

## Architects

# ANORAK

## Description

Anorak was founded in 2004 by Cécile Chanvillard, Cédric Libert et Vincent Piroux around common ambitions and architectural interests. The practice works on projects varying from 17 m<sup>2</sup> pieces of furniture to 100 000 m<sup>2</sup> urban structure.

The firm is based in Brussels. It has successively occupied workspaces of a public nature : a shopwindow inside a derelict shopping center, a workshop in a collective center for business & art development and nowadays a converted office building, emblematic icon of the modernist spirit in the 60's. This deliberate settlement in the heart of the urban field testify their interest in being positioned and operating within the public space.

Anorak produces architecture within several contexts simultaneously : conceptual, programmatic, social, historical, urban, landscaped, or geographical contexts. The diversity of contexts feeds a continuous process of thought regarding modalities of both an intellectual organization of the project and a sensorial experience of space itself.

To practise architecture is the act of materialising a statment by means of a specific spatial articulation. Anorak singularizes strong spatial proposals that engage speculative and practical stakes, extending fonctionnalités to the domain of architectural experience. The projects are envisaged as the narration of contextual, programmatic and imaginary conditions.

## Creation

2004

## Associates

Cécile Chanvillard  
Cédric Libert  
Vincent Piroux

## Awards

University campus and buildings, Geneva, Switzerland / competition 2009 / mention  
Client : Fondation de la Cité universitaire de Genève  
Team : Bureau Bas Smets, landscape / Conti & Associés  
Ingénieurs sa, technical engineering and environnement

Engineering Faculty of the Luxemburg university, Esch-sur Alzette, Luxemburg / competition 2008 / 1st prize  
Client: le Fonds Belval  
Team : mlzd architekten (competition) / Bureau d'étude Greisch, structural engineering / Jean Schmit Engineering, technical engineering / van Santen & associés, facade / R. Kops, quantity surveyor

Urban design for the site of the old Bavière clinic, Liège, Belgium / competition 2005 / 1st prize  
Client : Ville de Liège  
Team : DMT architecten / Poponcini Lootens Ir Architecten / Michel Desvignes Paysagiste Dplg / Himmos, projectontwikkeling

## Publications

face b, number 8194;3 ? Back to Basics / projects et texts from Sou Fujimoto, Anorak, Jean-Christophe Quinton, Office KGDVS, Thomas Raynaud - Building Building / edition face b,

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## OTHER PROJECTS :

Bavière Masterplan  
- 2005  
- Liège

Belval  
- 2009  
- Esch-sur-Alzette

Xhendremael  
- 2006 2010  
- Liège

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bivanja » article sur Yserloft par Anja Planiscek

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