

Concept & Composition



concept : rigor : good

composition : arbitrary : bad

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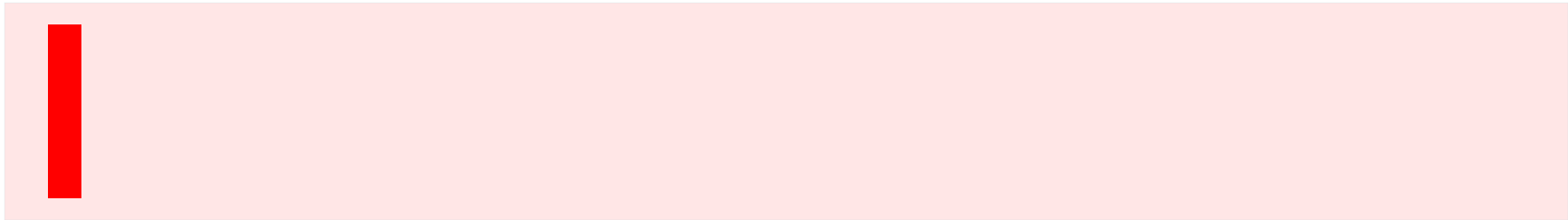
1. scrupulous or inflexible accuracy or adherence
2. strict precision: exactness
3. stiffness or rigidity
4. strictness, severity or harshness



Maison Carree · Nîmes

Principles of **composition**

- Movement
- Unity [of concept]
- Harmony
- Variety
- Balance
- Contrast
- Proportion
- Pattern/rhythm





Ryue Nishizawa

Teshima Art Museum

Teshima Island, Japan



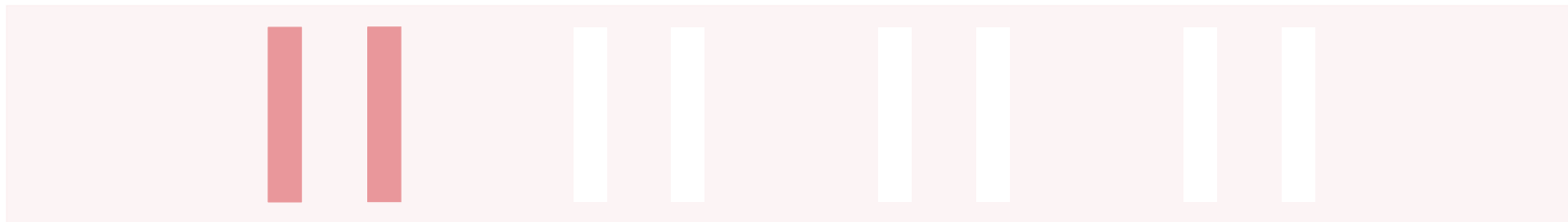
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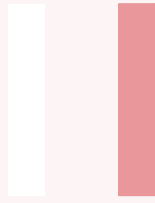
Composition as complement to concept





