

Lectures croisées

La bibliothèque

Alexis-de-Tocqueville

à Caen

OMA, Rem Koolhaas

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This project was carried out in collaboration with Le Point du Jour art center located in Cherbourg, for a book dedicated to the new Alexis-de-Tocqueville library in Caen. Inaugurated on January 14, 2017, the building is the work of the Office for Metropolitan Architecture, founded by architect and theorist Rem Koolhaas. The library takes the form of a cross, with its first floor hosting an immense glass-walled reading room without any interior load-bearing structure.

The photographs for the book were taken by Georges Dupin, Antoine Cardi, Marina Gardoneix, and Gilles Raynaldy, photographers who have a genuine interest in architecture but are not specialists in the field. They deliberately deviate from traditional «architectural photography,» which can sometimes be primarily promotional in nature and often fails to fully capture the various aspects of buildings. Photography in this context is instead a tool that engages both information and imagination to explore a space.

Through 32 photographs scattered throughout the book, Gilles Raynaldy reveals different perspectives of the building from the outside, describes its various interior spaces that are completely open to the city, and observes the diverse behaviors of the readers.

(excerpts from the series and the book)

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Reading room, July 2016



View from the quai Vendœuvre, July 2016



Vue depuis Le Dôme, juillet 2016

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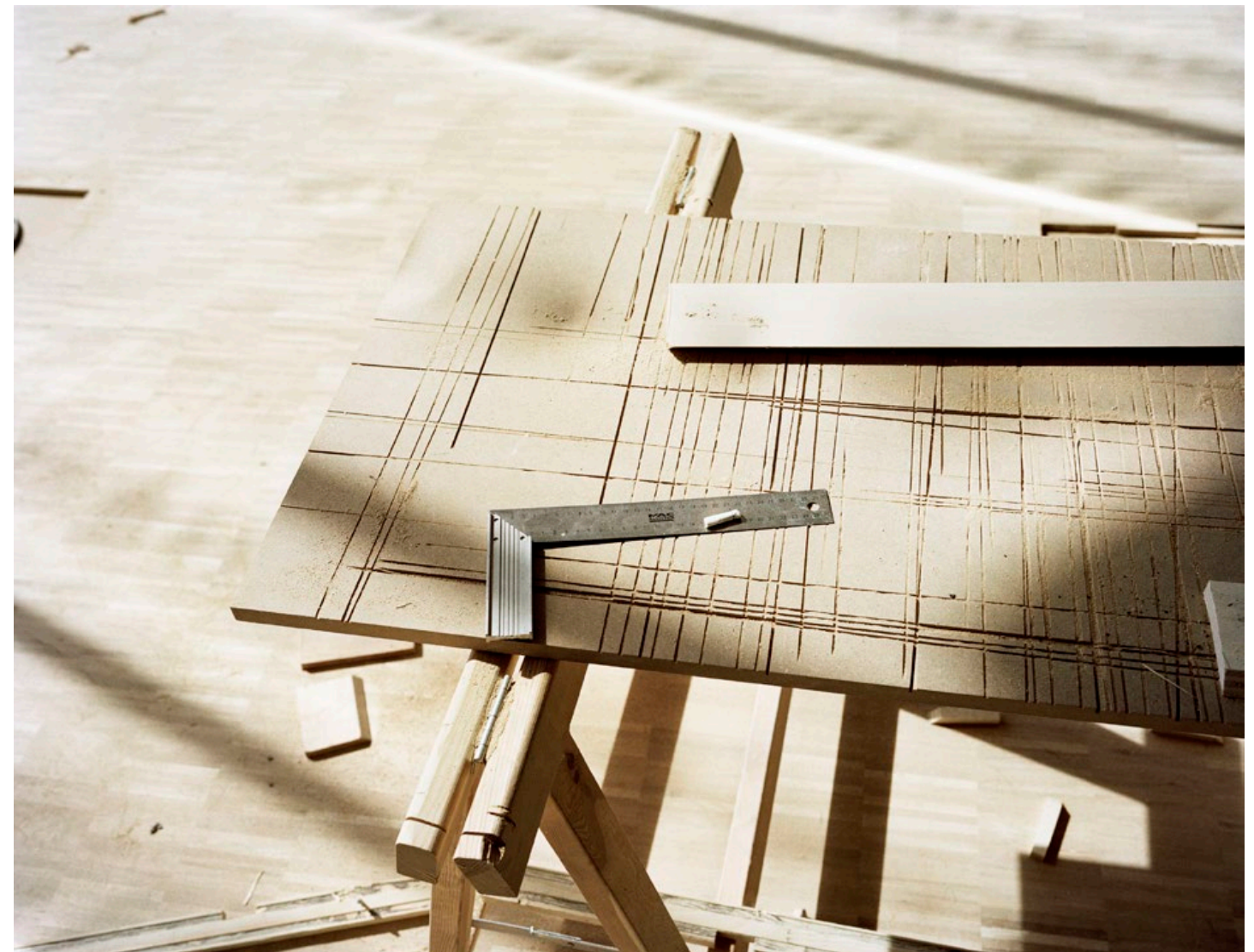
Reading room, July 2016



Reading room, July 2016



Workers operating near the media library, May 2016



Workstation of the parquet installers, May 2016



Vue depuis l'avenue de Tourville, juillet 2016

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Vue
Emménagement, décembre 2016





Pôle Sciences et Techniques, février 2017
Pôle Sciences humaines vu de la mezzanine, février 2017

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