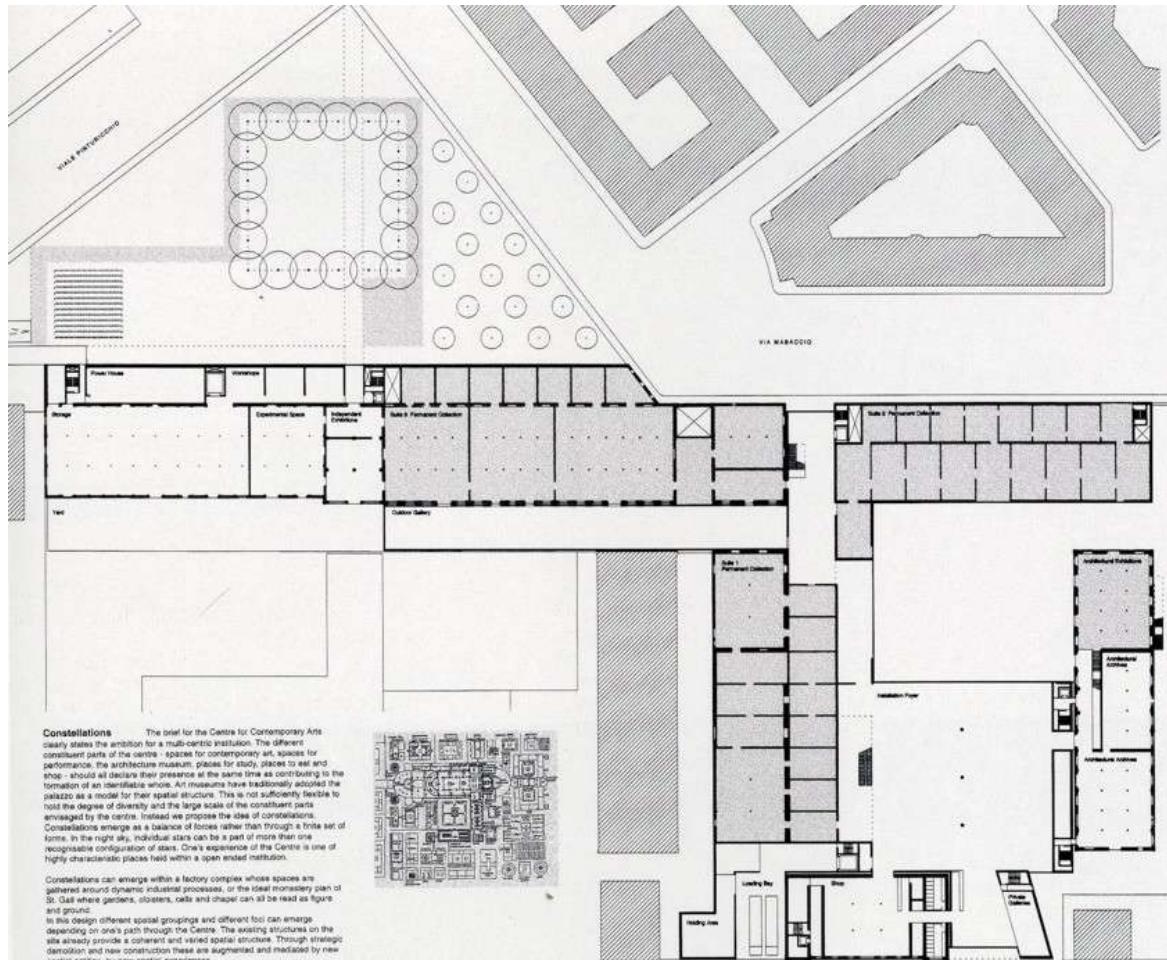


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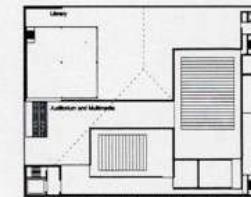
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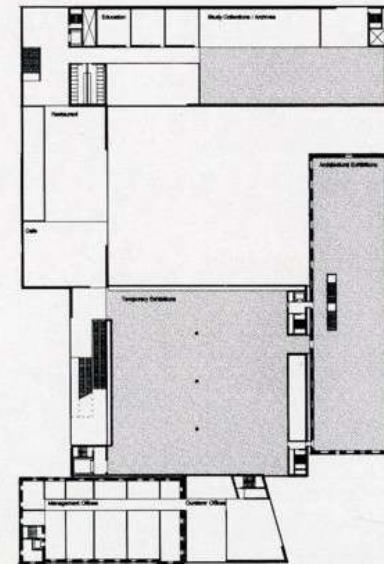
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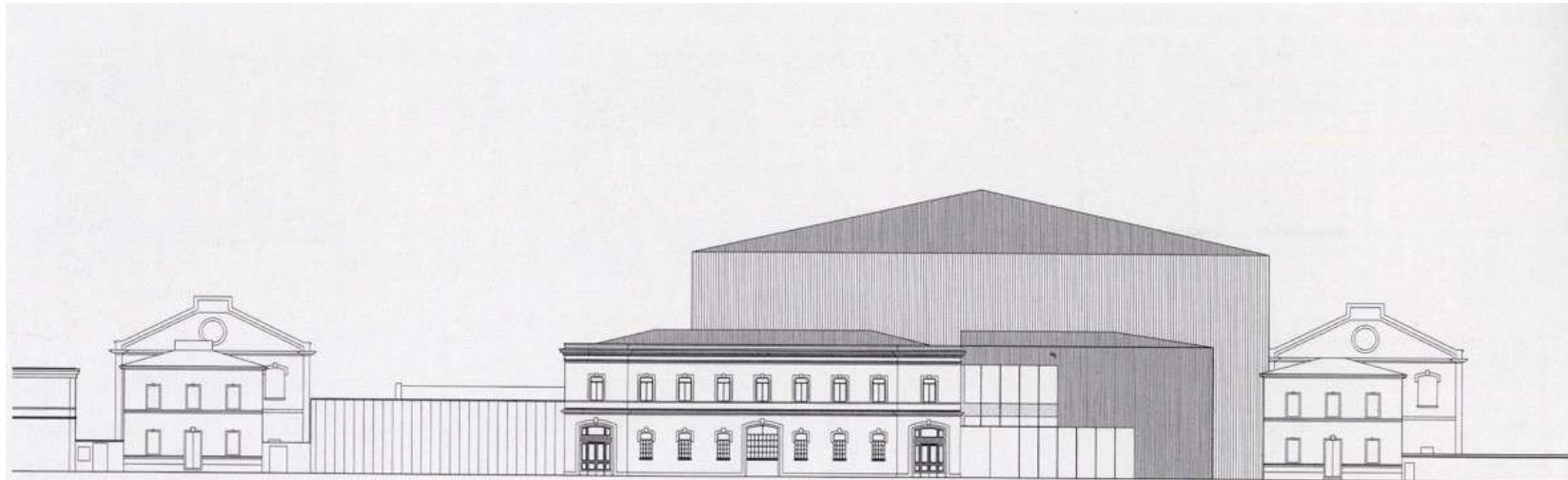
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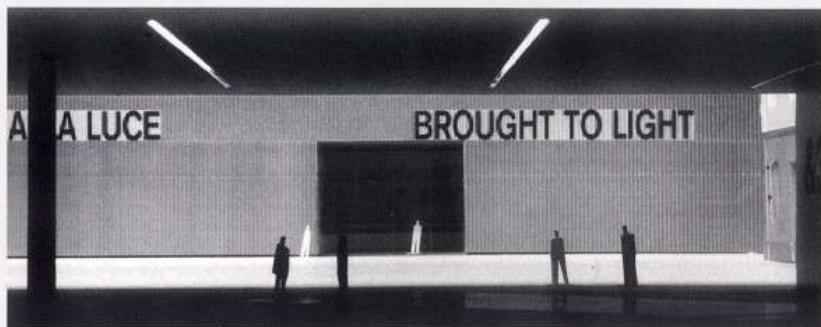
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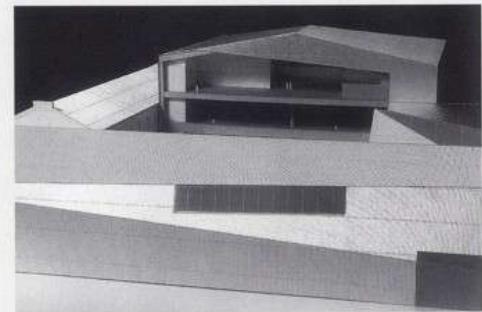
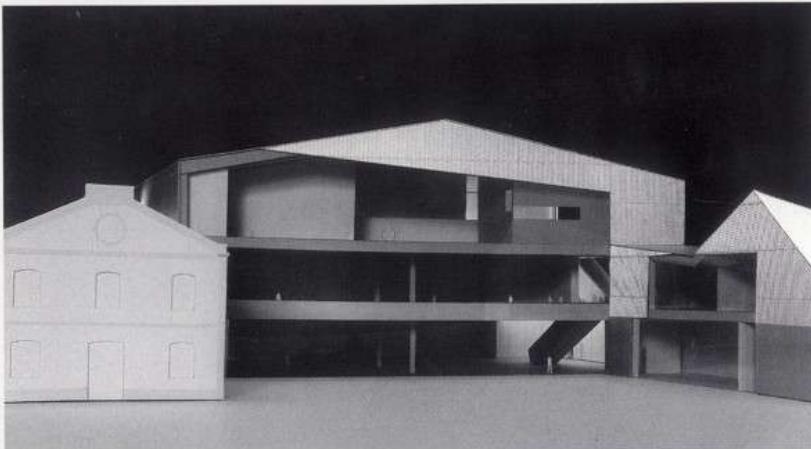
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And This project is not interested in making the choice between conservation and new construction. The idea that new is necessarily better and more exciting is an outdated one. Nothing can be more thrilling than the concrete reality of a specific situation, and to engage with this reality is to harness its potential. Both the old and the new parts, as well as being inspired by the aesthetic potential of this old site, we believe that there exists a powerful environmental imperative to reuse existing constructions when they are spatially generous and structurally sound. This is a radical proposal for the next century.

Thomas Struth's city portraits show how powerfully context and adjacency mediate one's experience of the autonomous formal object. In this project, new buildings are placed beside and among existing ones, achieving a diversity of experiences. We believe that within this mix, new structures, as well as being inspired by the aesthetic potential of this old site, we believe that there exists a powerful environmental imperative to reuse existing constructions when they are spatially generous and structurally sound. This is a radical proposal for the next century.

