MENTAL URBAN MAP

program: urban, research,

location: multiple

basics: graphic design, illustration

area:

year: 2023

in team with: -

The project is a research and a reflection on how built environment shapes us and impacts us throughout our lives. It includes depictions of aerial maps with cut out places that represent memories, sometimes from the same period of time, sometimes not connected at all. It emphasizes the randomness of our memories whithin the places that we inhabit and how they layer throughout our lives. It is also an attempt to show how disappearance or restricted access to these places of memory impacts us, in my personal experience, of course.

The project is inspired by:

- Nick Cave's documentary "20 000 days on Earth" and
- Sol LeWitt's "Not to be sold for more than \$100. Folds, Rips + Maps" >>>
- what do you fear the most?
- my biggest fear I guess is losing my memory... because memory is what we are you know. and I think that your very soul and your very reason to be alive is tied up in memory.

from "20 000 days on Earth"



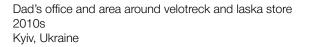
Sol LeWitt's work

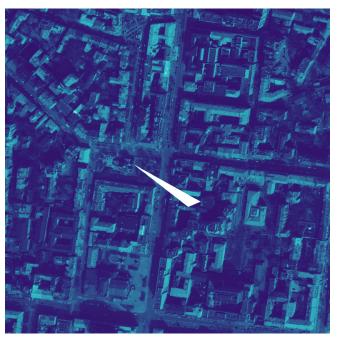
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part i: the places that remain and are still accessible



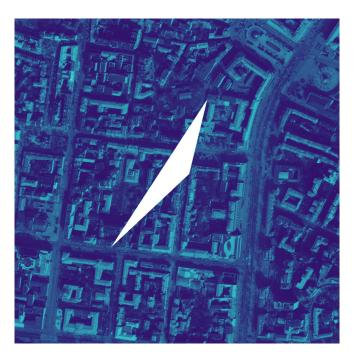
Art school, Dasha's roof, parties in the alley and on the hills 2000s & 2010s Kyiv, Ukraine





Borodin's and Kyslyi's loft workshops in front of each other overlooking the inner yard, roof over Borodin's workshop 2000s Kyiv, Ukraine

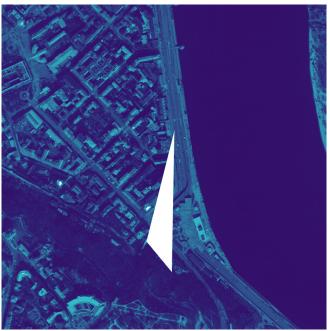
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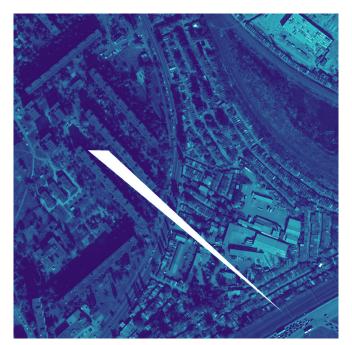
former cafe on Pushkinska Street, dad's workplace at Kyiv Proekt & drawing clases with Khymych at architect's house 1990s, 2000s Kyiv, Ukraine



Botanical Gardens with lilacs every May, lost tamagochi 1990s Kyiv, Ukraine



Funiculair on weekends, heritage bldg demolished illigally one night, one night walk with Kirill 1990s, 2000s Kyiv, Ukraine



Grandparent's flat, huge playground in front & sounds of freight trains from a railway at night 1990s, 2000s Kyiv, Ukraine



Grandparent's house, church at 4 am on Easter, train station & pedestrian overpass leading to it 1990s, 2000s Sarny, Ukraine

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Dnipro's train station, watching freight trains in the night on a route to Crimea 1990s
Dnipro, Ukraine

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buro-o office and rooftop overlooking Podil grain elevator 2017, 2019 Kyiv, Ukraine



Kyivska perepichka, tsum with eclairs from childhood & fabric shop where zara is now 2010s
Kyiv, Ukraine

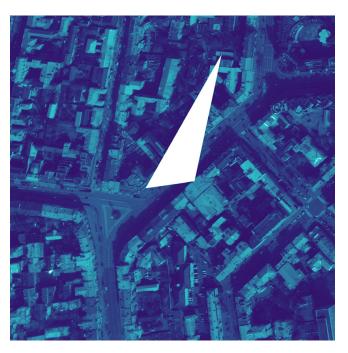


School, Gluschenko yard, Druzhba cinema, Kreschatyk yard for smoking and Macdonald's near metro station 2000s Kyiv, Ukraine

