arkitektens by, byens golv (city of the architect, floor of the city) !

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My project is a new architecture school in Aarhus, Denmark. As I studied in Aarhus last spring, I got to think about doing my project at the Freight yard area; a site with an unpolished, vivid character, where the industrial history is just as present as the temporary art production. I discovered that a new architecture school will be built at the site as a part of a new art campus, hopefully ready in 2017-18. As no competition yet has been released, I have written my own program for the project. During my research I found the principal Torben Nielsen saying, that for architects, *byen er vores legeplads* (the city is our playground), a quote which has become a main theme in my project. !

My starting point was to make a school which relates to the city, architecturally and by the way it is used. I want a building which signalizes that it is an architecture school and has its own identity while relating to its context. As a school is a public building but often experienced as closed for unauthorized, an early statement was to invite the inhabitants and create a public flow through my building.

In the same time I want the students to be able to work without distraction, overviewing the city. My proposal is a building with a public part, *byens golv* (floor of the city), lifting a protruding volume, *arkitektens by* (city of the architect). The lower levels are intense and occupied by different actors, while the upper part is a calmer zone for the everyday work - a lively bazaar with a restful monastery on top. These are connected through two vertical atria; letting down light, making room for vertical communication- and creating visual connections between different floors. !

My main questions to answer are, how do I imagine future architecture education to look like?
Which kinds of spaces are needed?
How- and to which extent should the public be invited to take part in the activities? !!!!