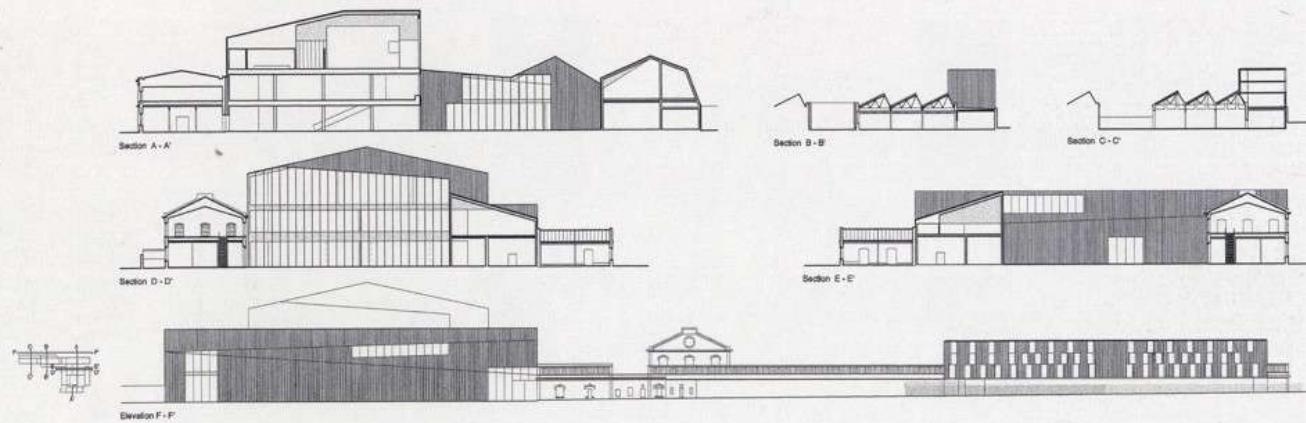


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Painters Today there no longer exist the constructional traditions which have given large building complexes like factories and monasteries a wholeness despite the large difference in age and formal diversity of their parts. In order to achieve a sense of wholeness this project for the Art Centre for Contemporary Art MAXXI in Rome has been developed around the concept of a painterly concern with surface. Brâncuși's paintings of L'Esquise, for example, use formal abstraction and a precise handling of the painted surface to blur the difference between house, tree and mountain so that they all become subsumed by the consistent, flat surface of the painting.

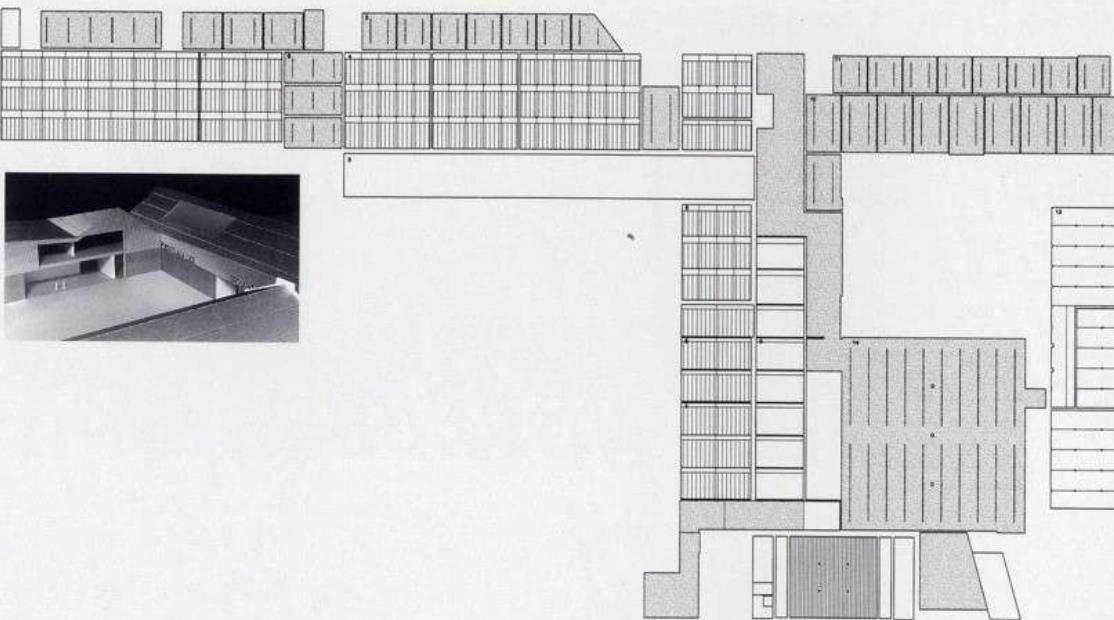
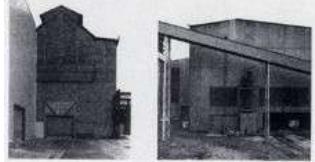
This project does not exaggerate the differences between old and new construction, instead the diversity of scale and the difference in age of the parts are bound together through a painterly handling of form and material surfaces. Volumetrically, the new structures resemble the old but their scale and geometry are distorted to make new connections and new kinds of space. An open roof structure is used to connect the old and new elements. Finely corrugated mill finished stainless steel is applied to the existing roofs and envelopes the new structures. Certain areas of the new cladding are shotblasted to despolish the surface of the stainless steel and make a direct optical connection between the old and new structures and the new structures. Other facets of the stainless steel are polished to more strongly amplify topographical and meteorological events around the Centre.



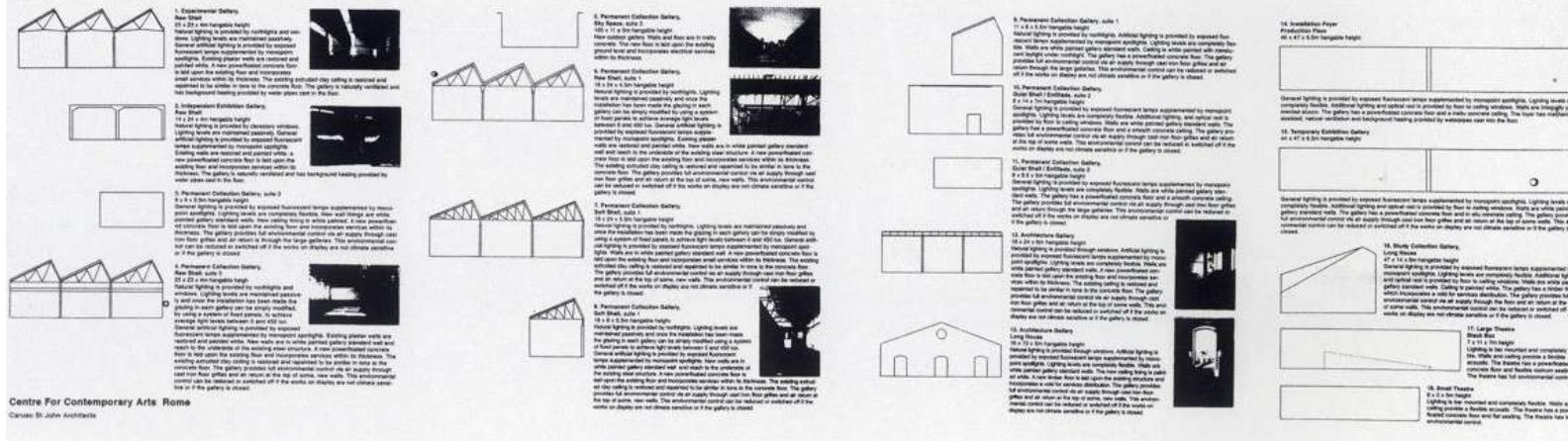
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Quiet Variation The serial and typological format of Band and Hilla Becher's photographs show how generalized, formal conditions make more specific situations possible. In this case, the industrial structures of Monteoliveto Barracks, like many industrial contexts, actually exhibit a strong, serial quality. The north-south blocks have at least three structural variants - the long, low, single-story buildings, the two-story buildings, and the larger, two-story room-like west building, the cast iron columns and fireplaces offset the east building. This project engages with this existing quality and develops additional galleries at ground floor level, by means of a series of openings and openings through old and new constructions; these typological shifts are made apparent through the use of a quiet variation in the centre's spatial character, enriching the potential for the installation of art and clarifying one position within the institution.

