

# BRANCH IN THE LANDSCAPE

## NECKAR BRIDGE HEIDELBERG

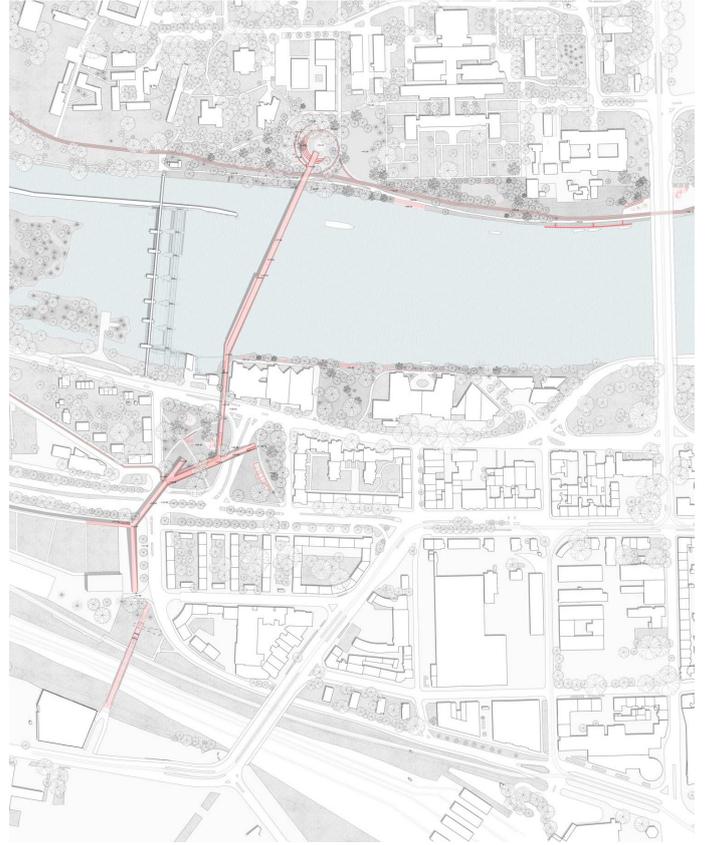
**assignment** competition - cycle and footpath connection across the Neckar  
in Heidelberg **location** Heidelberg, Germany **client** City of Heidelberg,  
Department II, Office for Traffic Management in co-operation with International  
Building Exhibition (IBA) Heidelberg GmbH **services** concept & design  
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„Branch in the Landscape“ presents a holistic concept that includes both the planned cycle and footpath connection across the Neckar and its relationship with the surrounding urban landscape. The focus is on providing residents and visitors with attractive incentives to switch to environmentally-friendly mobility. Urban planning, traffic, and design aspects are being developed into a uniform green infrastructure as a catalyst for new uses of the adjacent public spaces.

Not only the residents will benefit from the new connections, but also the future users of the cycle expressway between Mannheim and Heidelberg. The infrastructure is deliberately compact and reserved in space and the cityscape. The functional path connection is supplemented at certain points by programmatic balconies, each of which enables a view of different landscapes and thus creates several places to come together and linger.

Purposefully positioned buildings under the bridge structure (with potential uses such as a café and bicycle workshop) not only create a local path through the treetops but also create a new urban edge. Together with the bridge structure, this edge forms a new city gate in the west of Heidelberg and at the same time offers noise protection for the newly created Gneisenaupark.

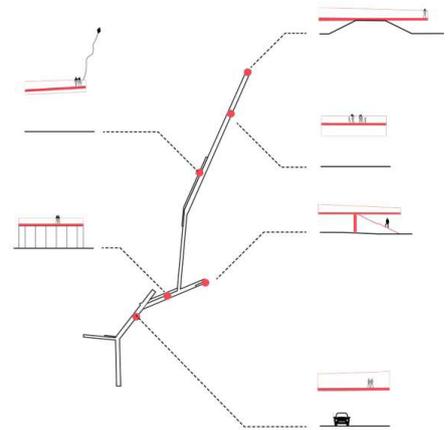
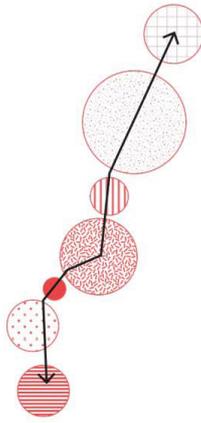
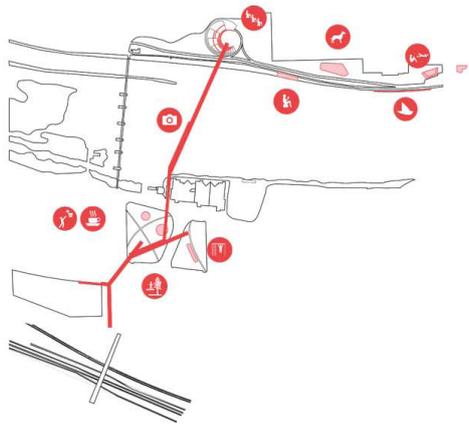
„Branch in the Landscape“ creates a variety of spaces through the contrast between linear infrastructure and soft landscape, which also strengthens existing biotopes, creates new ones, strengthens the Heidelberg cityscape and helps previously separate neighbourhoods to create new synergies.



