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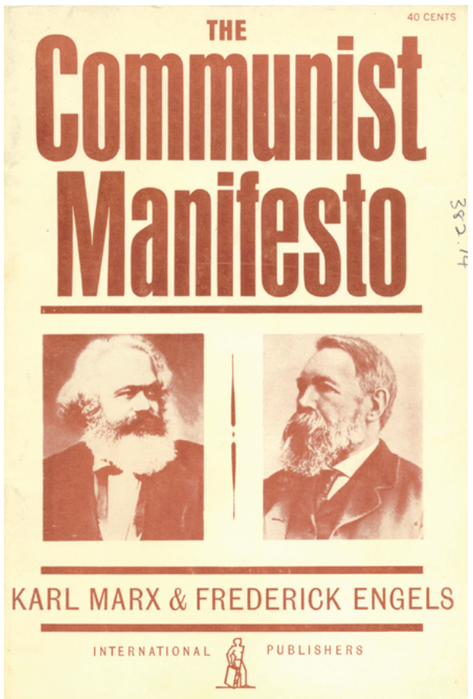
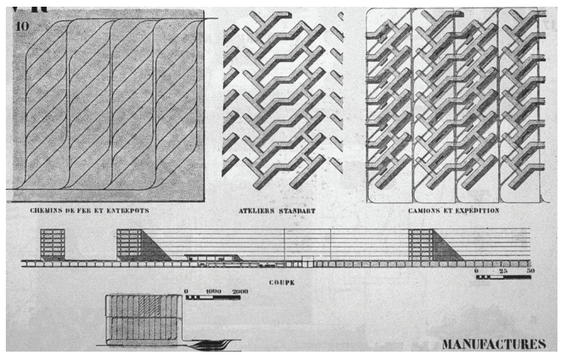


1 | Communist Manifesto (1848)

2 | CIAM poster from meeting in 1949



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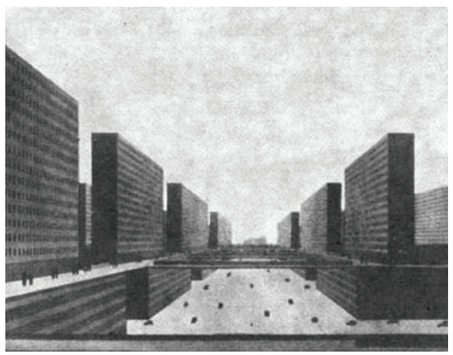

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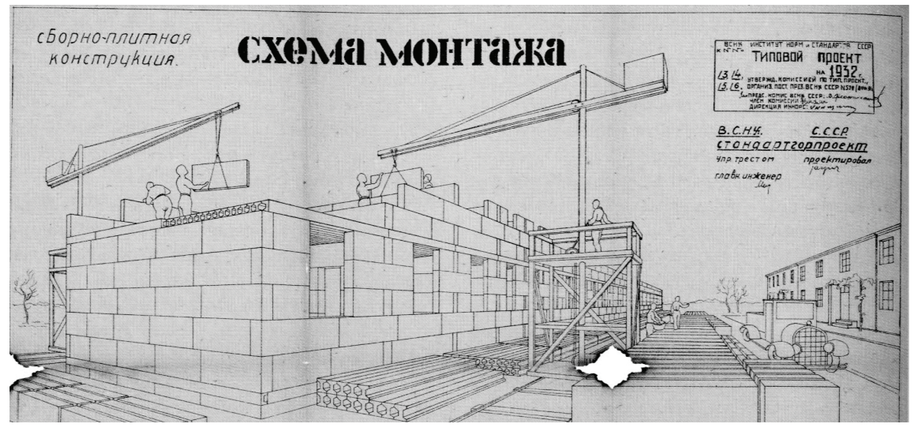
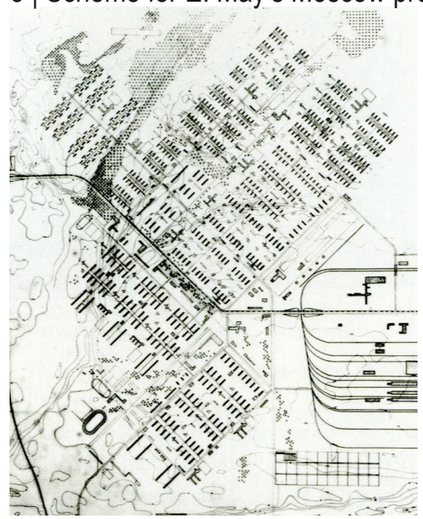