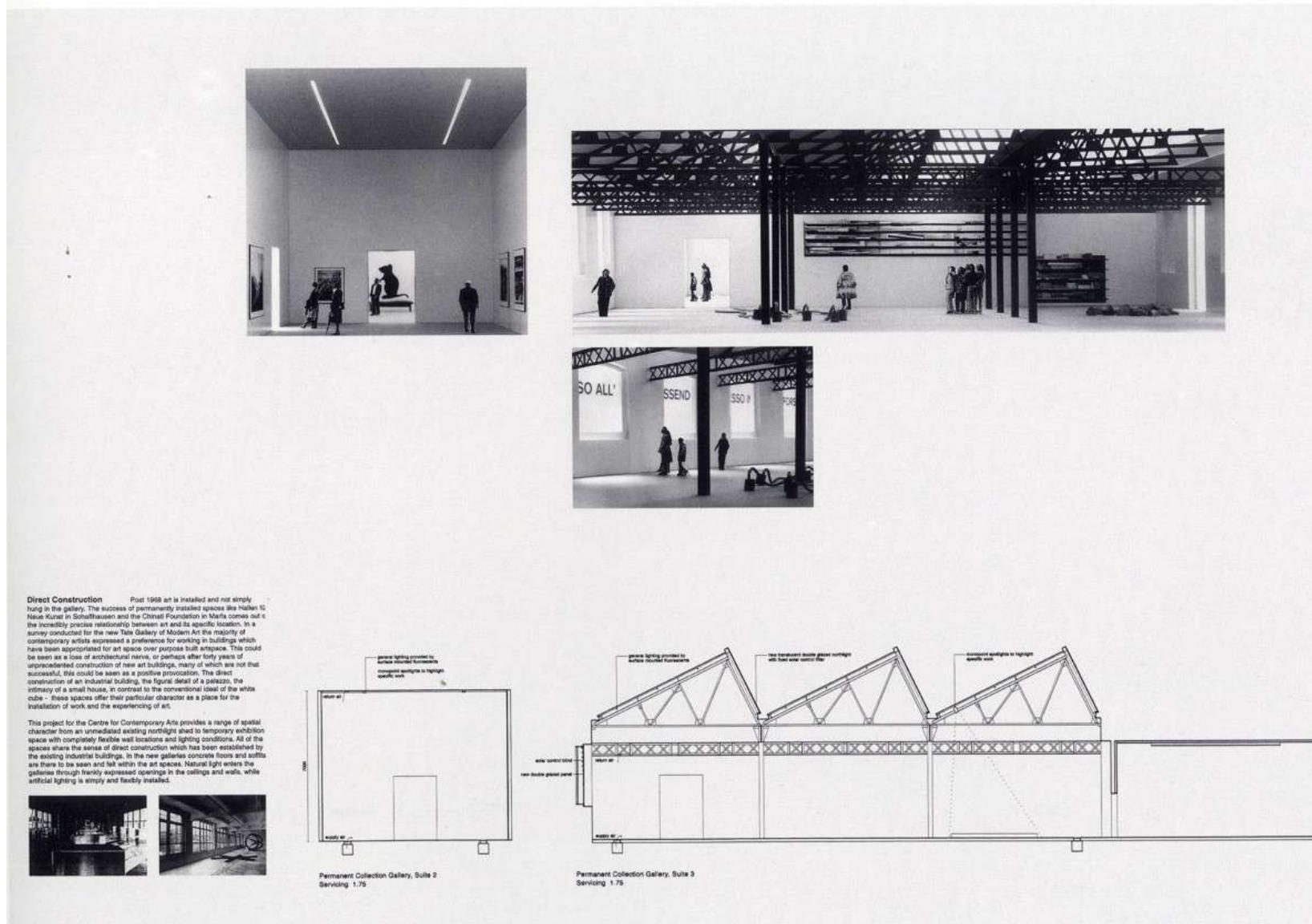


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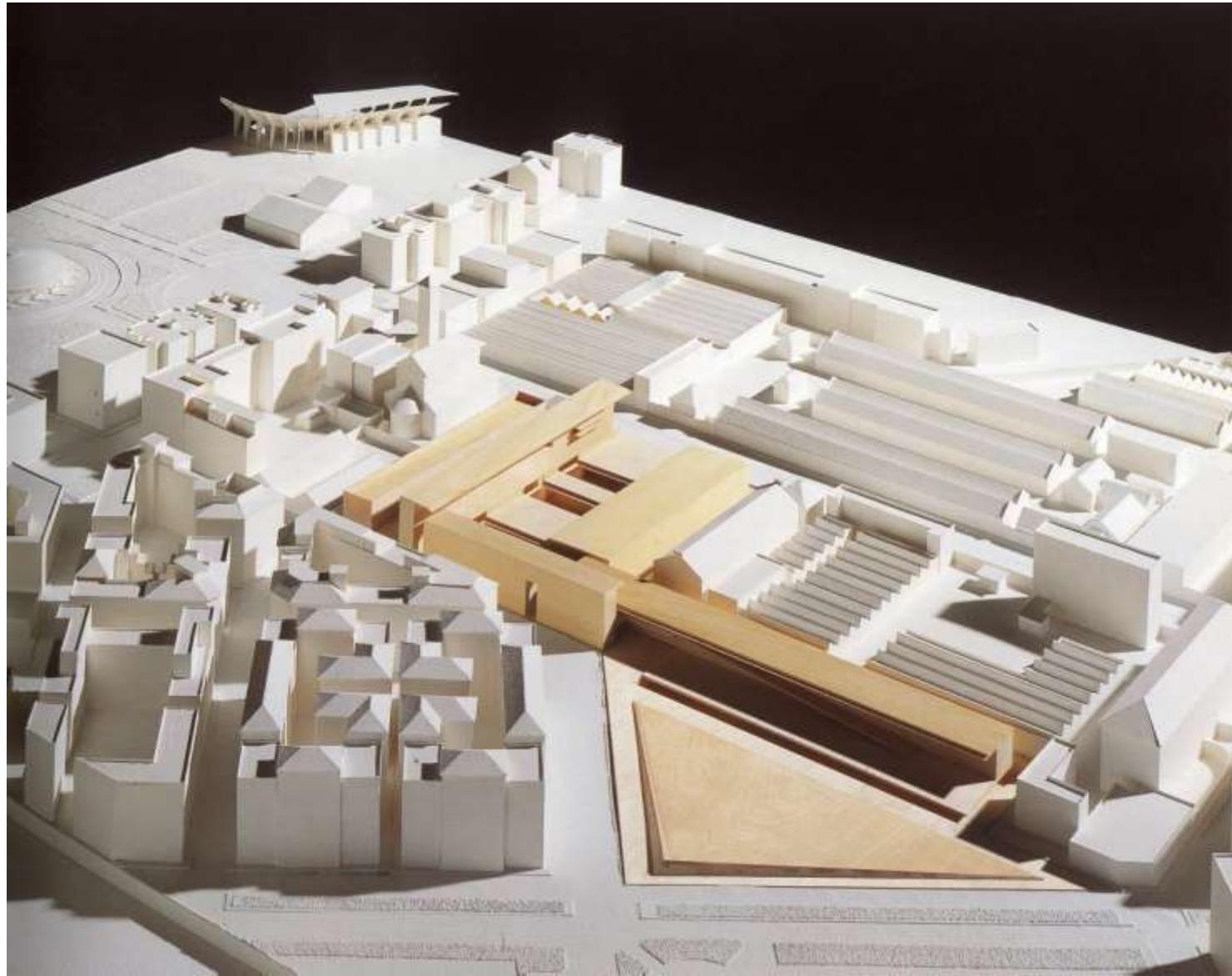


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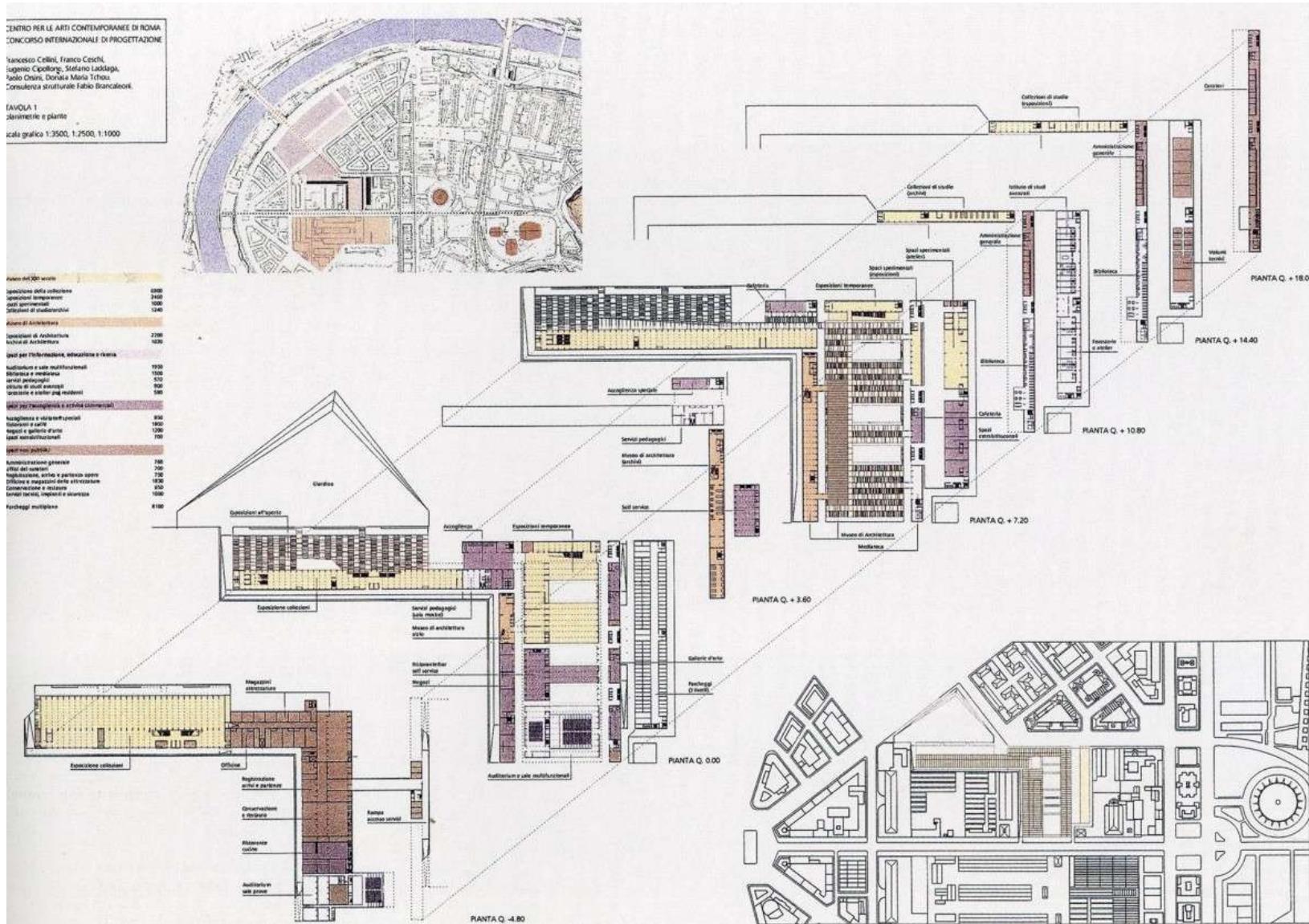


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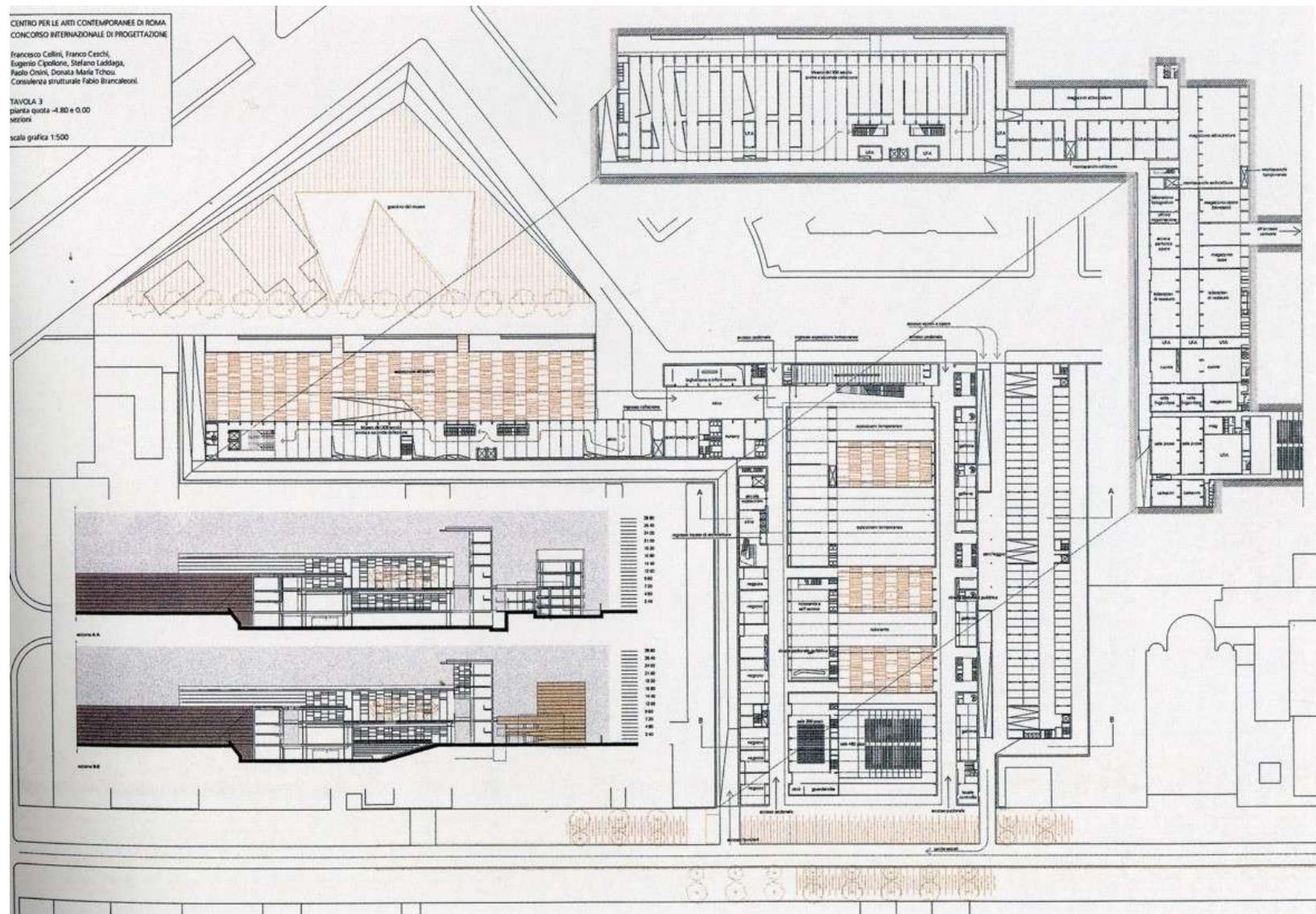
