

SMAQ - Suburban Living Room

Exhibition and Installation /// Architekturgalerie Am Weissenhof /// Stuttgart /// Germany



installation



The installation “Suburban Living Room” is part of the exhibition series “Architectures for the Infrastructural Leisure Landscape” with works by the office for architecture urbanism and research SMAQ (Berlin/Rotterdam). It will be carried out in cooperation with the Architekturgalerie Am Weissenhof and Akademie Schloss Solitude (both Stuttgart). Within this framework, SMAQ deals with the transformation of the cultural landscape that is, due to the social and technological changes, increasingly shaped by infrastructure and leisure.

The installation “Suburban Living Room” thematizes, in the context of the Weissenhof housing development (Mies van der Rohe) in Stuttgart, the change of living towards an intersection of infrastructure and the leisure landscape. Whereas modernity was striving for the opening of the interior to the exterior, the ideal of suburban living today, in an age that is characterized by mobility, organizes itself in a sequence of arrival by car and going outdoors. Similarly, in the gallery, street and garden become opposite poles between which the moment of living is suspended. The building as a limit disappears and the “living room” ceases to be interior, but emerges as a relay in the continuity from infrastructure to landscape.

By using materials that can be found in almost every living room - carpet and wallpaper - the exhibition space of the architecture gallery Am Weissenhof is transformed into a contemporary *suburban living room* including a couch, a low table and light fixture. Sitting on the couch the view is focused into the garden as the extension of the landscape. In the living room mirror - a rear view mirror - the car and street are always in view. And TV is flickering continuously.

Furthermore, as part of this exhibition, SMAQ shows three designs illustrating how the diagram that generated the installation finds its architectural and urban equivalent within different scales and contexts.

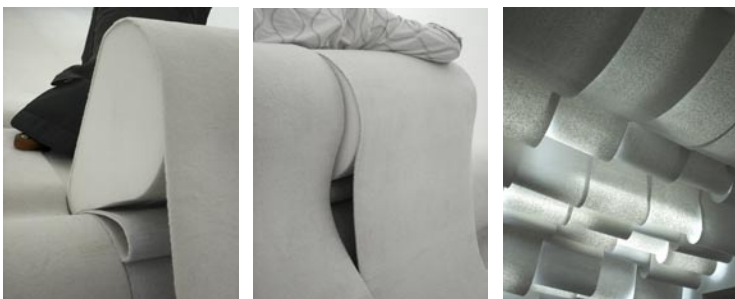
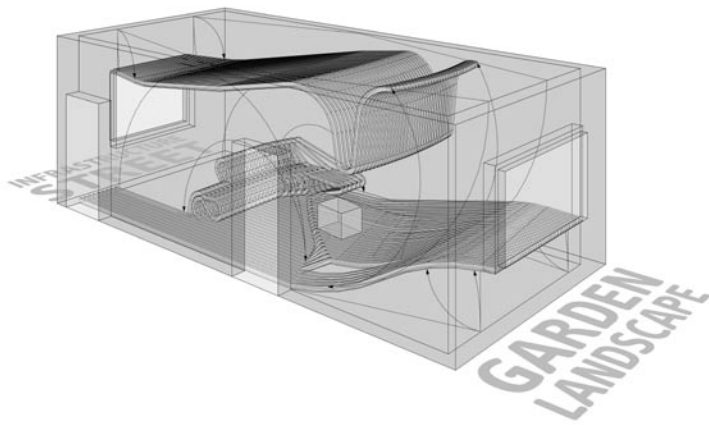
light fixture and rear view mirror



couch



couch table with TV



details