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The Zócalo Project as the gate to the sunken identity of the city"

ABSTRACT

Mexico City was born on water, in an endorheic lake basin surrounded by vulcans. Today is out of water.

The project is going back to the Aztec hydraulic management of water as a precious resourse in order to rise consciousness of the sustainable mexican permaculture.

The dry infrastructure is a sofisticate tool to restore the reticular DNA and break the radial congested growht.

The ambition is to create a durable relation among the different layers, carving out the hidden identity of Mexico City.

The Zócalo is the detonator of a chain reaction activated on the whole city, unveiling the underground layers of Tenochtitlán.

Working on a tridimensional porosity the project reconnects the voids of the city into a permeable net.

The scrub of the main Plaza is the first incision inviting us to discover the new landscape monument, a water cystern for the city, the start of a promenade through public spaces ending in the fusion of the aztec and spanish worlds.