# **PALIMPSEST**

Project Type: Architecture + Game | Solo Duration; Thesis Work - Work in Progress Instructor; Katie MacDonald



# Victorian Contradiction











Wealth VS. Poor

The growing gap between rich and poor sounded the funeral song of East London



Rebellion VS. Tradition

The city is in the midst of cultural exchanges; classical rituals and increasingly awakened self-consciousness produced fragmented collisions Yuxuan Lei



Pamily VS. Lust

In the era of abstinence, the primitive inferiority of human is defeating responsibility towards family



Ordinance VS Pollution

Becape from the Great Stink

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### Concept - Social Contract

#### Looking Through Glass

Build a communism working-living system which is different with the curside world.







#### State of Nature

"In the absence of political order and laws a survense would have unlimited ratural freedoms including the "hight old things" and thus the freedom to plunder, age, and rounder, there would be an endier "war of all against all."

—testifican Thoras Hob by

#### Social Contract

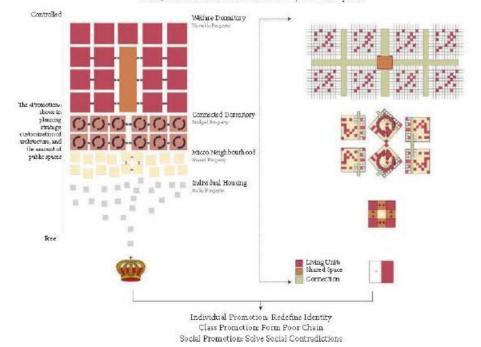
"To a said this, feet man contract with each other to establish political community (cival society) through, a social contract in which they all gain so unity in return for subjecting them selves to an absolute sowerings, one term or an amountly of man." — Leventum, Thomas Hobbs:

#### Promotion

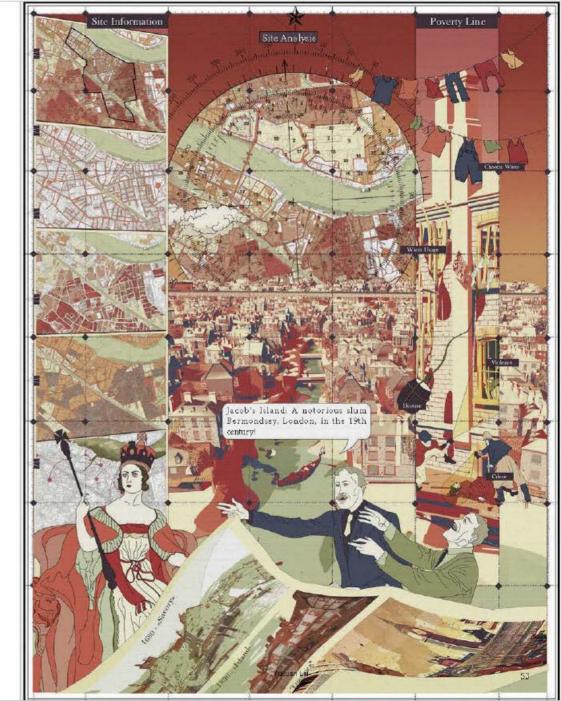
Alice becomes queen.
——Looking Through Olass, Lowis Carroll

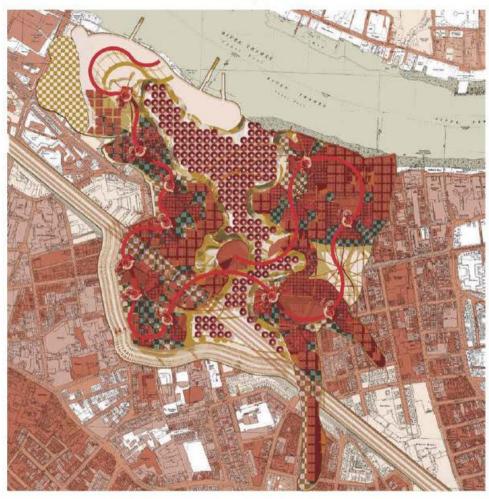
## What is that Social Contract?

Red Queen Law - You have to run fast to stay at the same place!