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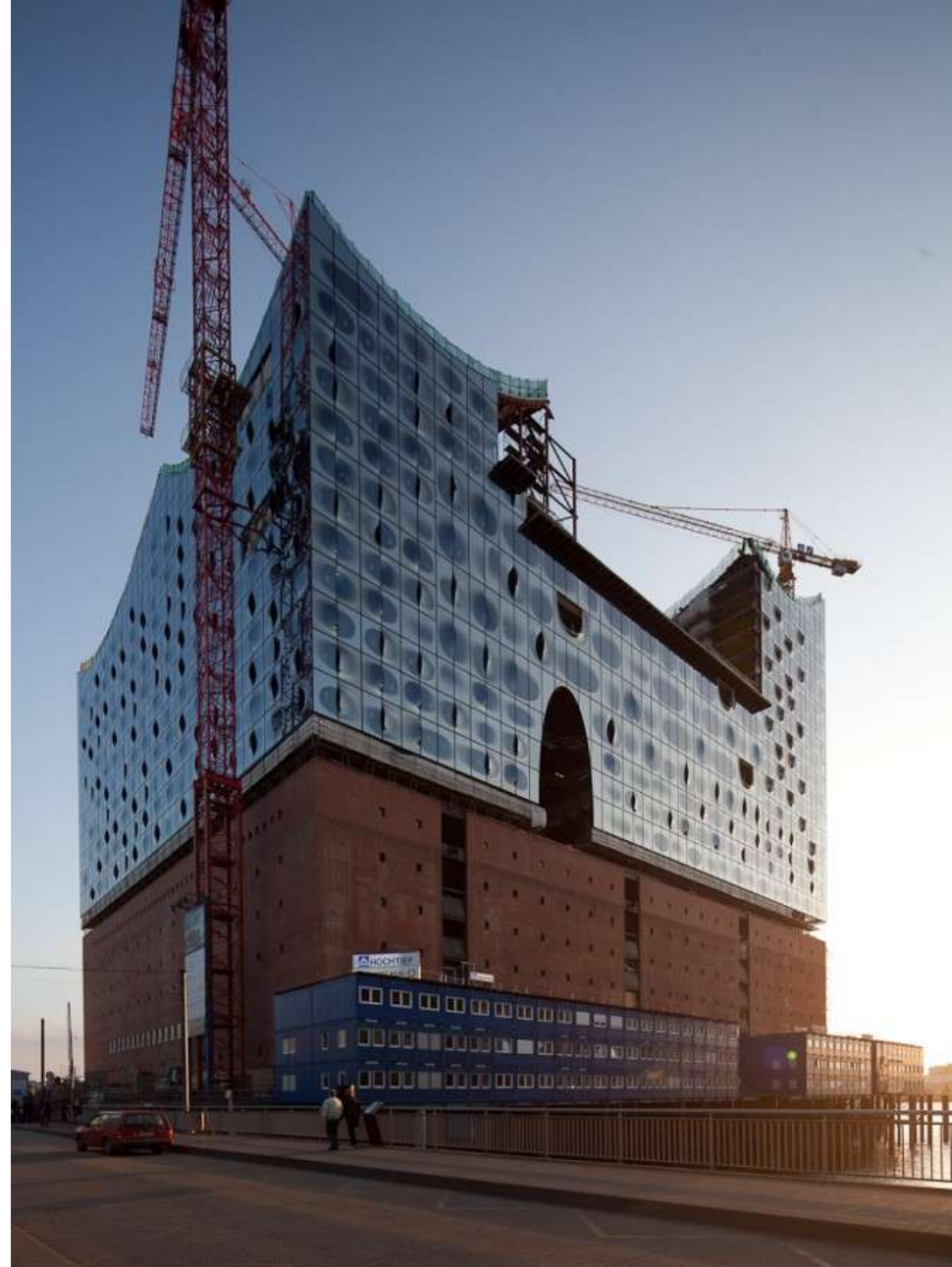
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Elbe Philharmonic

