

ROTTERDAM: REIMAGINING BIG STEEL

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“Never demolish. Never subtract, remove, or replace. Always add, transform, and utilize, with and for the inhabitants.” Anne Lacaton, keynote lecture at Harvard Graduate School of Design (2022).

The excursion to Rotterdam will expand our investigation into the architectural potential of transformation and reuse. We will explore how large-scale steel structures – bridges, industrial halls, and ships – have been reimaged through adaptive reuse, hybrid programming, and material pragmatism. The excursion serves as both analytical fieldwork and design inspiration for rethinking the alpine ski lift – shifting from obsolete infrastructure to architecture.

steel ship, source: bildarchiv-hamburg.com

