

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA

Thesis name:	TRAM DEPOT WROCLAW-REVITALIZATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE
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II. EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CRITERIA

Assignment	extraordinarily challenging
<i>Evaluation of thesis difficulty of assignment.</i>	
<p>Basic idea of this diploma project is very interesting and important in the context of similar problems we solve in our country maybe in less complicated form: reconversion of buildings and public spaces in a city left by most of the original inhabitants followed by many years of neglect and/or less sensitive development of industrialized housing and – during last decades – one sided commercial development.</p> <p>Wroclaw is an example par excellence.</p> <p>Joanna has chosen an area of the city within and around former tram depots on the north eastern edge of the wider centre of the city. Area of derelict halls, 70's housing estate and new Shopping mall together with uninspiring office blocks create sort of Urban Eintopf components none of which works together.</p> <p>Idea of rehabilitation of the former tram depot into an social and cultural centre of the area is an idealistic try to create possible condensation core of the whole space .It may be called naïve, but it is definitely one of the points where to start. A base for the discussion.</p>	

Satisfaction of assignment	fulfilled
<i>Assess that handed thesis meets assignment. Present points of assignment that fell short or were extended. Try to assess importance, impact or cause of each shortcoming.</i>	
<p>Looking for the roots of what is going on in the area and what remained from the old urban structure was the challenge. Joanna took a big effort in finding the historical information not easy in the specific situation of post war Poland. Decision to create major local centre on the grounds of the non used tram base is logical and probably only possible under conditions.</p> <p>Solution works with motives aiming at formal connection of the whole area which is beautifully described more on the visualisations than layouts.</p> <p>The plans should be understood as semi urban planning document where general functions are more important than details of the operational schemes.</p> <p>Social impact of the whole compound in reality is open for discussion, but e.g. the greenhouse as a rehab area is an idea to follow.</p> <p>I'd recommend to put greater emphasis on creating strings of influence to surrounding area in form of parks rehabilitation with "follies" to animate the today's rather grim spaces in-between the housing estate blocks.</p>	

Method of conception	outstanding
<i>Assess that student has chosen correct approach or solution methods.</i>	
<p>Based on local authorities archives the candidate summoned a large amount of documents and testimonies creating respectable analytical body.</p> <p>The creation of the brief was probably the most complicated part of the deal. Finding realistic parts of it in a very non inspiring environment is always the base for success or failure of such a project. Joanna tried to use the informal</p>	



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influences of the surrounding institutions to create a mixture that can be used at least as a basis for local discussion on spot. I'd recommend to contact the local authorities.
Solution of individual parts shows signs of non-existence of partner on the side of the client, which in practise helps a lot to create a sensible project. But as an academic and idealistic base for future work I think the project is outstanding.

Technical level

B - very good.

Assess level of thesis specialty, use of knowledge gained by study and by expert literature, use of sources and data gained by experience.

Technical solution must be divided in two:

-The reconversion of the tram depot, which is sensitive but non ideological using the old walls to create new environment

-The design of the greenhouse which is schematic a bit but must be understood as envelope describing the social and urban planning idea.

Maybe more information about car circulation/parking would be useful.

Formal and language level, scope of thesis

B - very good.

Assess correctness of usage of formal notation. Assess typographical and language arrangement of thesis.

The booklet and posters are easy to read helping to understand rather complicated idea of the project. Let me point on wonderful visualisations luring us to believe the project is possible and will be built some day. The remarks and citations at the end of the thesis are a rare sight in diploma projects.

III. OVERALL EVALUATION, QUESTIONS FOR DEFENSE, CLASSIFICATION SUGGESTION

Summarize thesis aspects that swayed your final evaluation. Please present apt questions which student should answer during defence.

I appreciate Joanna empathy and idealism transformed into this rather complicated try to help her native city, especially under this year's strange conditions.

Transforming the idea into a project need a lot of effort and focus. I am happy we could witness this process during our last semester work in the studio. Putting ideas for discussion on the table is one of architect's "raison d'être". I am sure this diploma work can be such a base for Wrocław.



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Questions:

- 1) Are there any successful cases of this deep reconversion of an industrial/urban area in Poland?
- 2) What kind of structural solution for the large spans in old industrial premises you would use?

I evaluate handed thesis with classification grade **B - very good**.

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