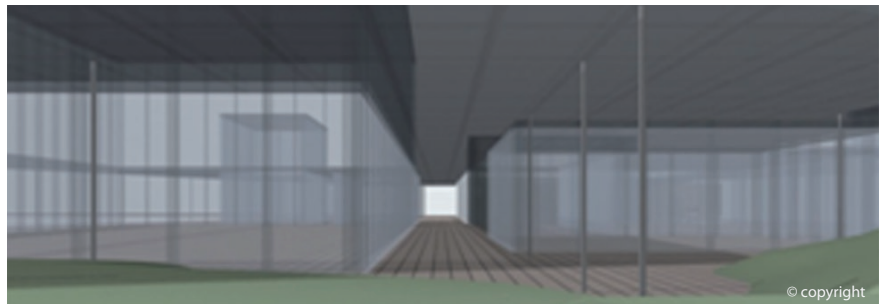
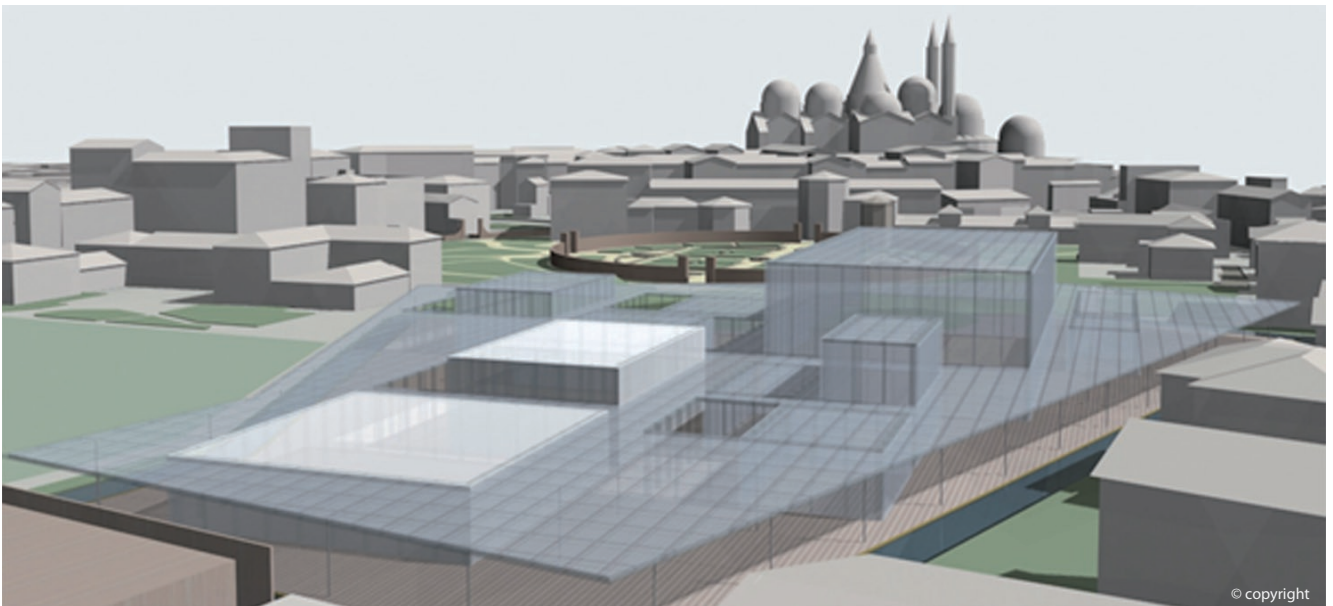


BOTANIC GARDEN PADOVA - ITALY



Credits

Category: Competition
Client: Private
Location: Padova - Italy
Architect: David Chipperfield Architects
Type of work: Exterior Lighting
Lighting Design: Filippo Cannata
Lighting Design team: N. Fiorillo
Completed: 2005

The architectural project provides the restoration and the extension of the existent botanic garden. The lighting project will dialogue with the strong and dominant space hierarchy of the historic garden and with the informal spatial disposition of the new one. It is important that light become a connecting element for the different spatial and architectural schemes by respecting at the same time the peculiarity of each area. In the new part of the garden the architectural project provides the realization of a big glass ceiling, open in specific points, which floats like a soft light cloud. These characteristics of lightness and mutability are the main ingredients of the lighting project. The whole ceiling will be illuminated in order to create a sort of dynamical cloud characterized by a continuous changing of light, shadows, intensity and dissolve in this way the architecture. A sequence of lights and shadows disposed in an informal manner, soft and refined, generate relaxing emotions. The lighting project so is inspired by a natural approach able to create an atmosphere that evokes the moonlight beauty. The night is like a dark cloth where it is possible to draw brush-strokes of light that make it more beautiful.