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A programmatic tool for dialogue.

The purpose of the project was to develop ideas for planning, programming and the design of university buildings, in a dialogue process between four young architectural practices and representatives from the university world and SFU.

The project presents an interactive tool for the programming of the future university. The tool is designed to be used by laymen, users and architects, together. The tool consists of an alphabet. The letters of the alphabet are formal representations of different programmatic possibilities. Through the interactive interface of

the tools, the “letters” of the alphabet, can be combined, generating various programmatic proposals.

The interface has a hierarchical structure. Each combination begins by selecting a “ground-letter”. The ground determines the programmatic meaning of the following “letters”. The accumulated meaning of the combination is dependent on an active interpretation, discussion an associative process by the users of the tool.

The idea of interweaving formal with informal meeting-places was essential to the product, thus producing new situations for both students and the lectures to interact.