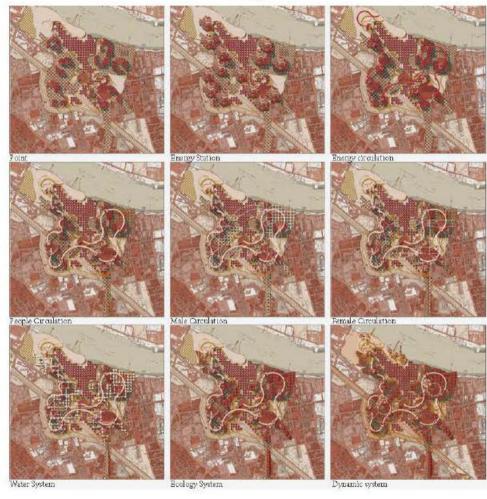


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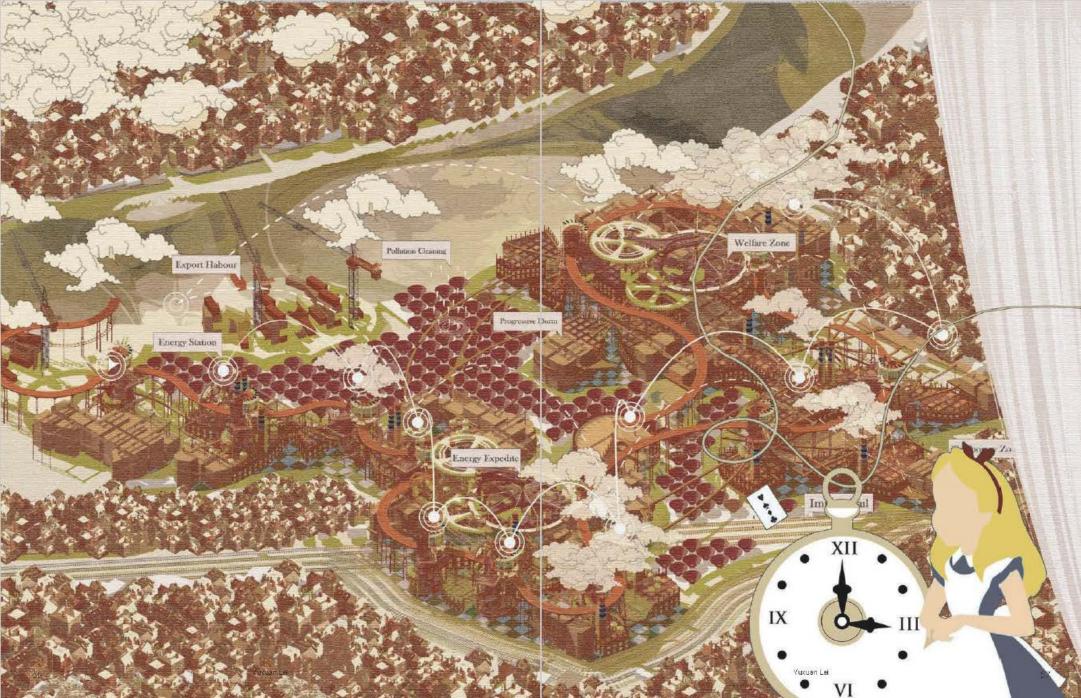




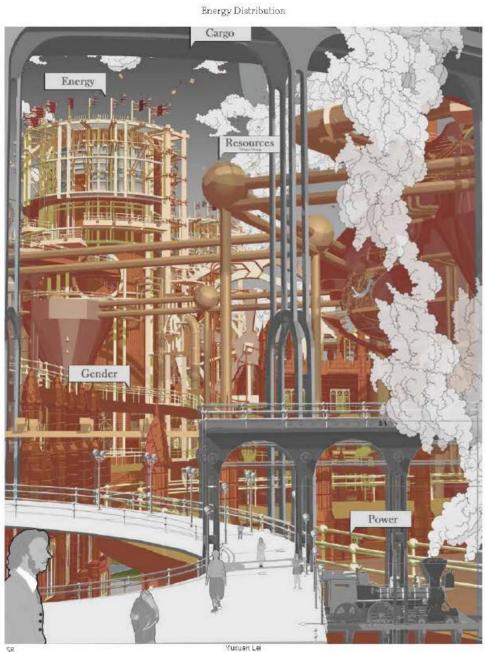


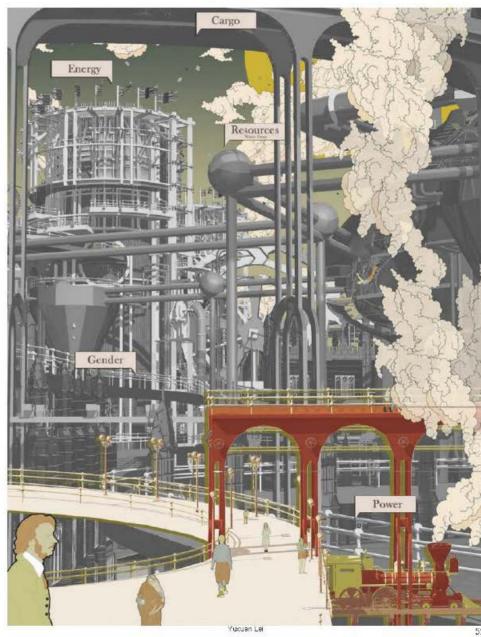
In the site plan and the overall need of the welfare system, I conceived a series of welfare houses to meet the progressive desire of people, energy station system, male and female factories, pure welfare facilities for the old, children, and the disabled, environmental protection system, and diversion of people and goods transportation system. Each system is like a precise machine that dynamics parts and factors within them will affect the circulation and operation of multiple systems.