5 | Scheme for E. May's Moscow project (1932)



6 | E. May's Sotsgorod plan (1931)

7 | H. Meyer's Sotsgorod plan (1931)

1848 1920s 1930s

1944 — **9TH SEPTEMBER 1944 : PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

1950s

- Competition for City Plan Sofia
- New Masterplan by Tonev
- Competition for City Center and the House of Party
- Creation of Directory "Architecture"
- Mausoleum of G. Dimitrov
- Creation of "SofPro"
- Central Department Store (TZUM)
- Residential Neighborhoods "9th Septmber" "Hipodroma" "Lenin"

1960s

- Imported 'new' methods of construction from Soviet Union
- International Competition for urban core
- Residential microregions "Zapaden Park" "Mladost"

1970s

- Creation of "GenPlan" Sofia
- Residential microregions "Druzhba" "Lyulin"

450,000 people (Sofia)

600,000 people (Sofia)

800,000 people (Sofia)

1980s

1989 — **9TH NOVEMBER 1989 | FALL OF BERLIN WALL | FALL OF COMMUNISM**

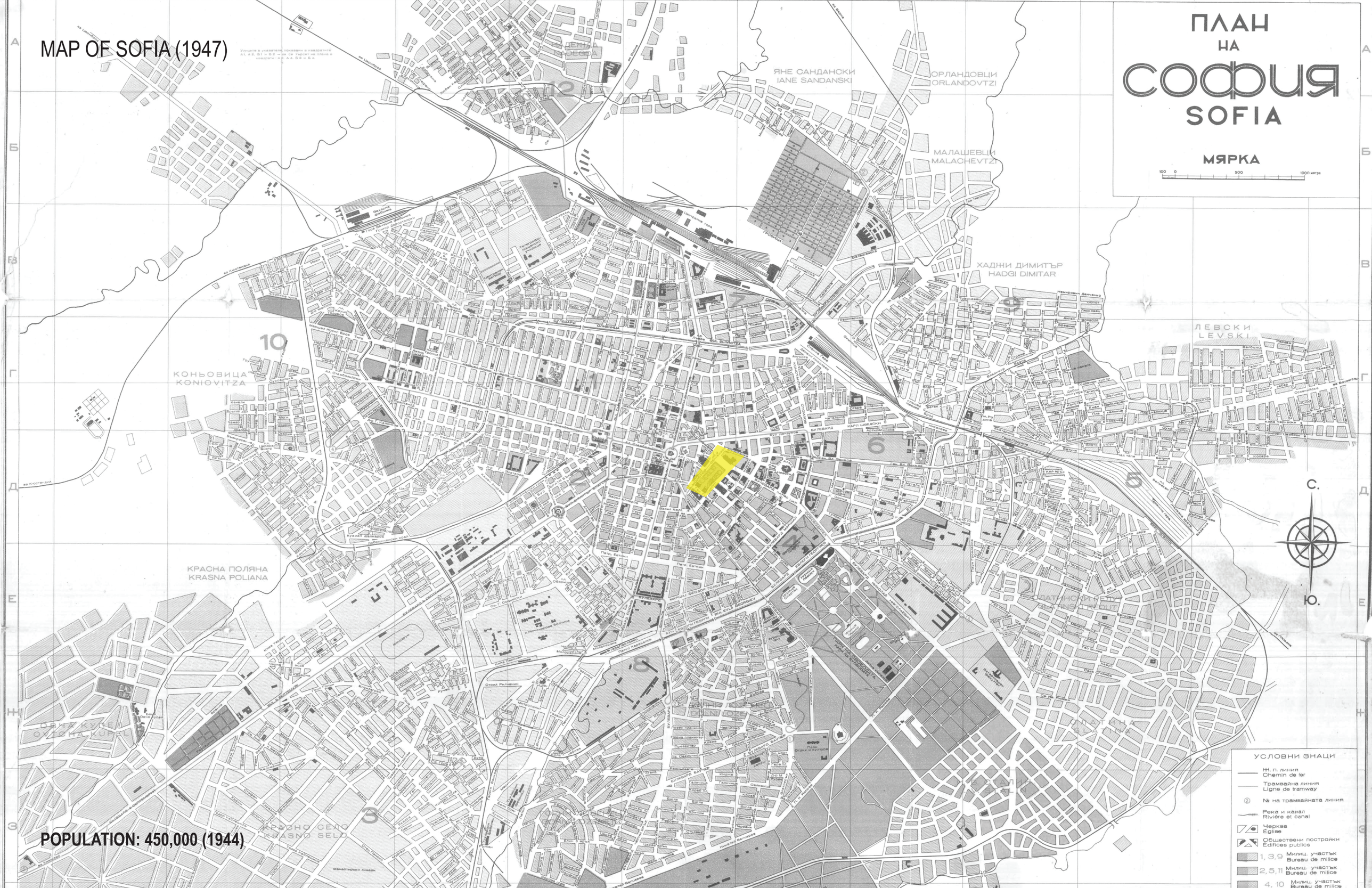
PHASE I: STALINIST CITY (1944-1960)