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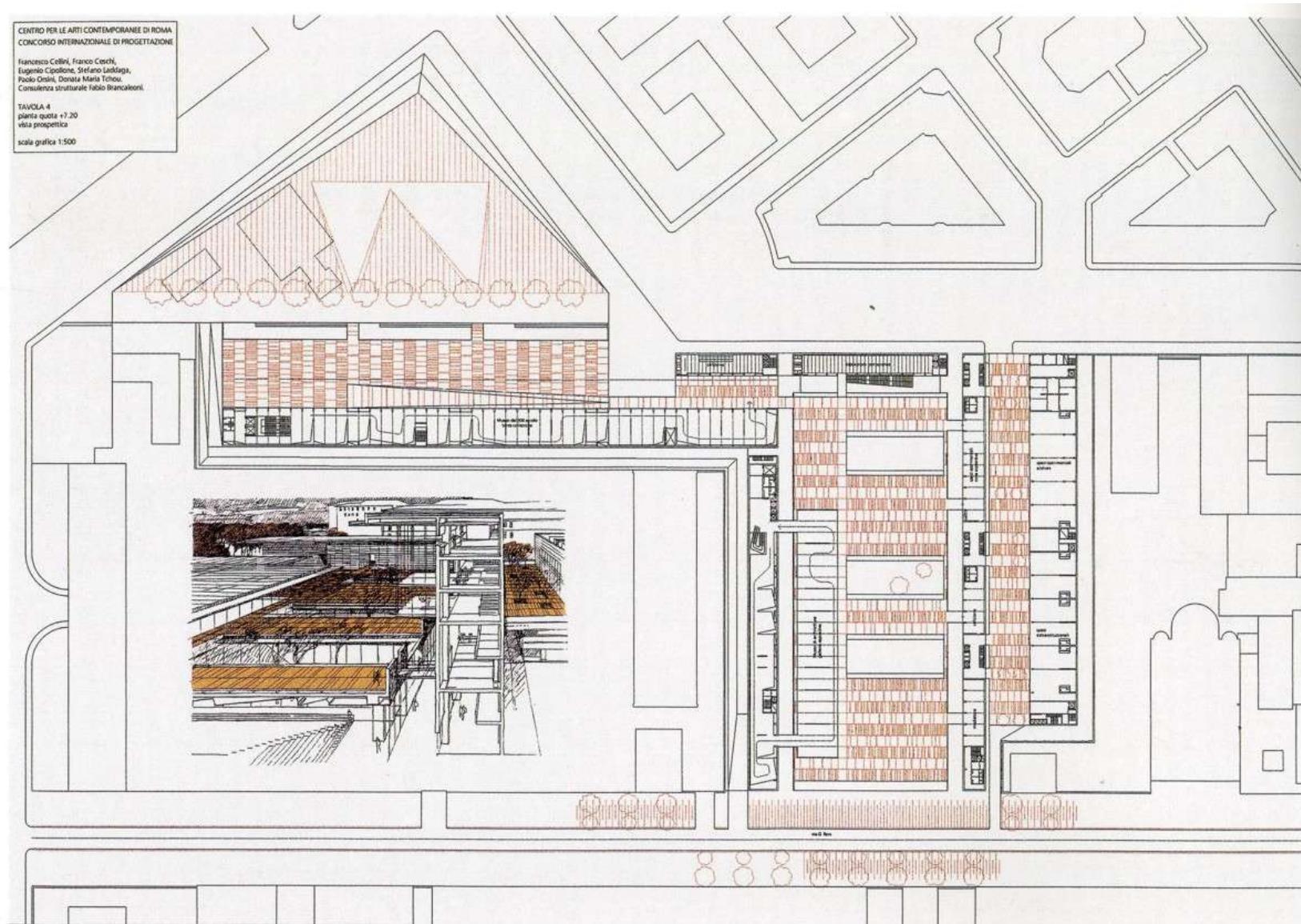
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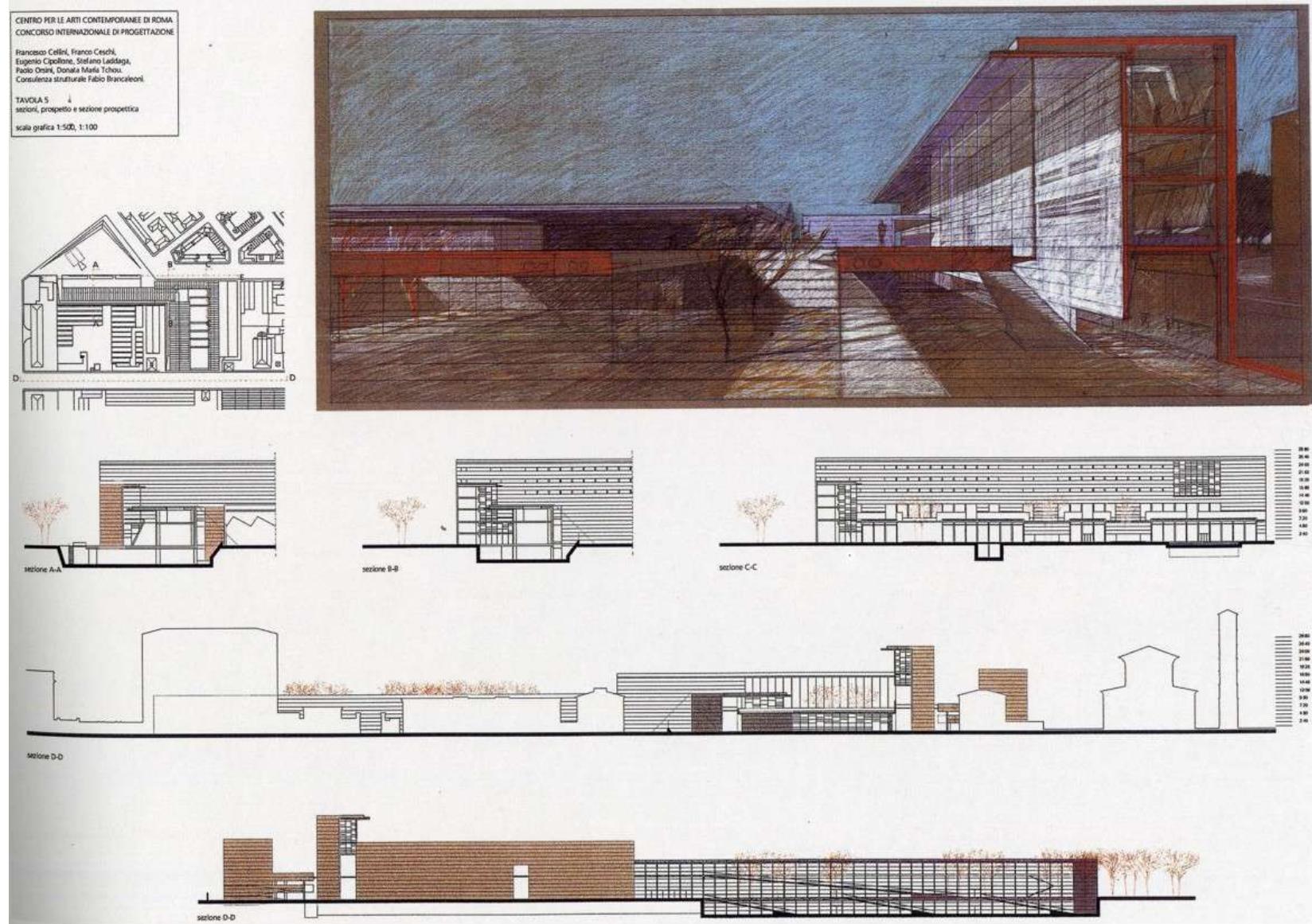
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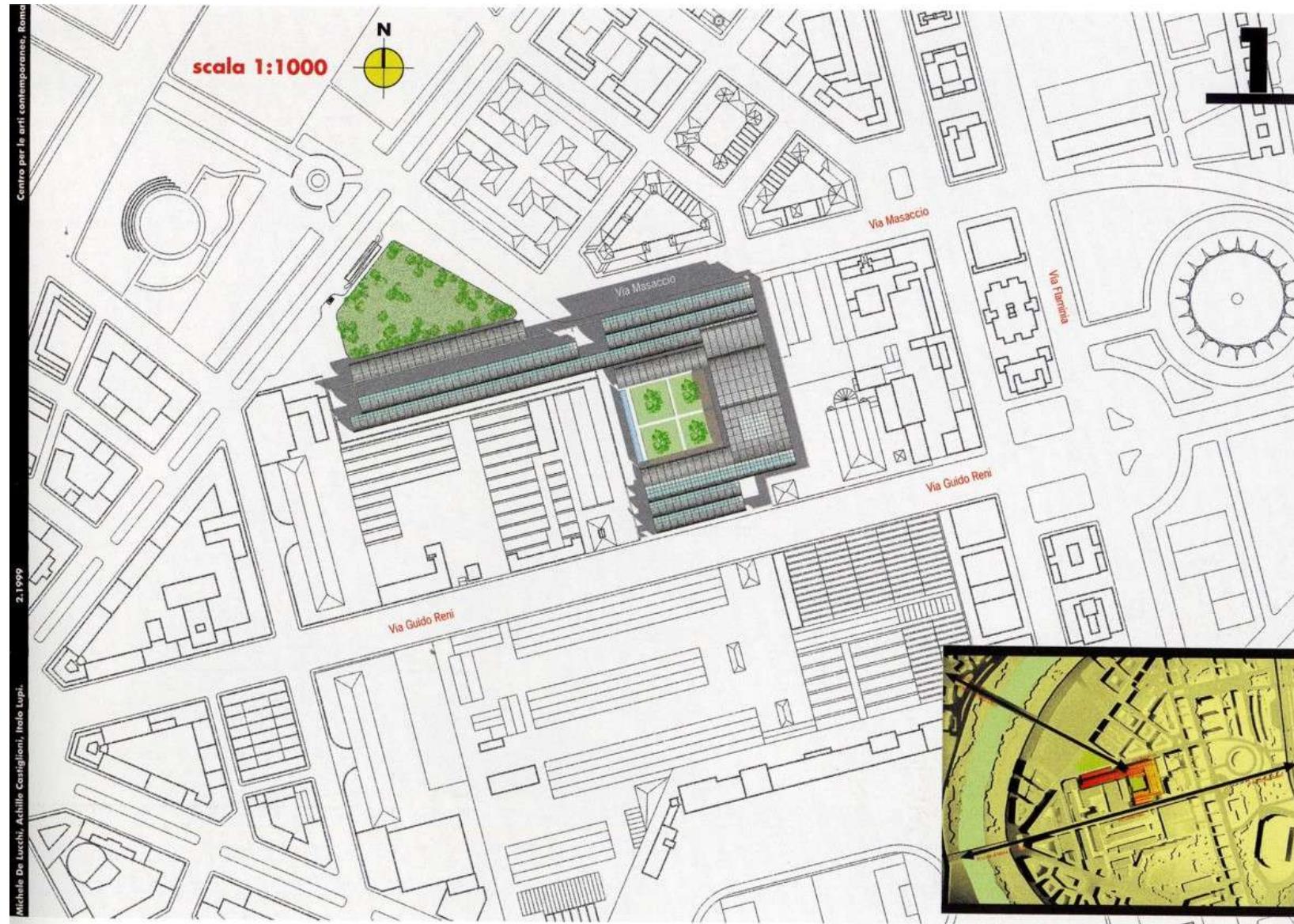