Old route through Rybalsky bridge & unfinished bridge as an icon for unfinished book 1990s & 2010s Kyiv, Ukraine

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Khanenko museum & Nature museum with birds pavillion 2010s Kyiv, Ukraine



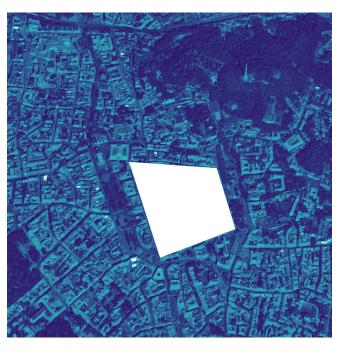
Lva Tolstoho metro, AMbar, Parovoz bar and Kyiv cinema 2010s Kyiv, Ukraine

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Polar explorers reading at Teatr Lesi & flat at Horodotska Street 2010s Kyiv, Ukraine

Champagne & caviar for breakfast at Mytna piazza & Centre for urban history of East Central Europe 2010s
Lviv, Ukraine

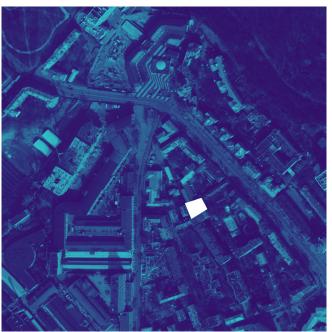


Ploscha Rynok, where everyone meet each other 2010s Lviv, Ukraine

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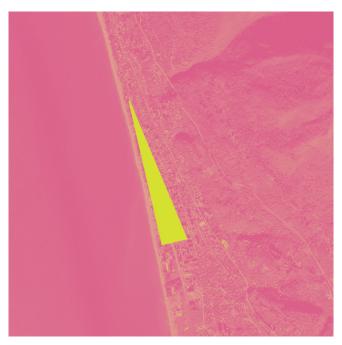




Zotov's office 2015 & 2016 Kyiv, Ukraine

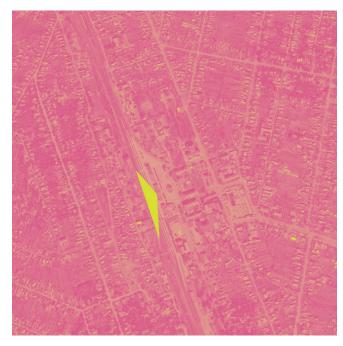
part ii: places with restricted or no access, destroyed places

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Gagra waterfront & sanatorium, first childhood memories of military conflict summer 1992
Gagra, Abkhazia, Georgia (uncontrolled & unrecognized)

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Melitopol train station, the longest stop on the train route to Crimea, enough to smoke a cigarette, watermelons being sold 1990s & 2000s
Melitopol, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)



Koktebel & jazz festival, multiple trips with friends, breakfasts at Tatar chaihanas after party nights 2000s
Koktebel, Crimea, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)

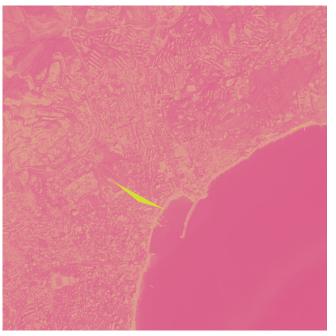
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Simferopol train station with an inner yard and platform for waiting for buses, McDonald's near train station 1990s and 2000s
Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)



Yalta mountain cable car and Assa movie, one of the early travels to Crimea 1990s Yalta, Crimea, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)

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Hurzuf beaches & Ayu-Dag mountain, summer vacations spent there 1990s Hurzuf, Crimea, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)

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Mariupol Azovstal 2022 Mariupol, Ukraine (occupied & destroyed)



Donetsk International Airport battles (destroyed) 2014
Donetsk, Ukraine (occupied & unrecognized)

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Mariupol kids theatre, port of culture & Vyzvolennia Square with DASU bldg competition sites (collaboration with Lilit) 2020, 2022
Mariupol, Ukraine (occupied & destroyed)

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