Hamburg, Germany



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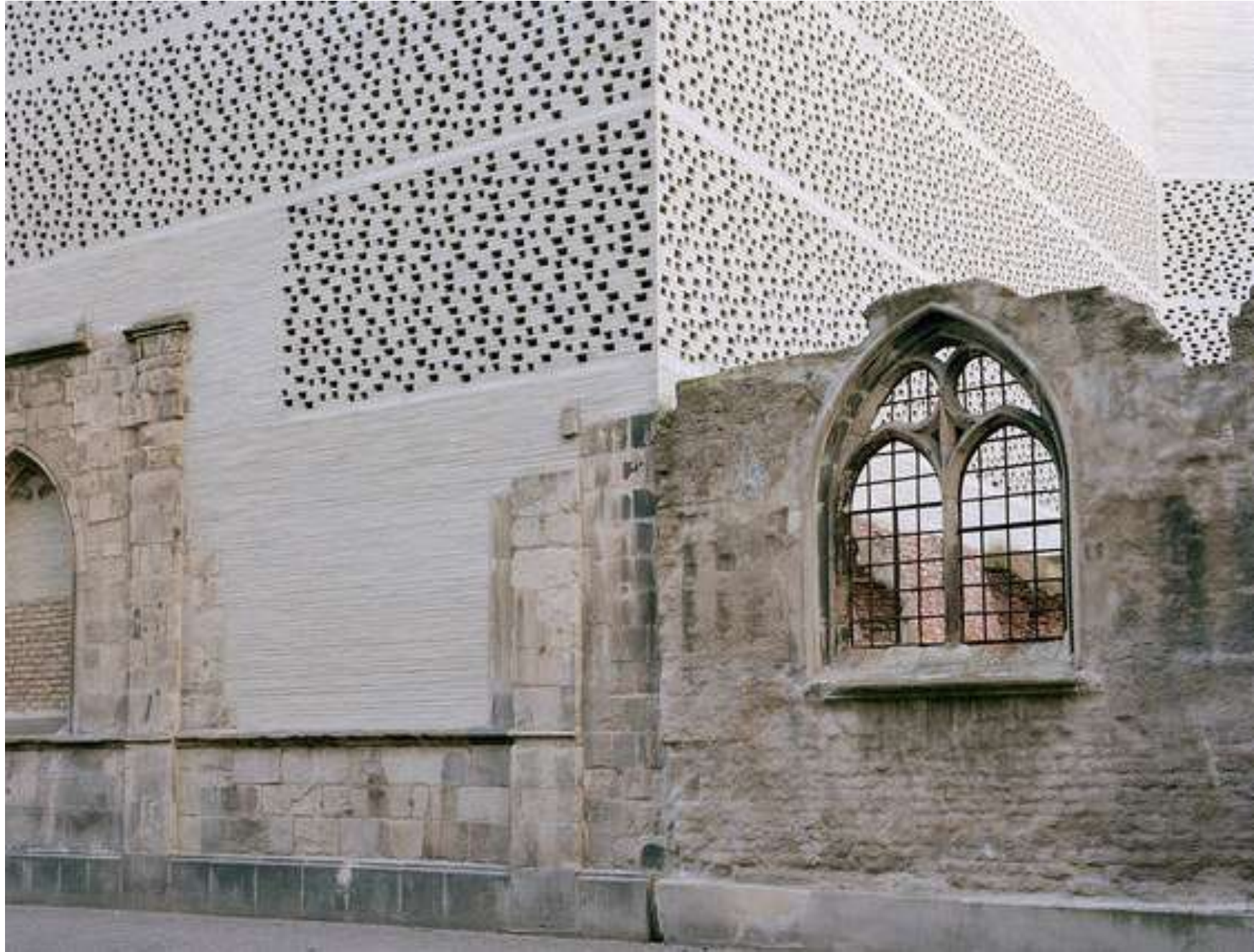
Site concept meets painterly composition



Peter Zumthor

Kolumba Museum

Cologne, Germany



Kolumba Museum



Kolumba Museum



Machado & Silveti

1 Western Avenue

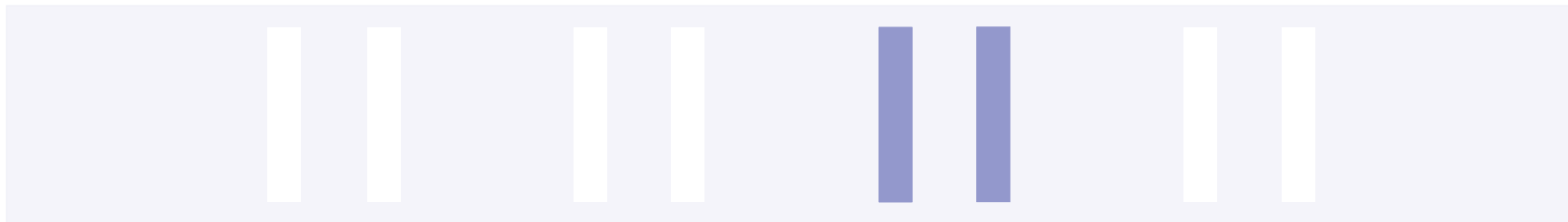
Allston, MA



1 Western Avenue



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Tectonic idea overlays concept, generates composition