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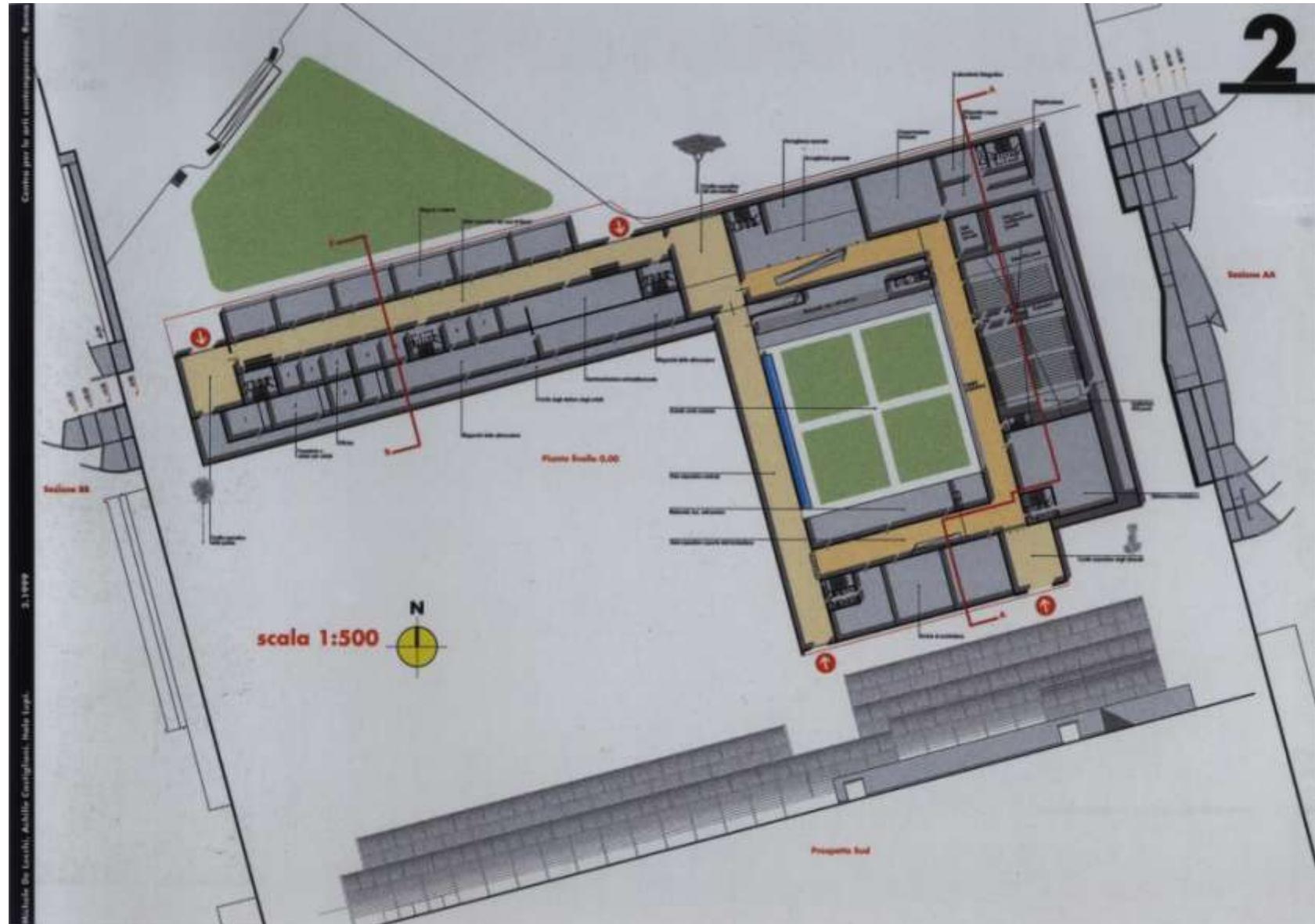
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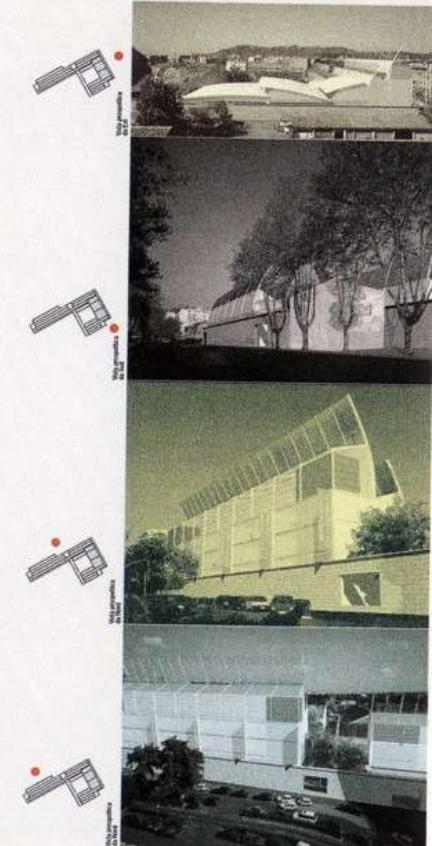
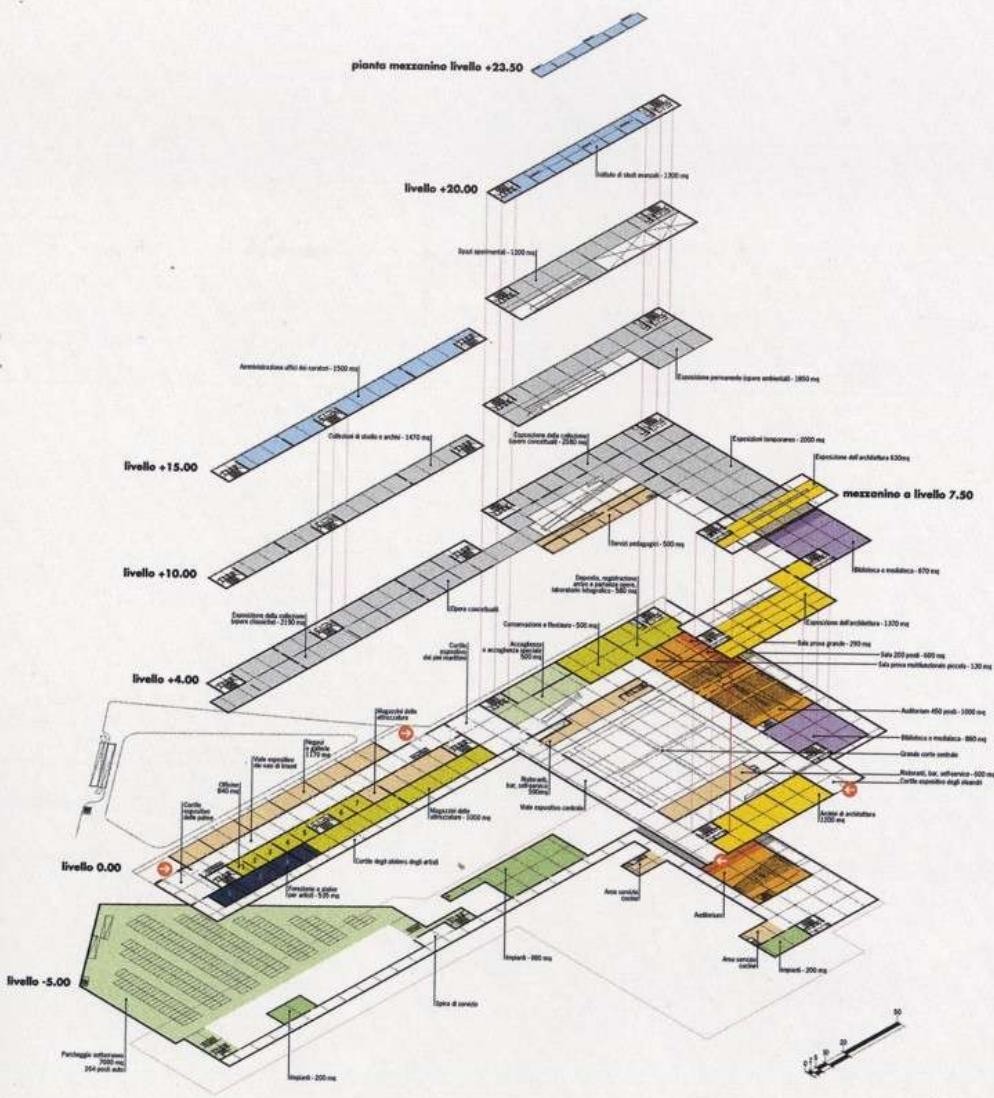