PHASE II: MASS-PRODUCED INTEGRATED CITY (1944-1960)

HISTORICAL MAP OF SOFIA (1944)

MAP OF SOFIA (1947)

POPULATION: 450,000 (1944)



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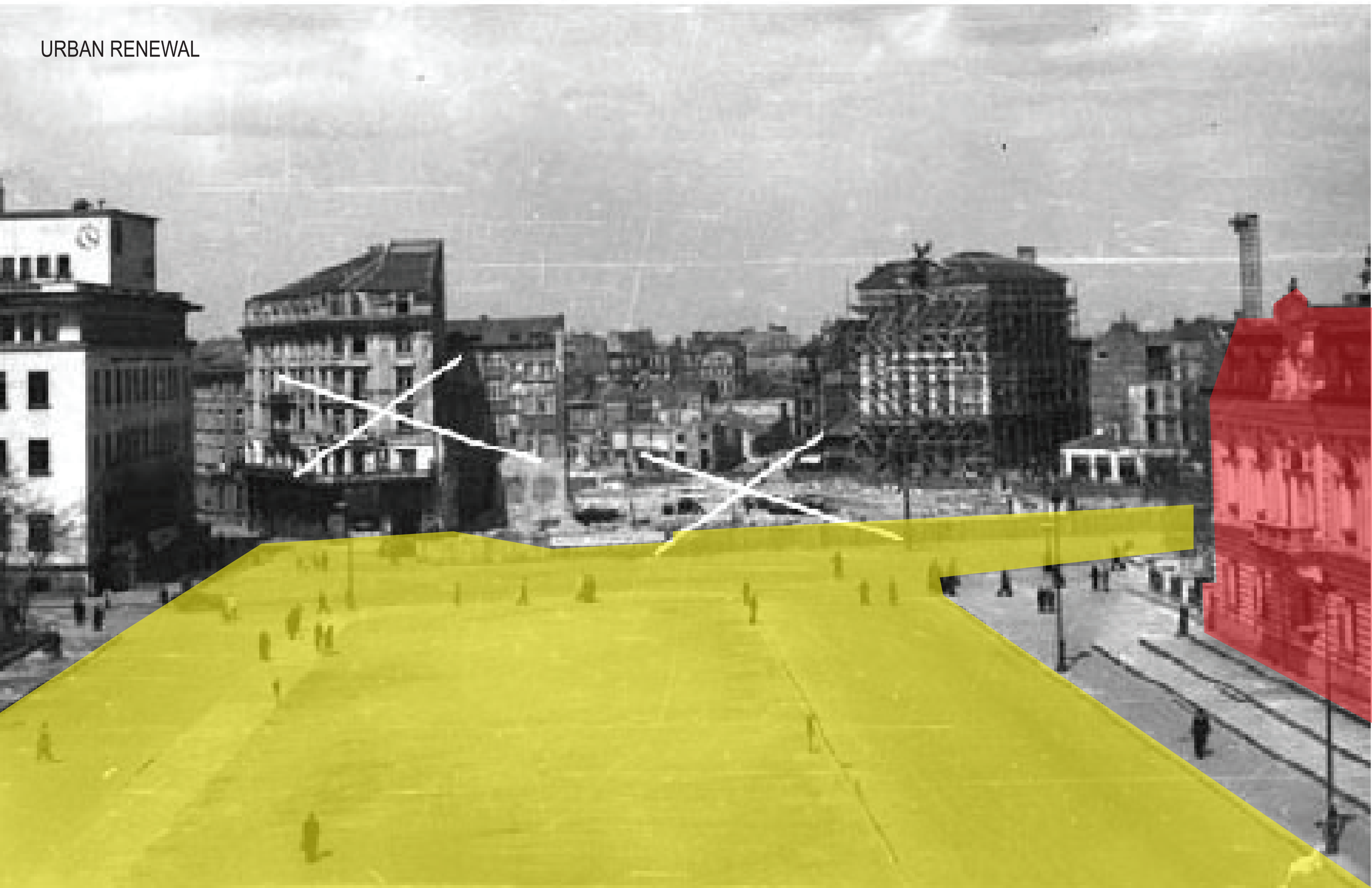