This diagram deconstructed the logic of design process(from the point to circulation to level faces) and content of those parts.

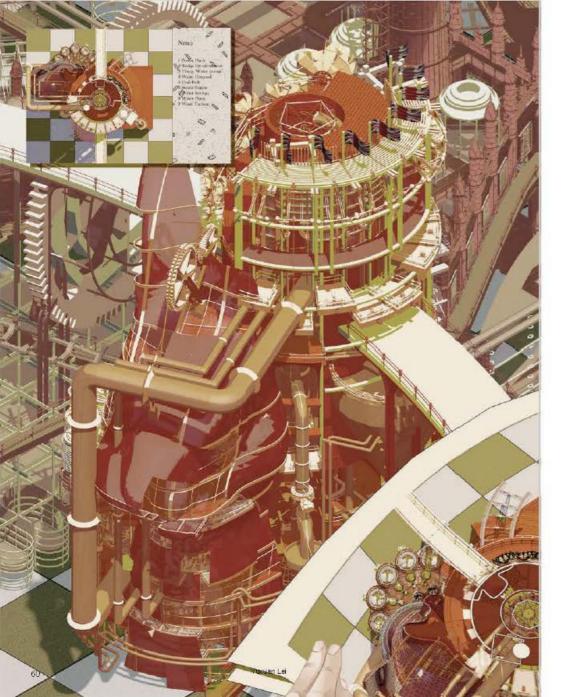


Layered Circulation





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Load Bearing Structure

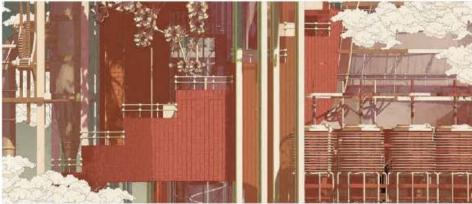
Infrastructure

Panels and Pacade details Yuxuan Lei

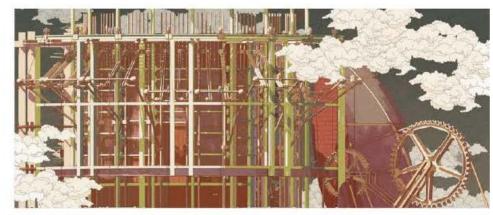
Circulation

Rolling Section I

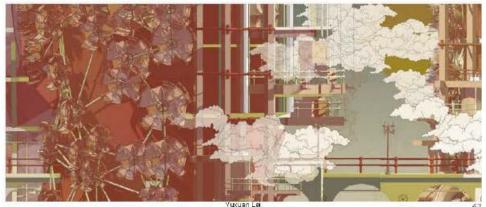




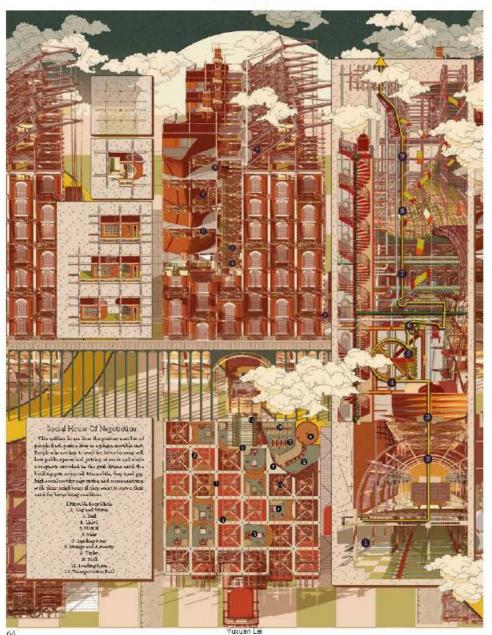








Social House I Social House II





Mechanics

Plooring

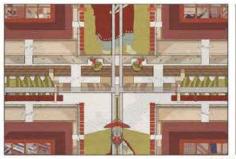
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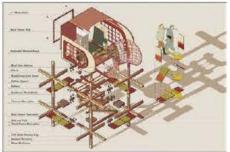
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Construction

Pramework

# Social House III

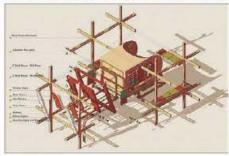




The Nomadic Living system requires Negotiation of public spaces and private spaces











Extra spaces can be provided if facade is pushing out. However, more facade units are pushed, more people stagnate in the building and fail to make progress for better types of welfare house. It's not an honorable symbol.