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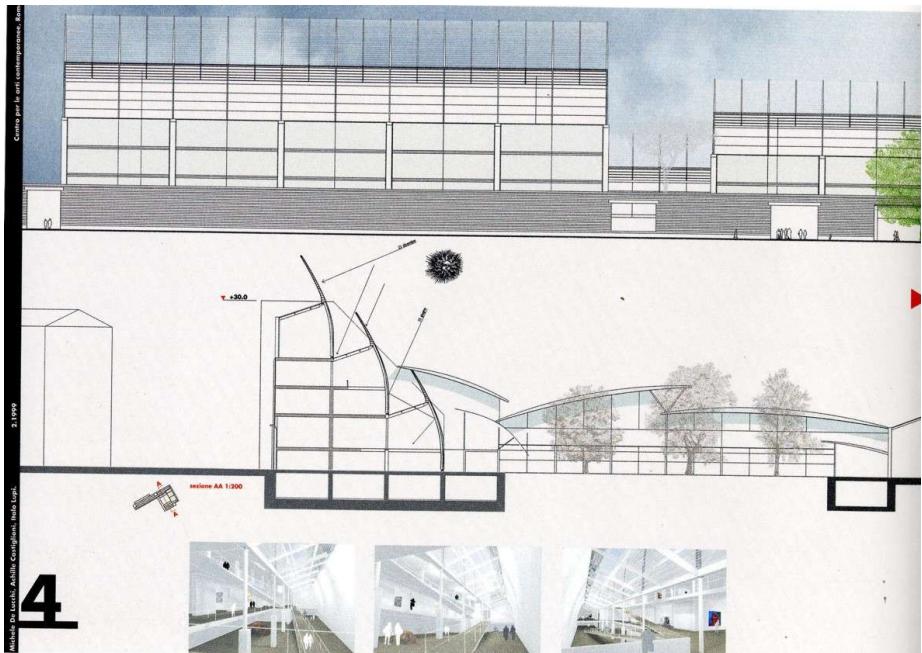
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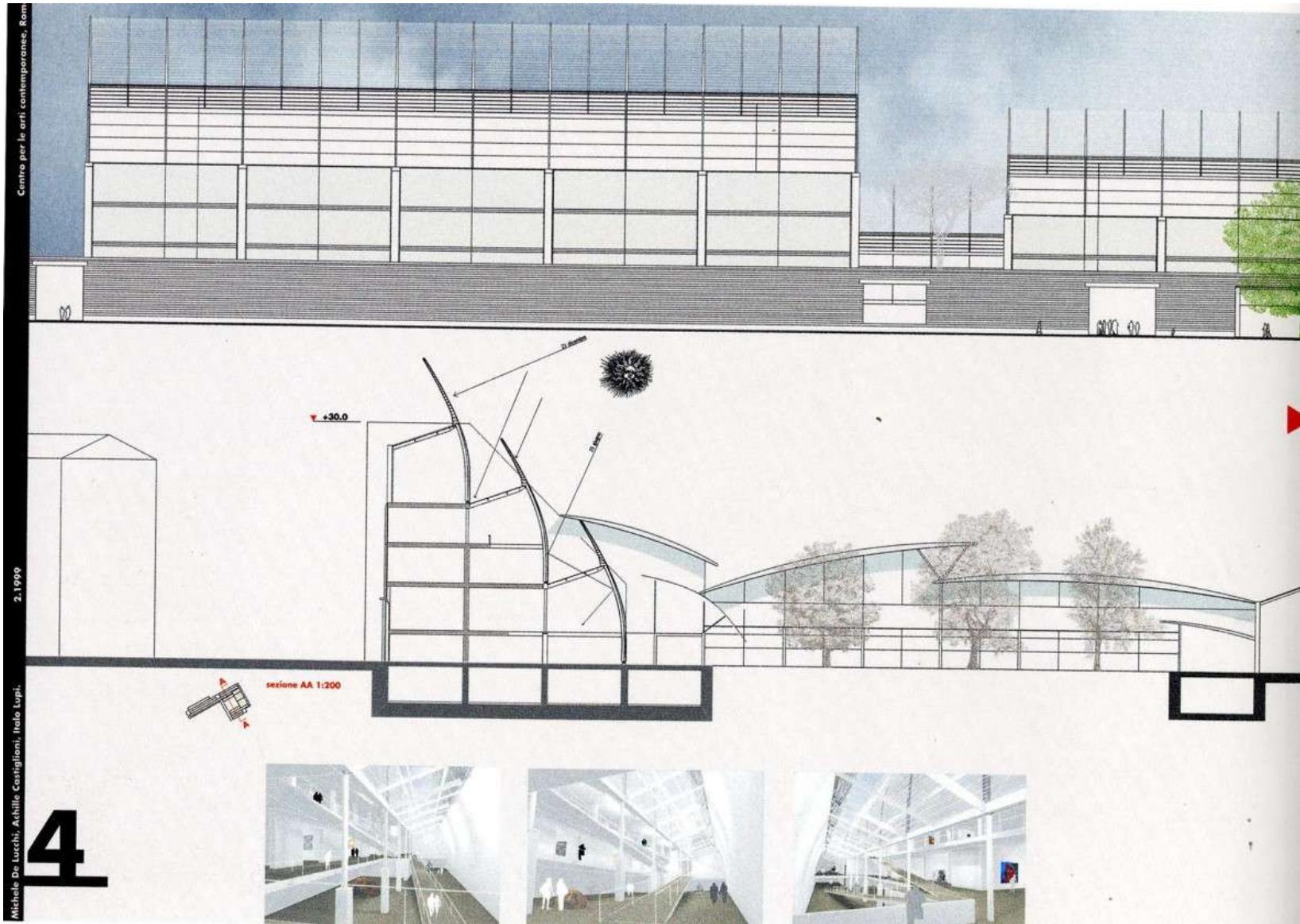


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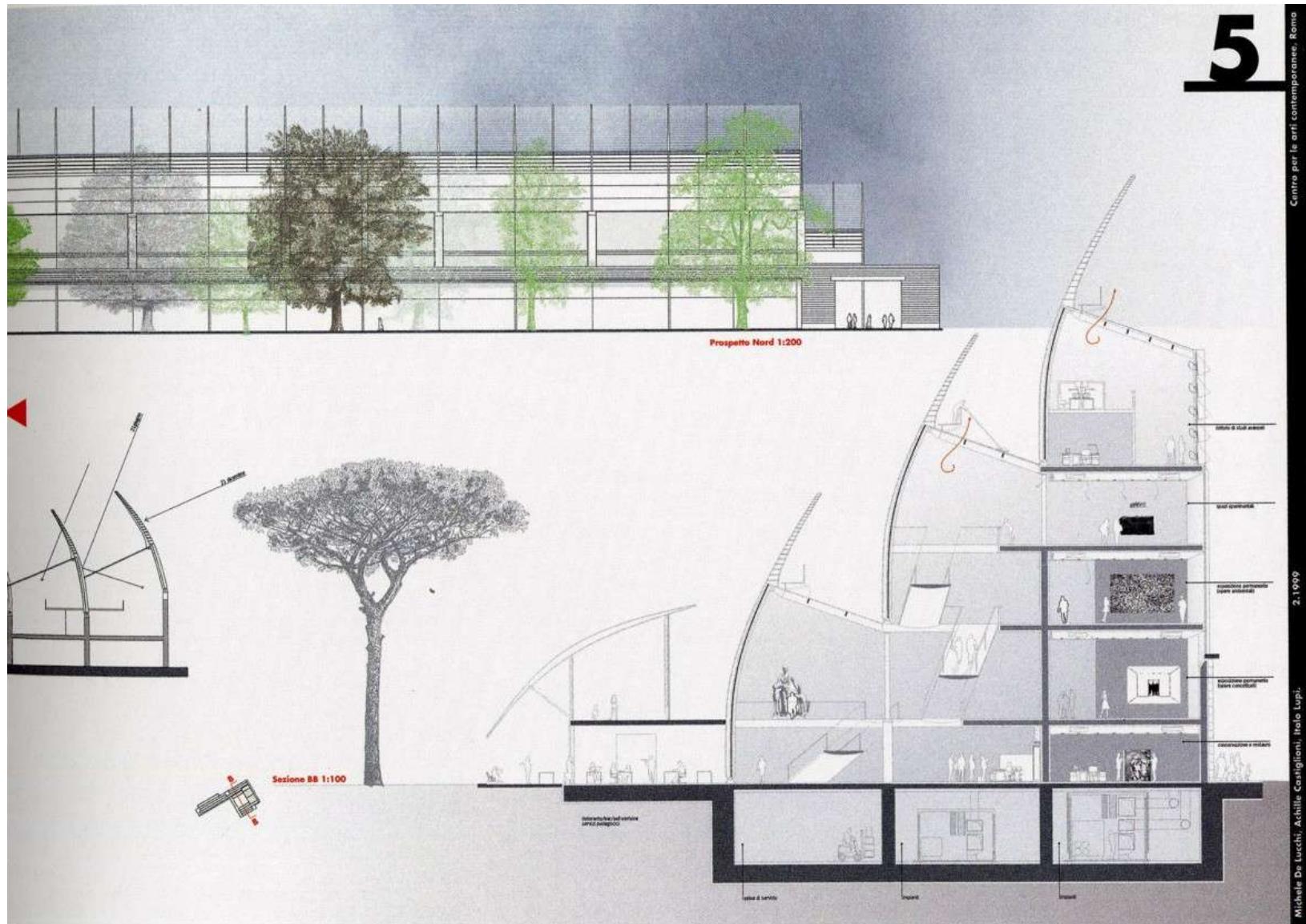