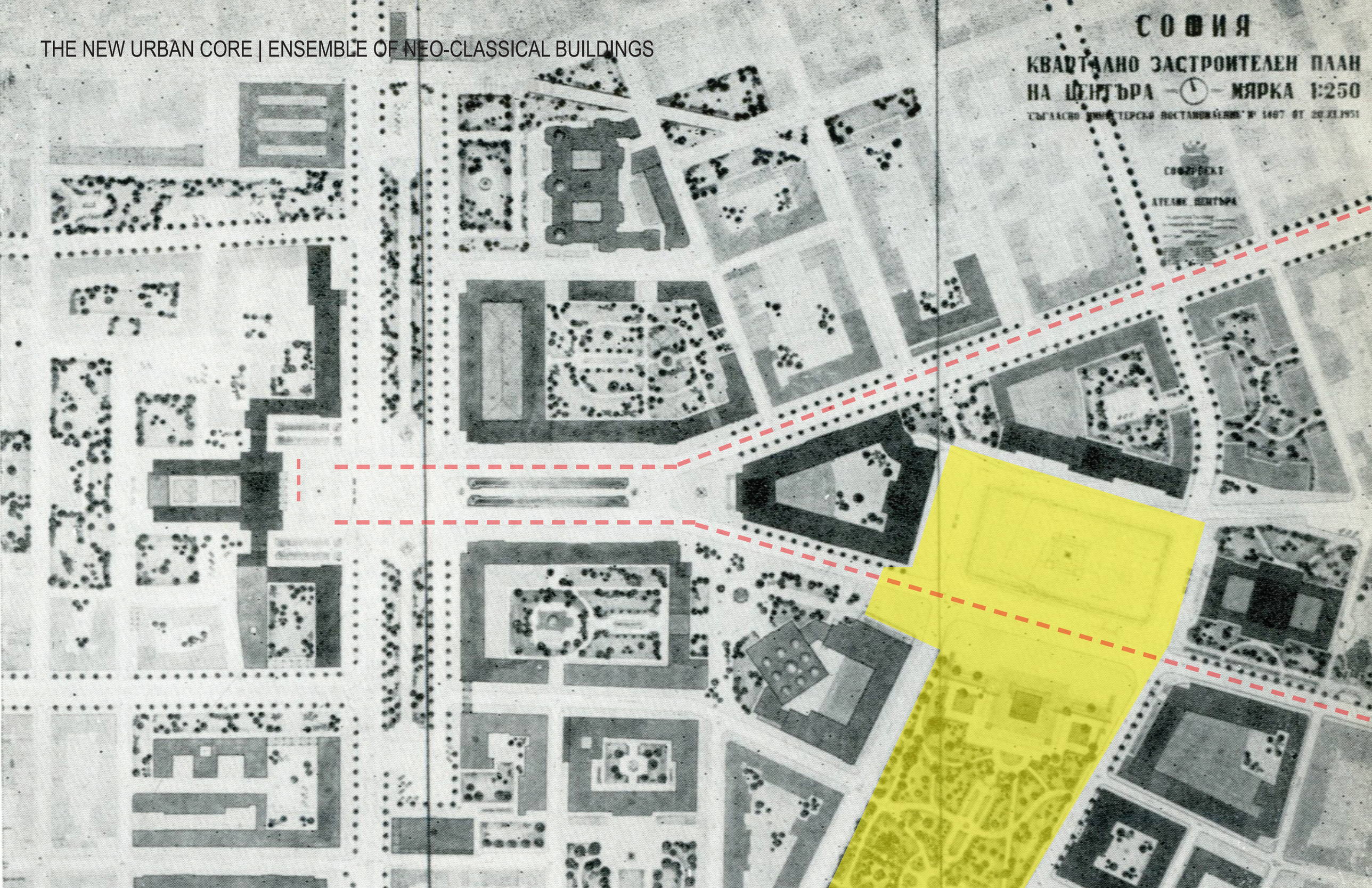
