to provide a new facade for the square itself and a variety of sizes and configurations of residential units.

Underneath the terrace level, the construction hosts large commercial spaces, while the new front of Falperra street is dedicated to special residential use, which can provide housing programs for seniors or students. The lowest floors host two levels of parking with accesses from different heights of Falperra street. The two entrance system avoids the use of internal ramps for cars.

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