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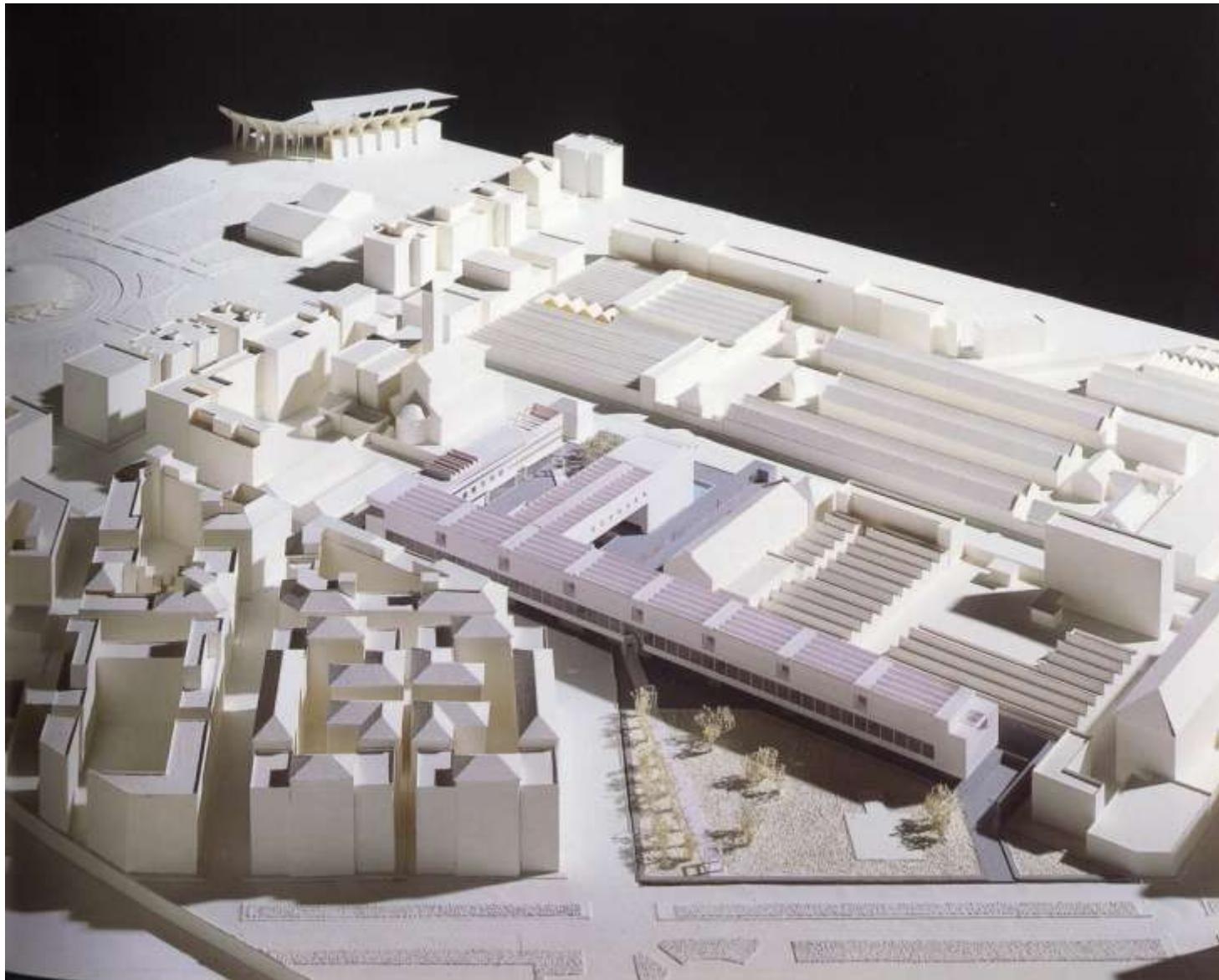
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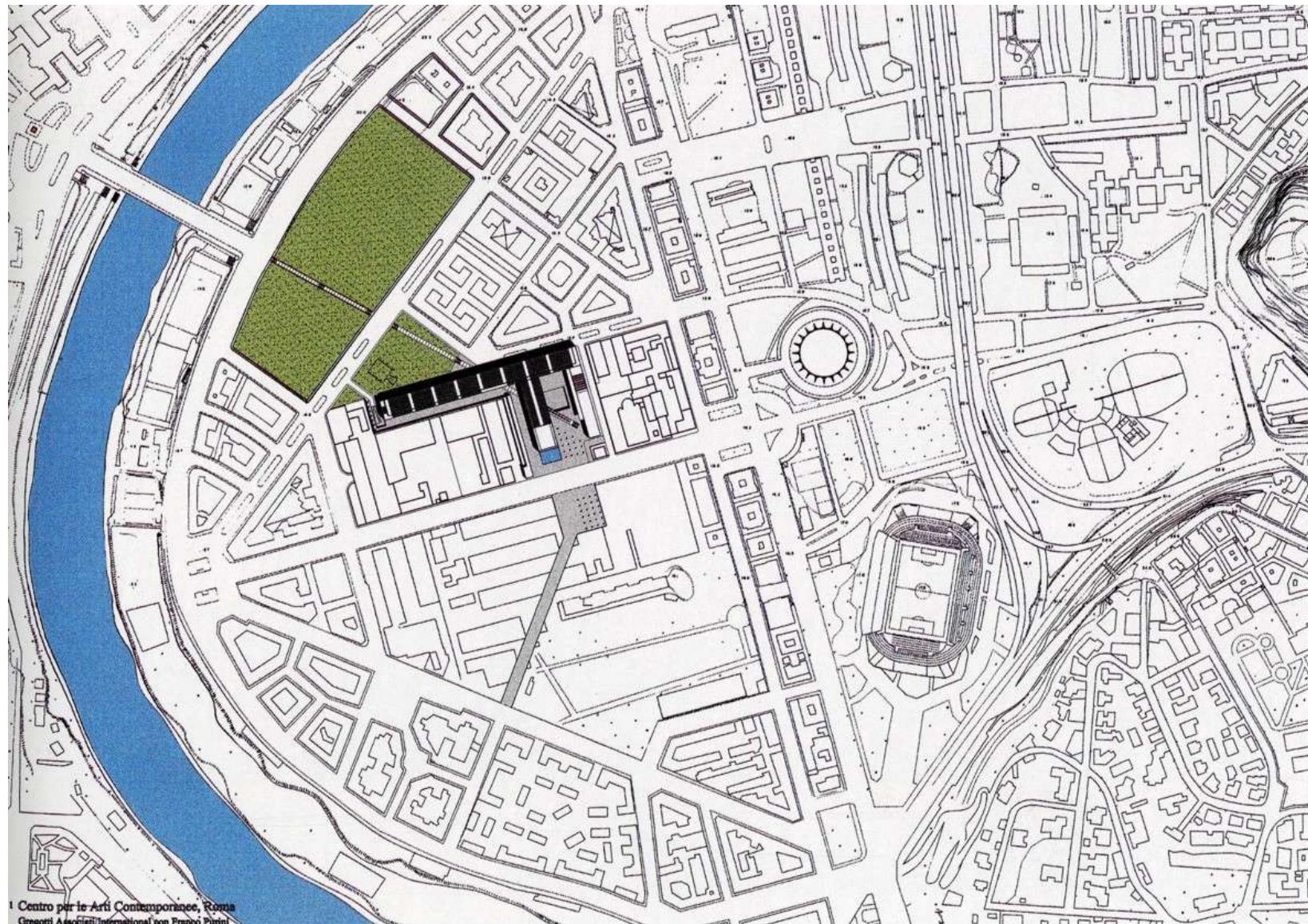
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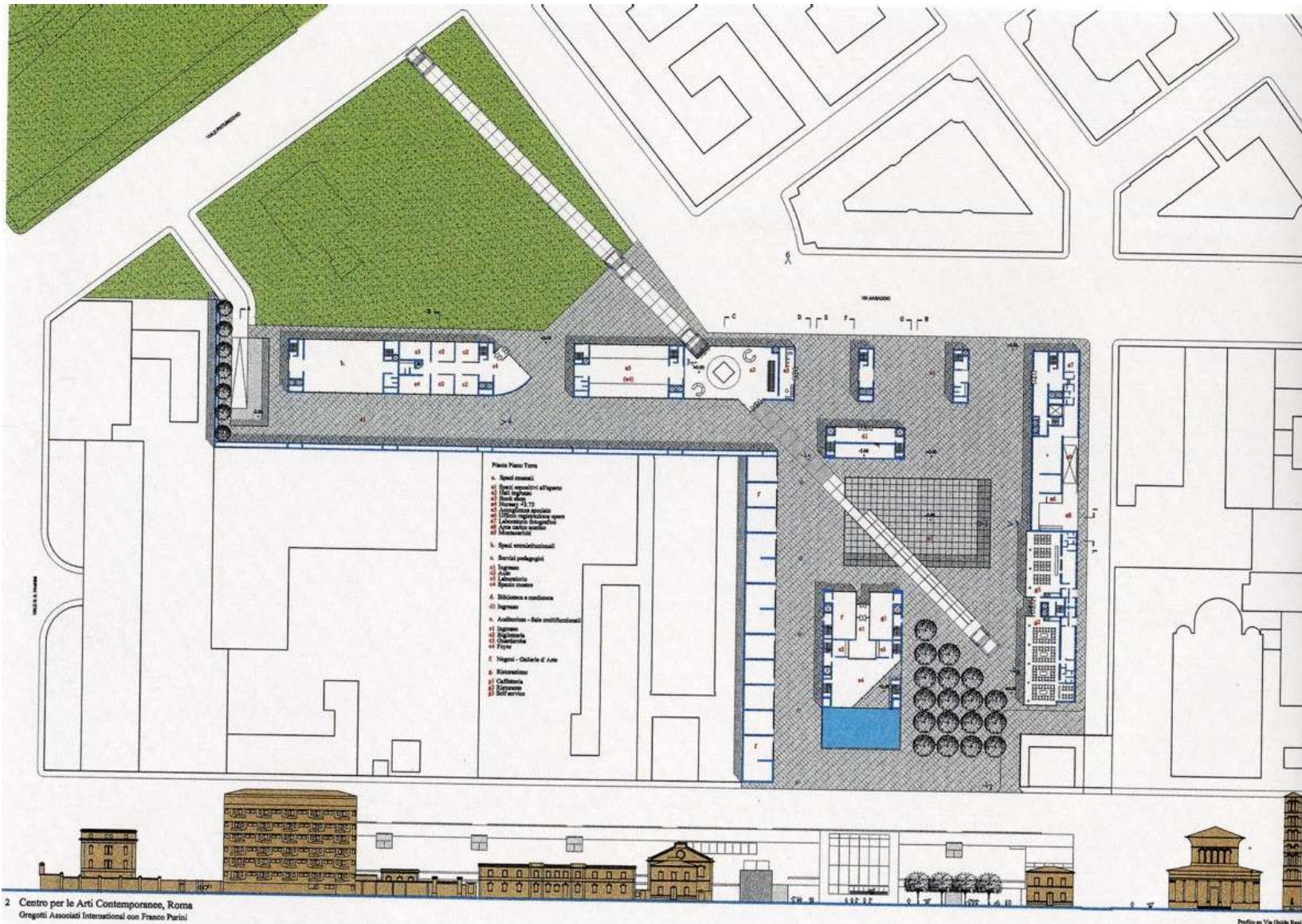
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