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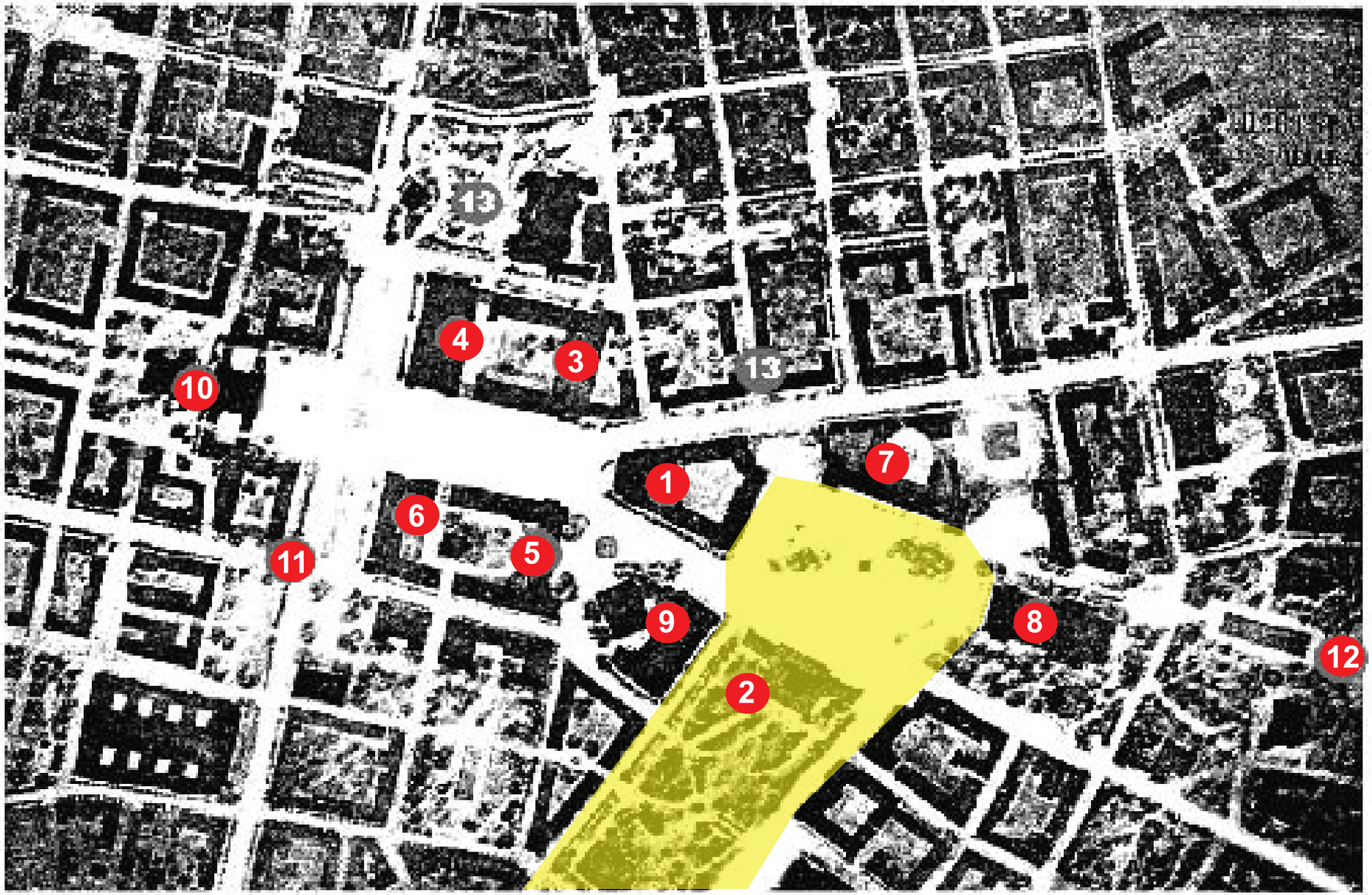
