



UCU NATIONAL UNITY CENTER

Special Concept Presentation



A Center for Lifelong Learning and Civic Renewal

Responding to the current challenges, UCU sets a new goal: creating a leadership ecosystem of continuous education for the entire country of Ukraine.

To make this vision tangible, we need a space for it — **the UCU National Unity Center.**

Target Audience of the Center:

- Veterans and their families
- Leaders from de-occupied territories, the East, and the South
- Managers in healthcare, education, and public institutions
- Entrepreneurs and small business owners
- IDPs exploring new professional paths



The UCU Unity Center will become a place for:



Building partnerships and communities



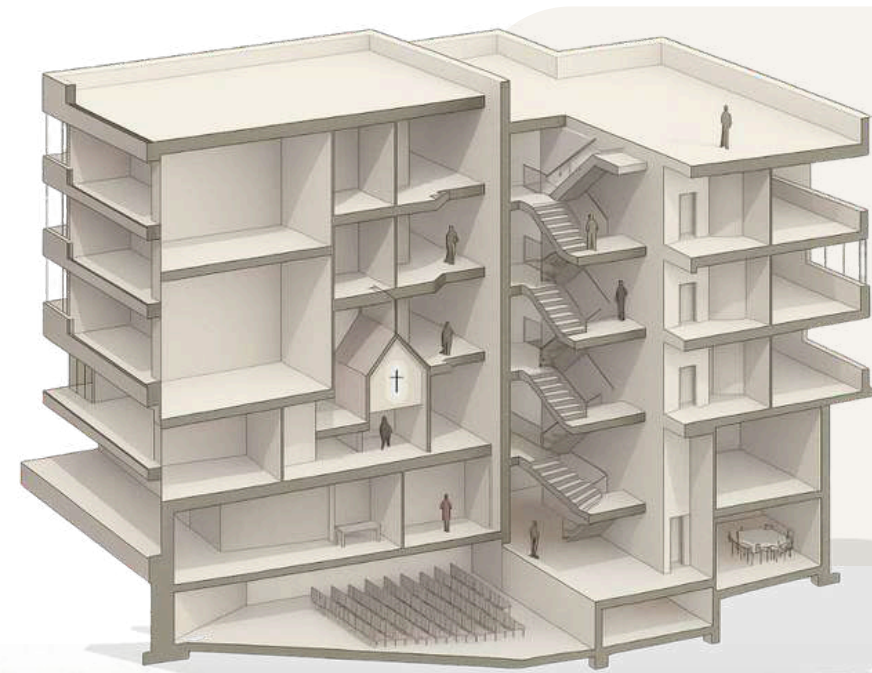
Dialogue between the university and the city



Collaboration through lectures, exhibitions, and co-working

New Building for a Changing Society

A new UCU Center unites leaders from across Ukraine to modernize and rebuild the country.



The 7-story Building will include:

- Large Conference Hall - 150 m²
- Modern safe classrooms
- 62 residential units
- Co-working zones to connect people and ideas
- Offices
- Café, Chapel, and Open Green Spaces

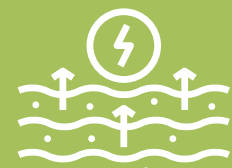
Total GFA:
5,000 m²



The initial conceptual study of the future UCU building was performed pro bono by the renowned **Behnisch Architekten (Germany)** office in the summer-fall of 2024. The project site is located directly next to the UCU campus.



Stefan Benisch, a notable architect, led the design of significant university projects like the Harvard Science and Engineering Complex and the John and Frances Angelos Law Center at the University of Baltimore.



Geothermal systems regulate climate with minimal energy use.



Solar panels generate clean power and reduce heat load.



Smart ventilation keeps the building naturally efficient.

Climate Concept – Low-Tech, High-Efficiency Design

The building uses passive climate strategies that minimize energy consumption year-round.

