



SSC - Student Service Center at the Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf

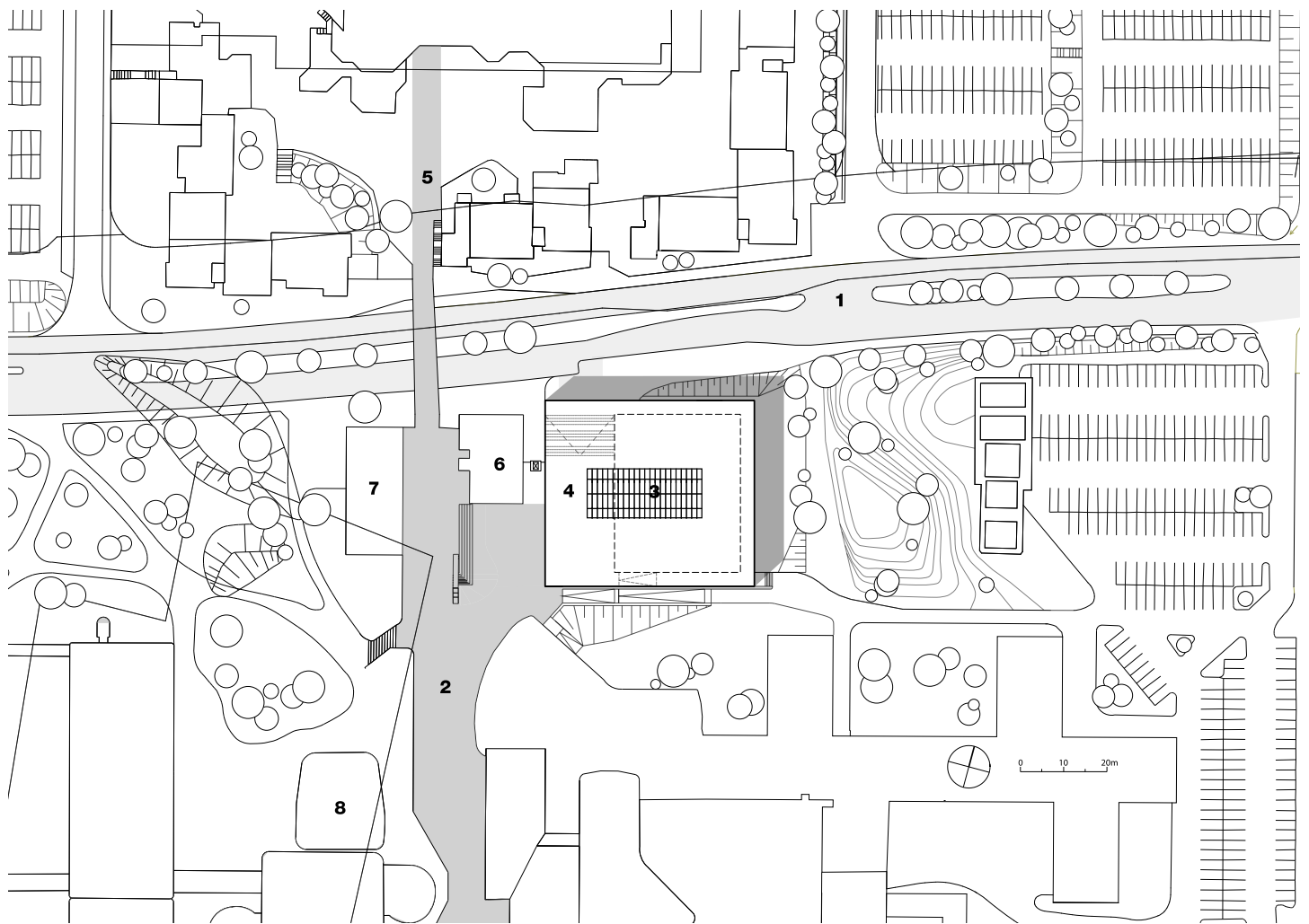
Typology education **Location** Düsseldorf **Construction Volume** GFA 4.242 m², GV 13.200 m³ **Client** BLB NRW Düsseldorf **User** Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf **Competition** 1st prize 2011 **Construction** 2012–2013 **Awards** BDA Düsseldorf Auszeichnung guter Bauten 2017 – honorable mention

#Service center for those studying at the Heinrich Heine University, accommodating the facilities of the department of student affairs, which are used by students from all faculties. With its spacious roofed entrance area, the SSC gains not only a suitable and easily recognizable home, but at the same time forms an emblematic architectural gateway for the whole university campus.



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The openness, accessibility and depth of the surrounding parkland is continued in the clear and light architectural design. A piazza is formed below the large roof supported by slender posts at the highly frequented level of the university's main access route. The square is linked to the western part of the main axis via a broad outdoor stairway and therefore provides students and visitors approaching from different directions with an entrance that is protected from the elements. The light and transparent two-storey foyer, that looks out onto the park, is not only a pleasant place to linger and communicate but also a means of access to the various parts of the building. The information point, the first port of call, and the front office see to the first needs of the students and then send them for further advice to the other storeys, which can be reached via a broad circular stairway or lifts. In addition to the entrance to the student academy, the secretary's office and administrative rooms, the foyer also provides access to the multi-purpose hall, which can also be used as an extension of the foyer space. During everyday university life, student's can use the room to work in a lounge-like atmosphere; alternatively, it can be used for events and exhibitions.



Site plan

- 1** Universitätsstraße
- 2** Magistrale **3** SSC **4** Open-air foyer
- 5** Mensa **6** Kiosk
- 7** Bookshop **8** Institutes



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