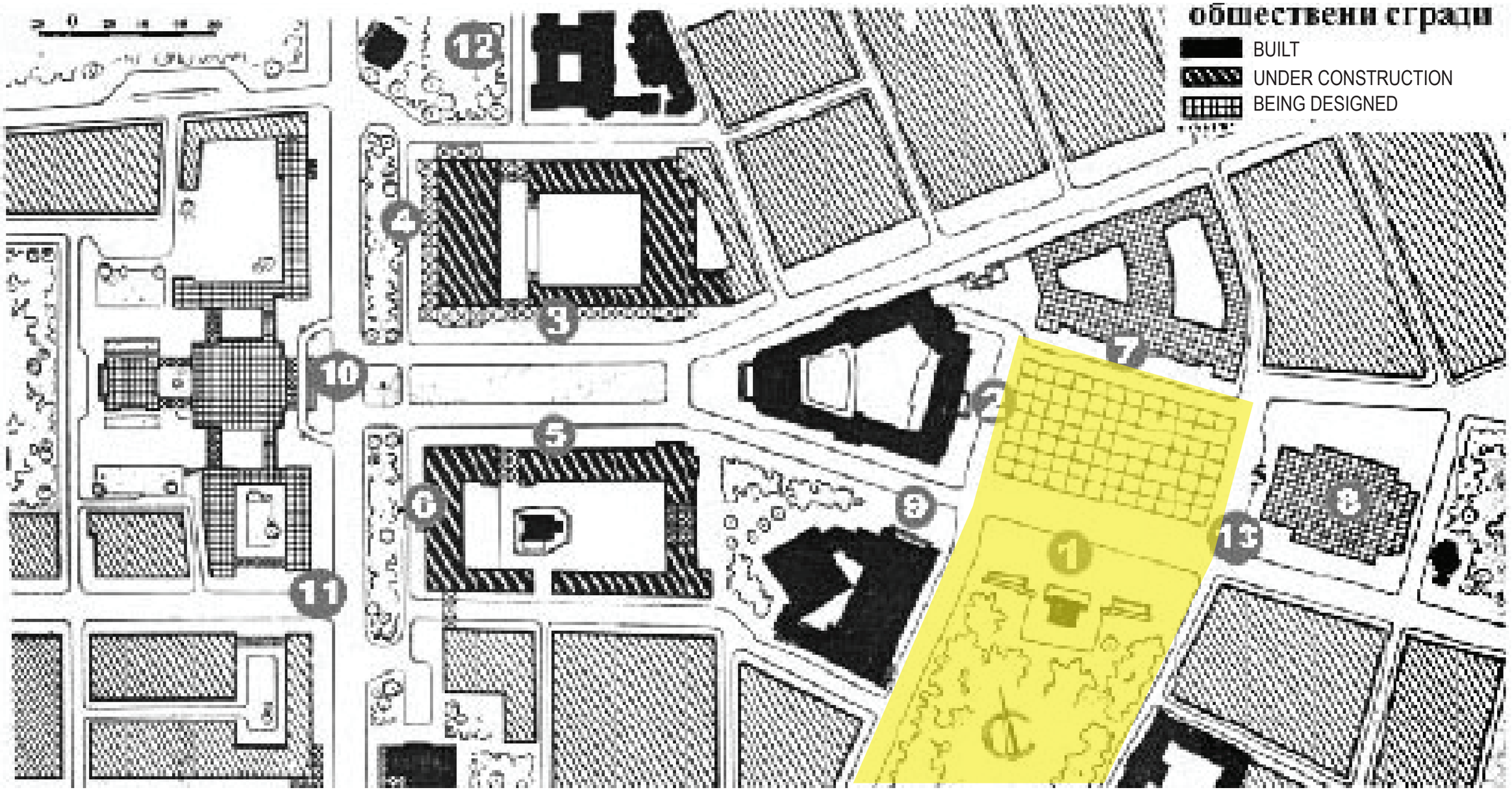
THE NEW URBAN CORE