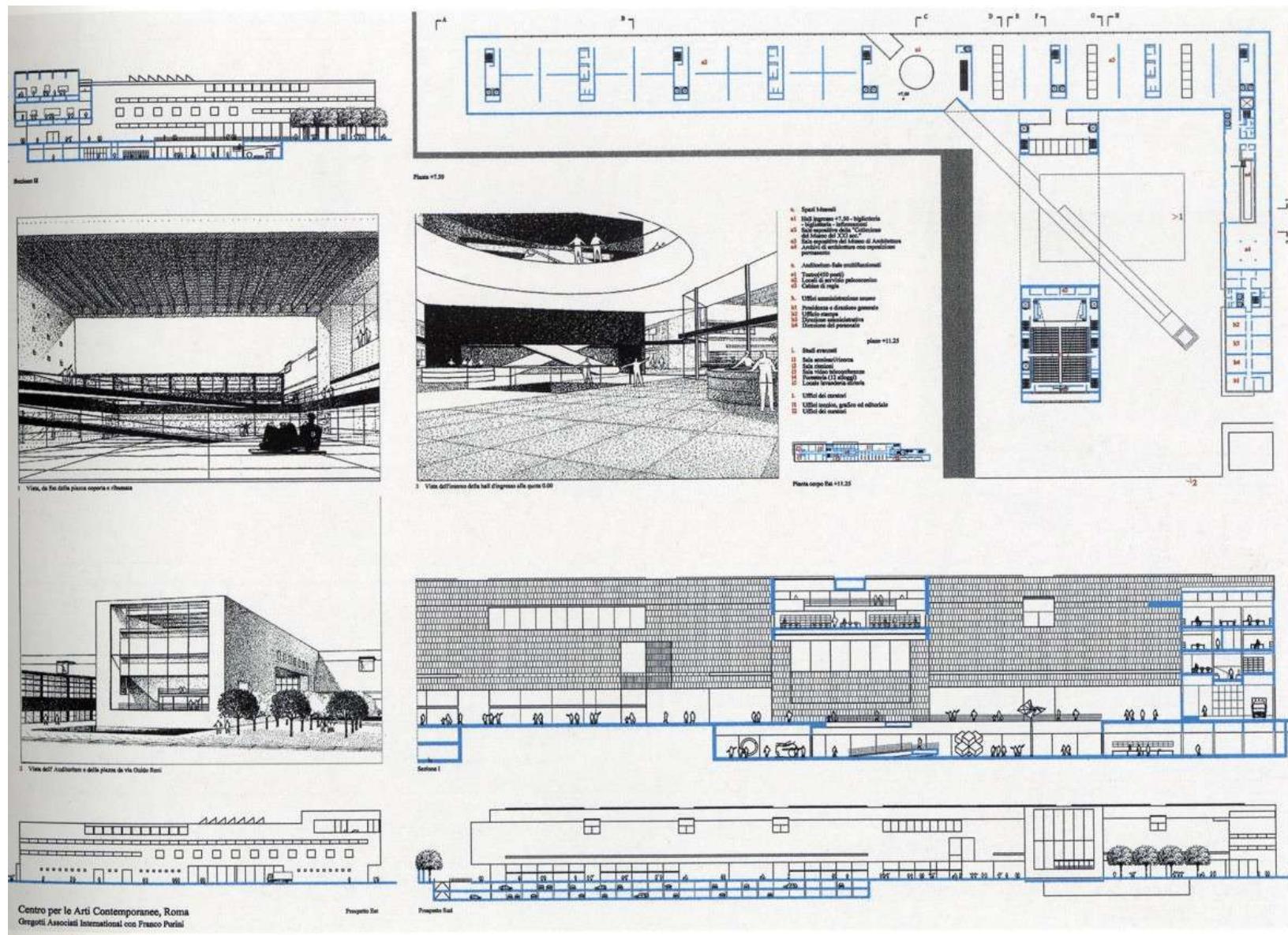
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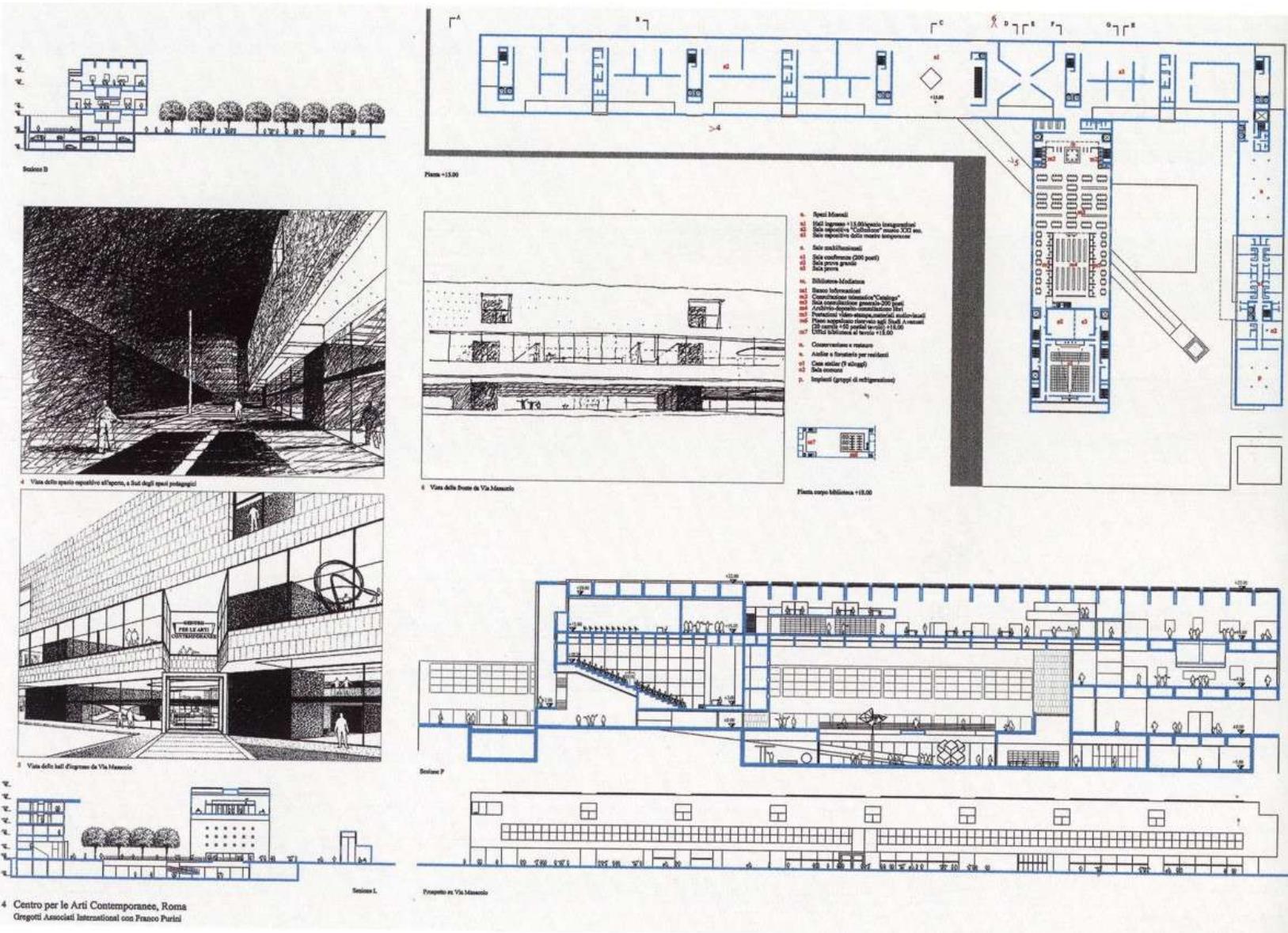
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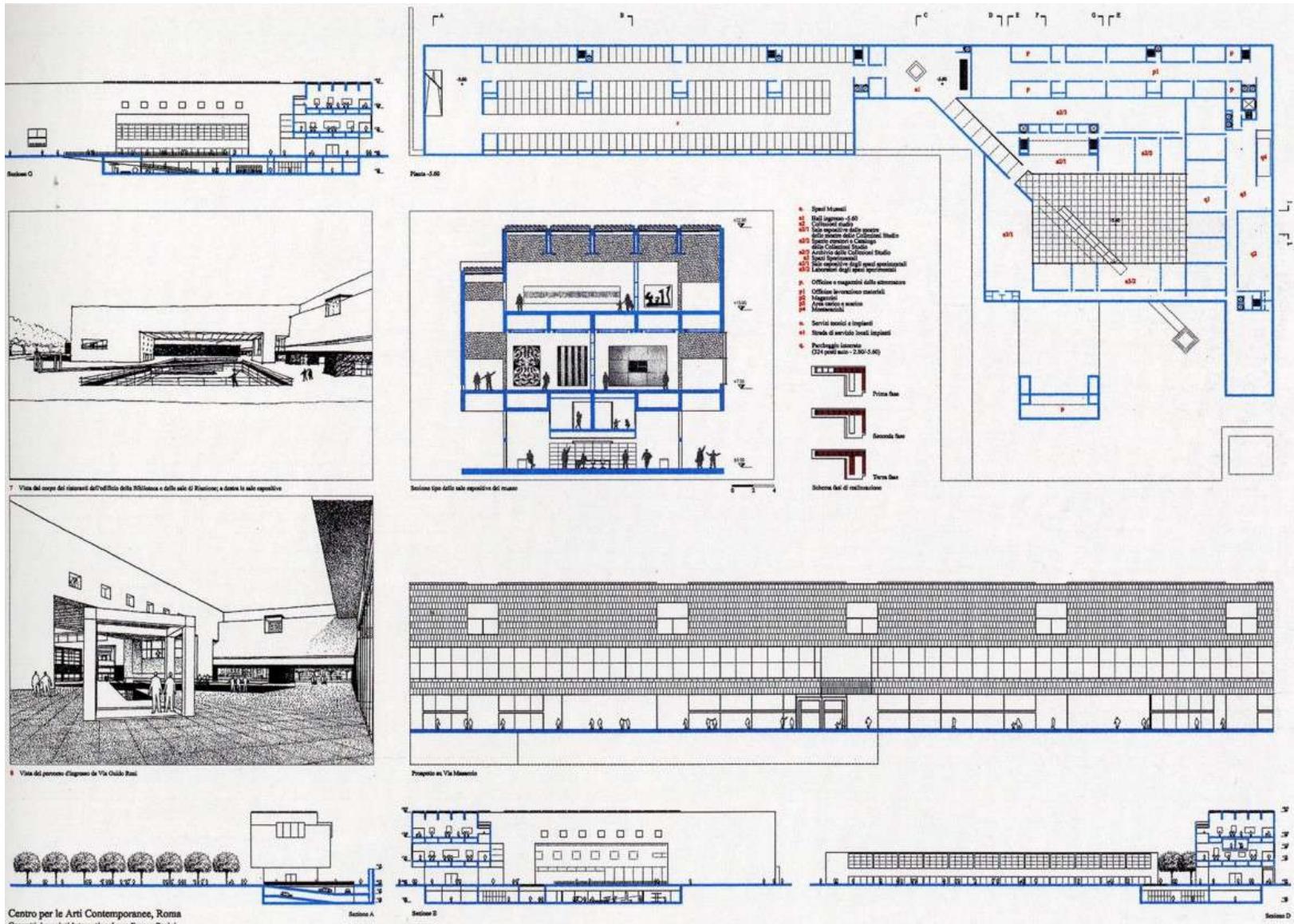
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