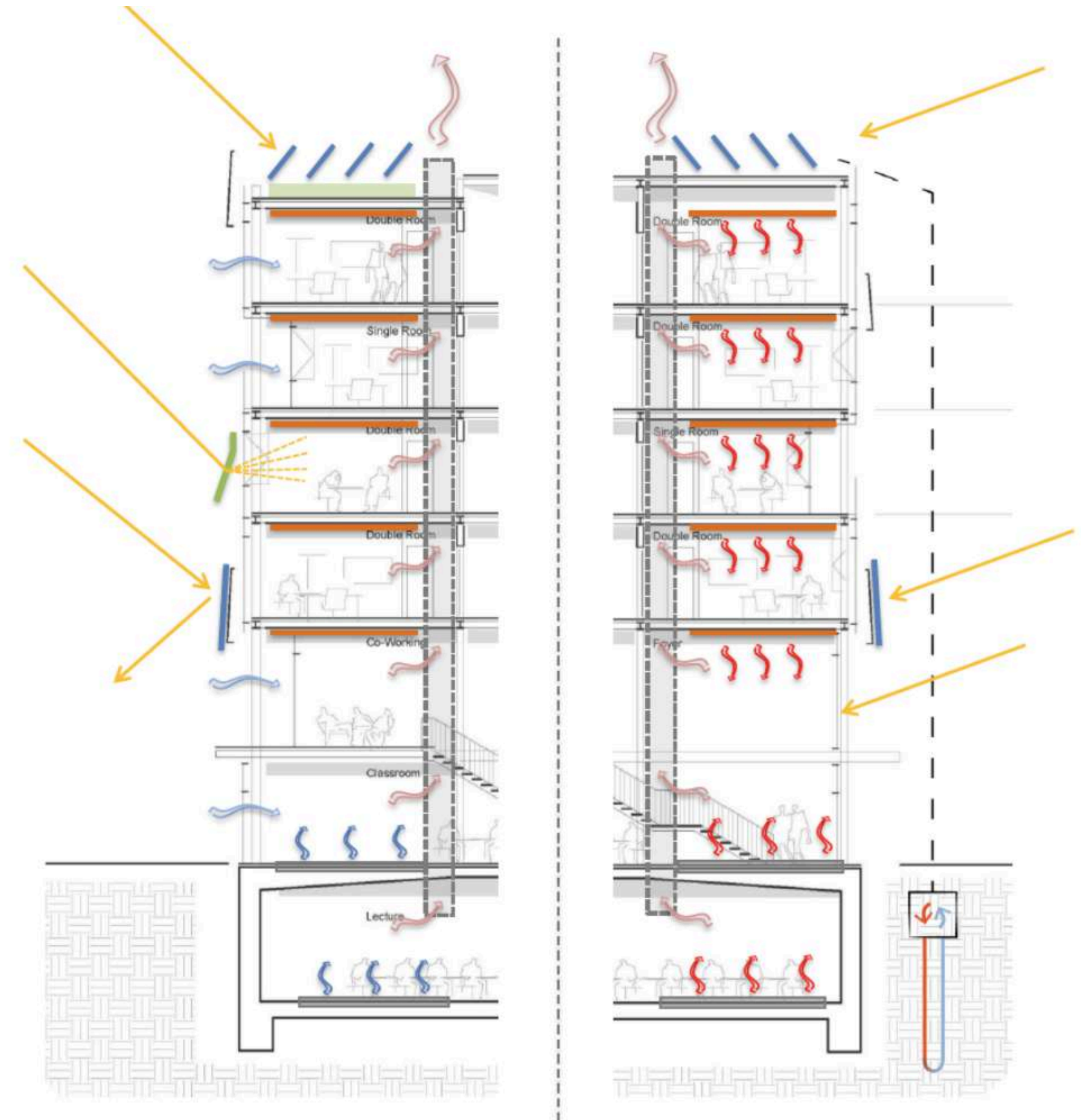


In summer, **natural ventilation, PV-panel shading, and clay surfaces** maintain a cool, balanced indoor climate.



In winter, **geothermal energy, activated concrete slabs, and ceiling heating elements** ensure steady warmth.

This low-tech system combines renewable energy and passive climate control, enabling the building to operate efficiently and sustainably with minimal mechanical input.



Architectural vision

The design of the UCU National Unity Center draws inspiration from modern European campus architecture that values light, openness, and human scale.

The building's core — a vertical lightwell — brings daylight through every floor, creating a visual connection and natural ventilation. Transparent ground levels blur the boundary between the university and the city, inviting community life to flourish within. Simple geometry, natural materials, and a calm rhythm of light reflect the principles of sustainable design — architecture that feels timeless and alive.

Inclusive by Design

Fully accessible

barrier-free movement across all levels, with ramps and elevator.

Daylight corridors

safe, comfortable navigation for all users.

Universal comfort

materials, acoustics, and lighting planned for diverse physical and sensory needs.



Balustrades for Roof Garden and Terraces



PV-Modules



Fixed Shading



Textile Sunscreens



Architectural references that informed the design concept.

UCU Campus

The UCU campus serves as a vibrant environment for learning, innovation, and community life — a space where education, research, and social engagement harmoniously coexist and enhance each other.



**UCU National
Unity Center**

Collegiums

Academic building

Metropolitan Andrey
Sheptytsky Center

UCU has secured a political risk insurance from the United States Development Finance Corporation in the amount of **\$5,000,000**.

This insurance covers possible loss from damage made by missile or drone strikes.





By supporting this project, you directly contribute to the development of UCU and create a valuable initiative for the restoration and strengthening of Ukraine.

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