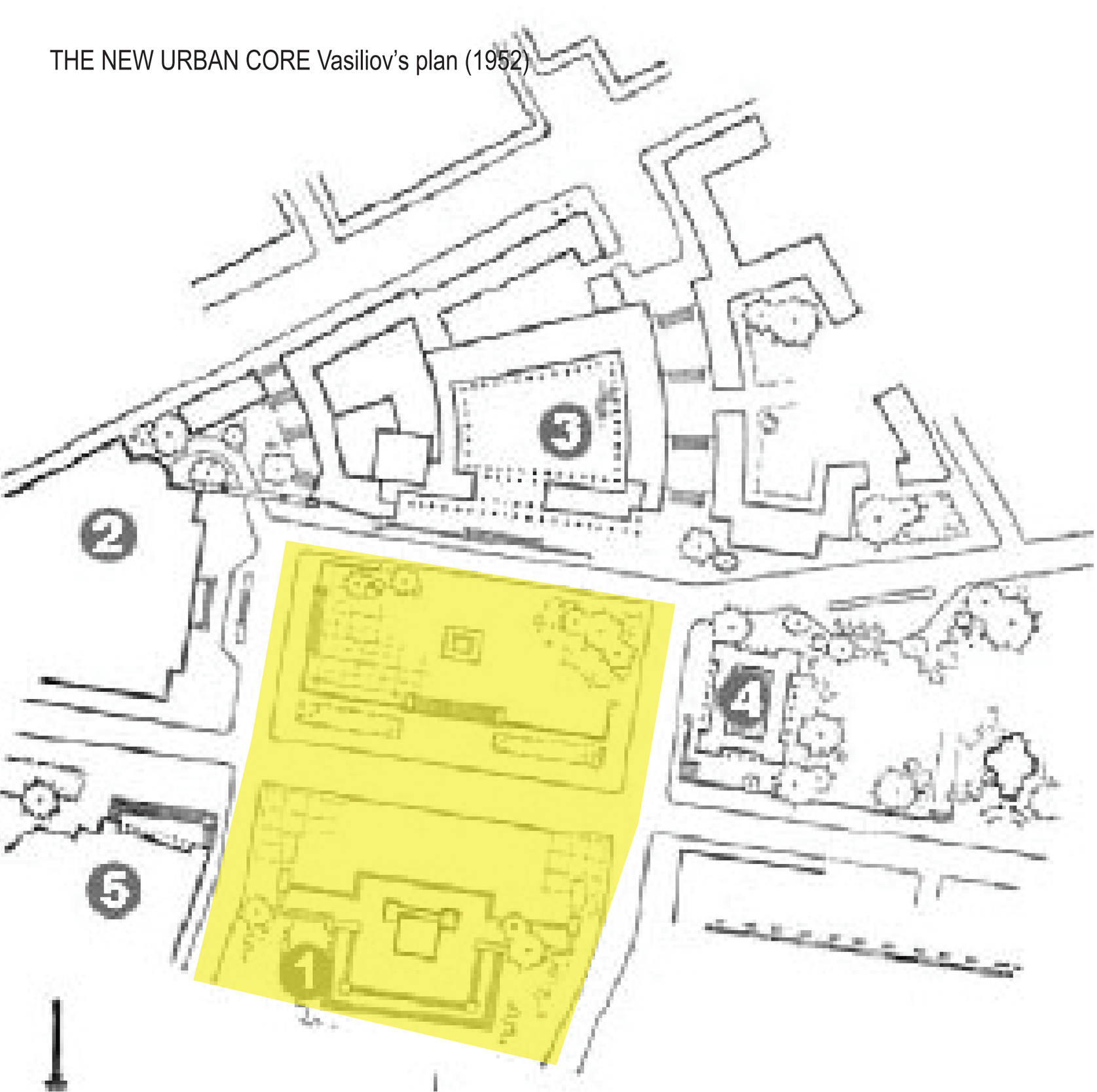


1. House of Party
2. Mausoleum of G. Dimitrov
3. Ministry of heavy industry
4. Central Department Store
5. Ministry of electricity
6. Hotel “Balkan”
7. Ministry Council
8. Opera
9. Bulgarian National Bank
10. City Hall
11. Square “Lenin”
12. Cathedral “Alexander Nevski”

THE NEW URBAN CORE | Plan by Tonev (1952)



THE NEW URBAN CORE Vasiliov's plan (1952)



