

TEXTO GRUPO NAVARRETE, RINOLDI, RODRÍGUEZ, ROZAS

Questioning the role of housing as an urban piece and revising the notion of 'villa' in the city today, we propose an approach from indetermination, regarding program and property. Instead of a solution with a fixed form, the project is a strategy that reformulates the 'villa' through the proposal of a living cell with a double domestic dimension: the minimal and the shared.

Our proposal is based on scattered positive spaces surrounded by negative ones. The first group refers to enclosed rooms with a specific use while the second one contains different types of Wohnraum. This word, originally used to describe Ungers' City of Rooms (1960), is relevant because it shares its root -Wohn- with the concept of housing: Wohnung. Also, considering that Raum means space, it states the architectural conception of the housing problem and through the -Wohn- reside, recalls its social dimension. Hence, Wohnraum could be translated as lived space.

We consider a 'villa' as a group of houses with a recognizable morphological identity that produces a feeling of summation of similar parts and establishes a dialogue with its urban environment, that is, a non-autonomous piece. Therefore, the project is based on the repetition of similar –non-identical– minimum cells that establish a morphological conductive thread and rhythm.

Our project develops from the small scale.

We recognize the reciprocal relationship between space and subject, considering that the latter has its own –non generic– needs which (might) translate into appropriation. Because of this, we believe that it is possible to better the living conditions of the people in Cerro Navia by reducing the domestic cell to its minimum, adding one (potentially) high-quality shared space. In order to do so, part of the housing program is moved to the undetermined place, collectivizing it. To ensure its use, the cell has dimensions such that it is essential to expand the living space, blurring the boundaries between cell space and shared (intermediate) space.

At a community level, 'allegados' (informal tenancy) are recognized as an opportunity: we propose a densification system based on the merger of four properties (at least) to form a co-ownership. At an urban scale, the proposal is inserted as an infill.

We propose a strategy of urbanization per piece that responds to a subdivided tenure reality in which a tabula rasa solution is difficult and hardly appropriate.