INHABITING THE PERIPHERY

A DIALOGUE BETWEEN IDEAL AND ACTUAL

The East River Park quietly stands as a refuge at the edge of the city. A place to be still amidst the flows of life. A place to engage the mind and body in a tactile connection to place. The visitor is soon taken deep into the night sky, quietly announcing its presence to the city.

Approaching the East River Park, a suspended plaza receives visitors once across the bustling FDR / Houston roundabout. This interstitial space is a break in the flow of the city, signifying one's transition to the edge of the city. The act of filtering through the treeline, approaching the park complex. Internal circulation pathways are wrapped in service spaces. Here, inhabiting the periphery.

The park pathways, leading visitors towards the water. Roads and pathways surround the towers in uninhabitable park space, an existing sidewalk translated into park pathways, leading visitors down to the riverfront. Variations in speed and sight inform specific conditions and surrounding the towers in uninhabitable park space, an existing sidewalks translated into park pathways, leading visitors towards the water.

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Further examining the physical and social context for my thesis, we find the myriad public housing blocks which flank the site. (DIA) Here there is a local population displaced to the periphery. What does the periphery mean for us today? What are those parts of our lives that have been marginalized, and how can we begin to reclaim what has been lost? It is the aim of this thesis to address these issues of the individual in a site.

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By connecting our minds with our bodies, moments of repose serve as physical and mental experiences that ground us in place. In response to this situation, I feel that we as a society need moments of repose to restore balance in our lives. It is during these breaks in our day that we are better able to synthesize information, to be in constant communication. Recent advancements in communication technology are fast shaping the way in which we live, and, as a result, we have constructed a world in which productivity and communication are no longer limited by our physical location. For its communication technology are fast shaping the way in which we live, and, as a result, we have constructed a world in which productivity and communication are no longer limited by our physical location.

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