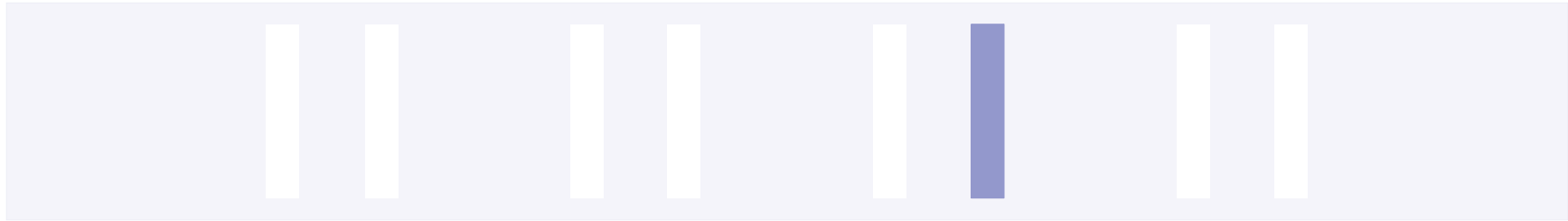














Nebuta House Museum



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Graphic façade overlays concept



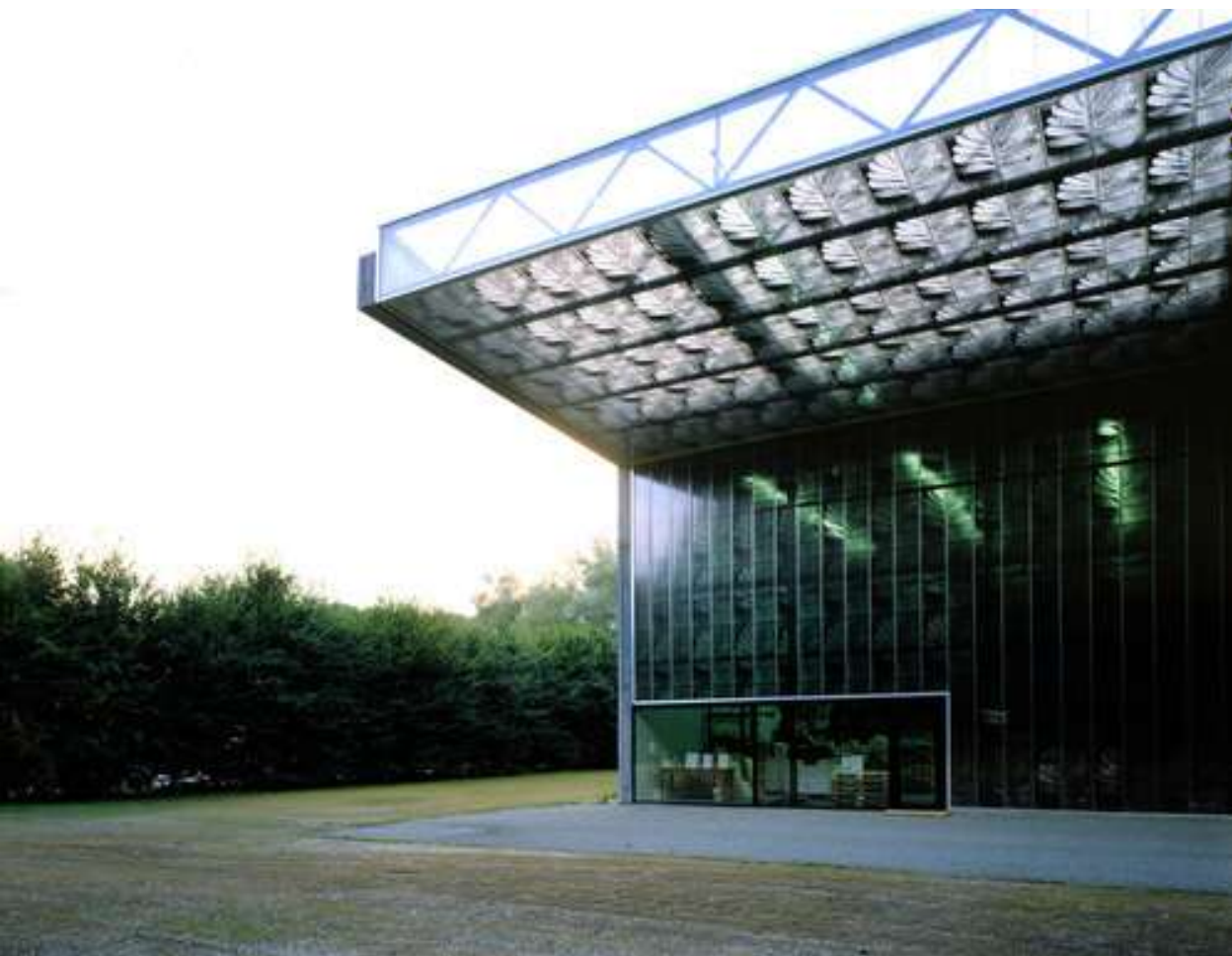
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Ricola Distribution Center