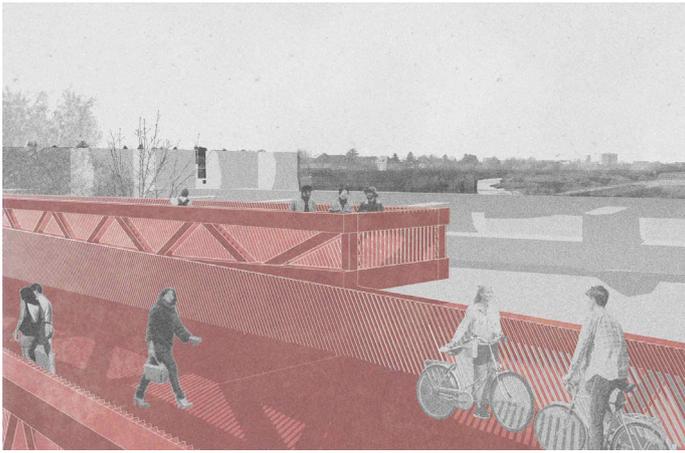
master plan - the bridge lays like a branch in the landscape.



perspective - the lively amphitheatre



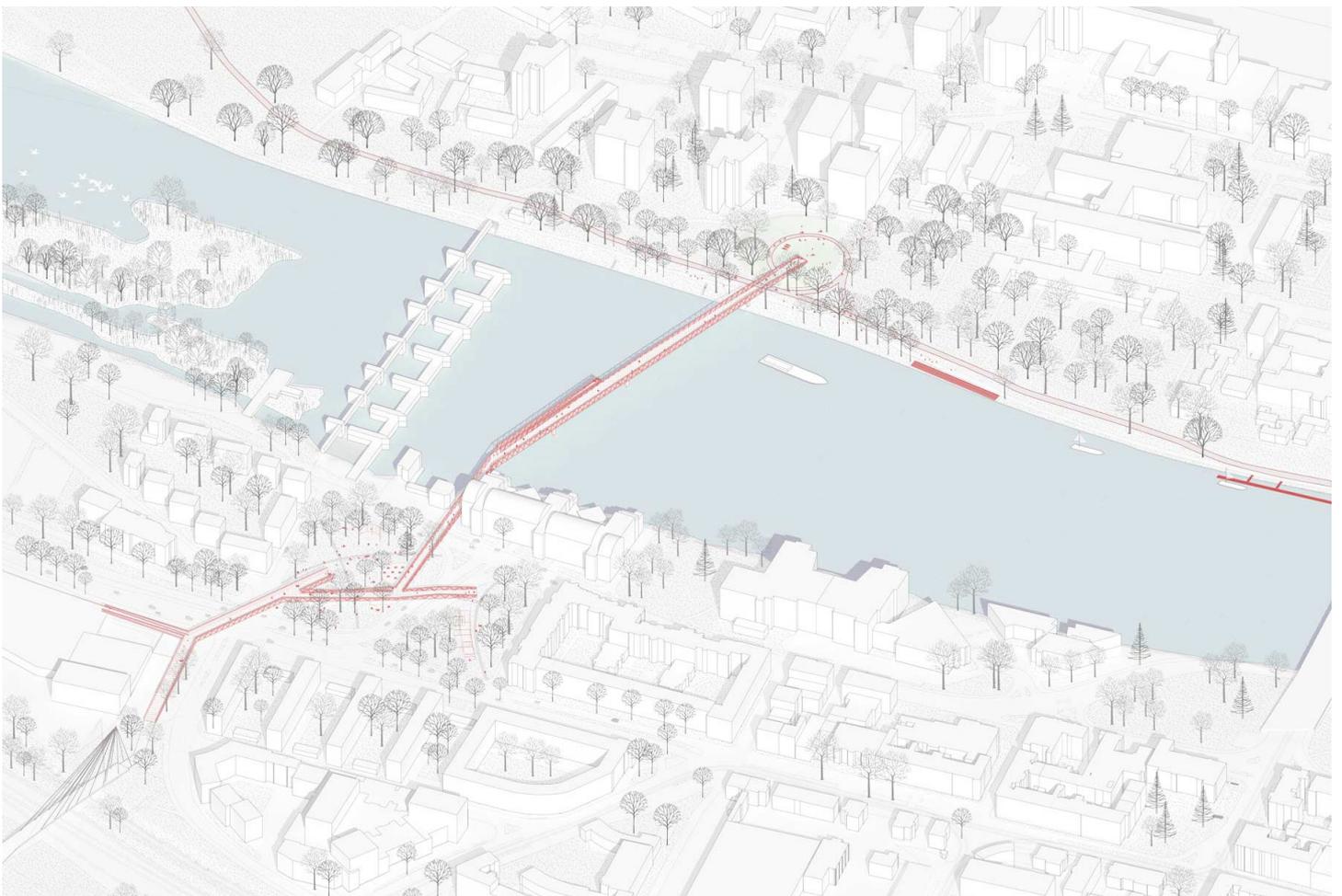
diagrams - pointing out different areas and strategic marks.



exploring one of the balconies with a view above Heidelberg.



close up on the material: corten steel, a reference to the iconic red bricks being used all over Heidelberg.



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