17 | House of Party under construction (1945-1950s) as a monumental building of the new regime

18 | Hotel “Balkan” by architect D. Tzolov (1950s)

19 | National Bulgarian Bank (1950s)

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SYMBOLIC SQUARE | MAUSOLEUM (1949)

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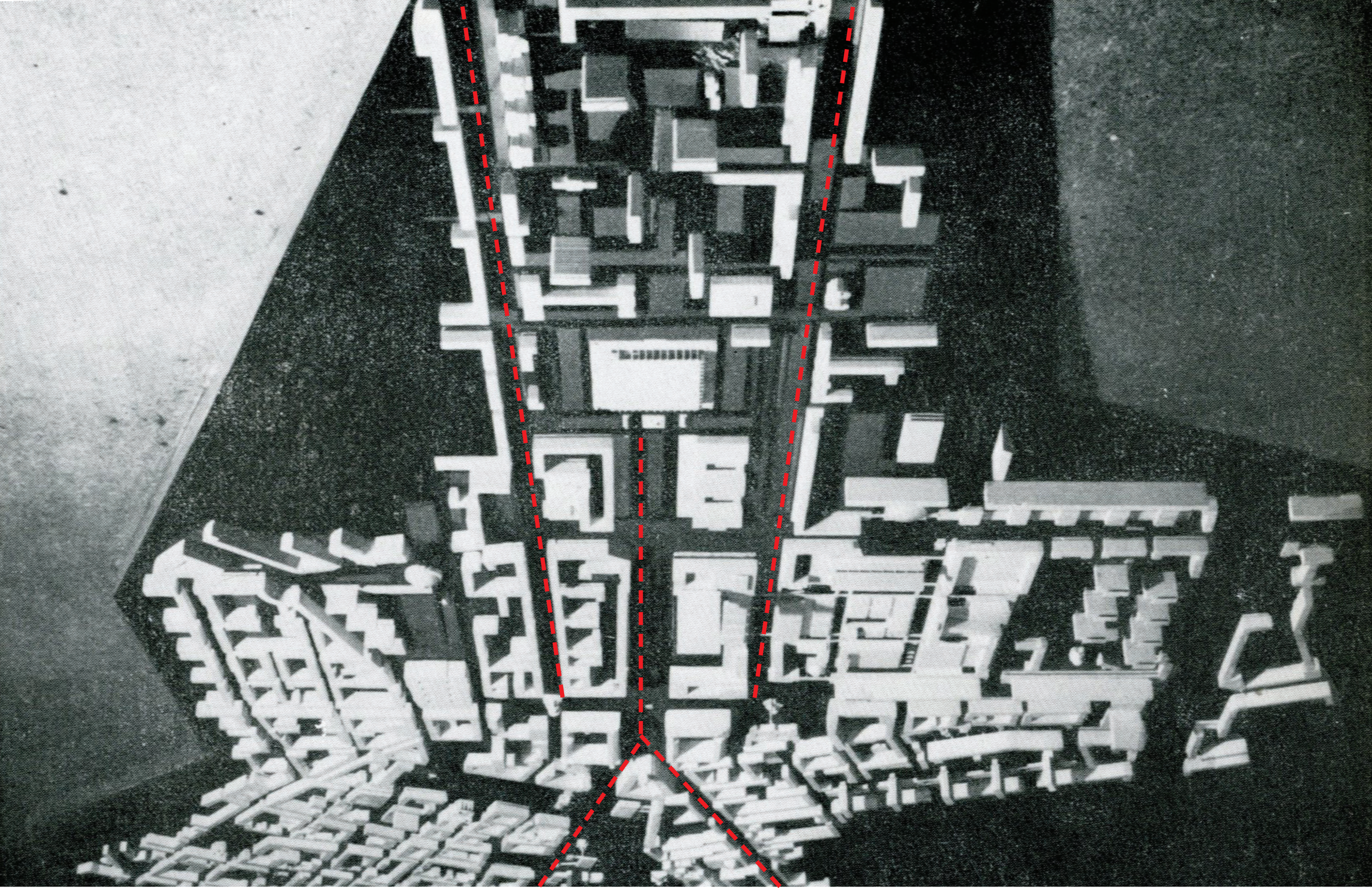
INFRASTRUCTURE & ARCHITECTURE | L. Neikov's plan (1964)



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