Mulhouse-Brunstatt, France



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McCormick Tribune Center



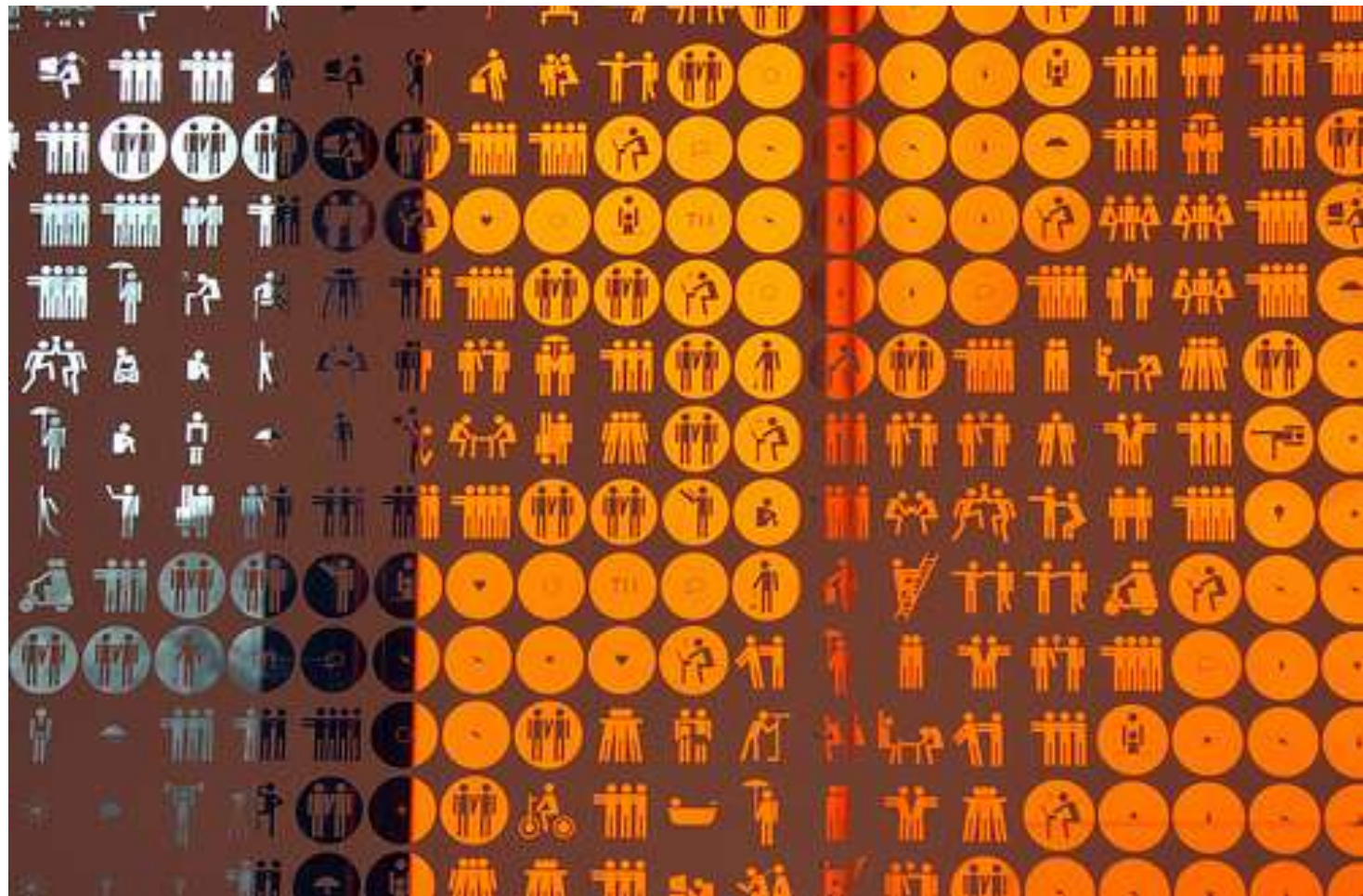
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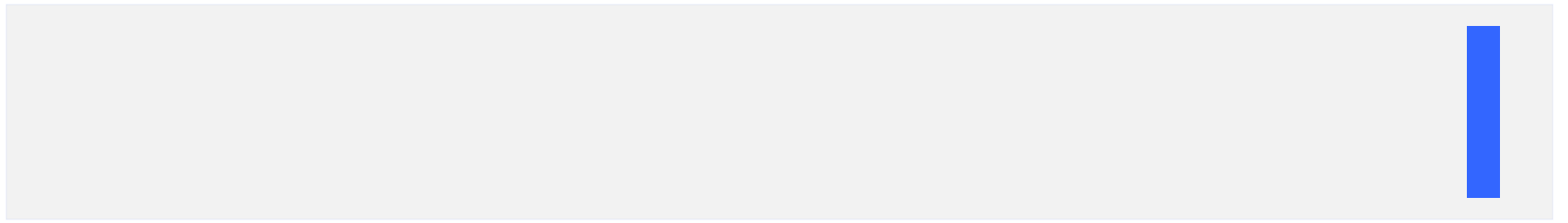
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Composition takes over



Miralles Tagliabue

Scottish Parliament

Edinburgh, Scotland



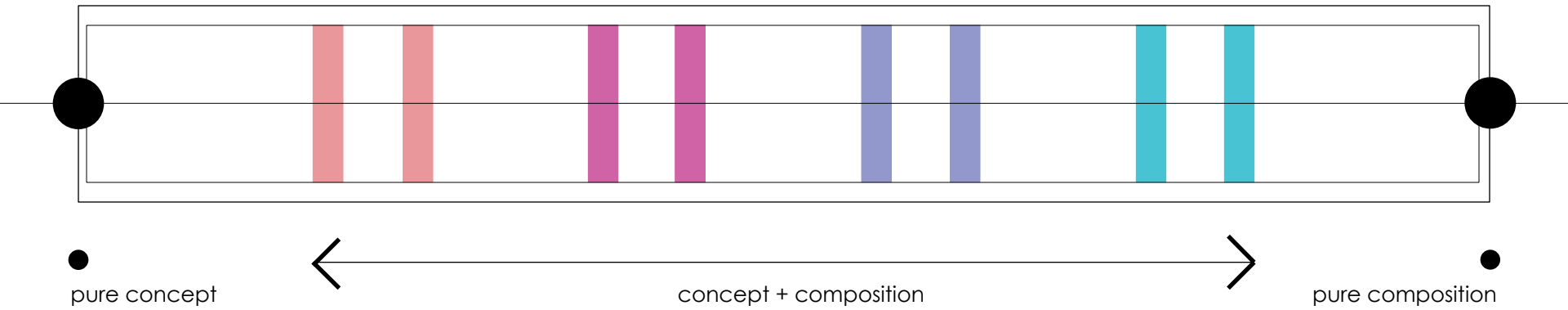
Scottish Parliament



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1. Can a building be profound without honoring both concept and composition?
2. How closely must the two be related?