

ATELIER PRO

Opdrachtgever
College van
Bestuur,
Universiteit van
Amsterdam

Locatie
Kloveniersburgwal
48
Amsterdam

Project type
architecture

Functies
public building,
renovation & re-
use

Kosten
€ 5.876.454,-

5.300 m²

Project status
completed

Periode
1998 - 2001

Oplevering
2001



beeld: luuk kramer

Het Bushuis, Amsterdam

The so-called Bushuis, on the corner of Kloveniersburgwal and Oude Hoogstraat, has been converted, along with part of the abutting Oost-Indisch Huis, into a library for the behavioural sciences faculty of Amsterdam University. The original Bushuis was built at the end of the 19th century in back-to-the-classics style. The Oost-Indisch Huis section is much older, but has lost much of its original lustre over the years. Prior to our assignment, though, a reconstruction of the so-called Bewindhebberskamer van de VOC (Administrators' room of the the East India Company), had been made.

The main entrance to the library is relocated to Kloveniersburgwal. Because of the limited depth of the Bushuis, a vertical space has been scooped out directly behind the facade whose void shows the entrance and the monumental stair beyond to good effect. By removing the non-bearing walls and punching great holes in the longitudinal structural wall, the internal structure of the Bushuis has been rendered open and legible. Its attic is now one large zone of study spaces with a mezzanine; the old timber floor joists have been left in view.

In the access structure a distinction has been made between a secure part and one that is freely accessible, even in the evening. The library can also be reached from the Oost-Indisch Huis, which is taken up in the new access structure. The process of integrating

the library with the rest of the faculty has been crowned by a glass roof over the second internal courtyard. This courtyard, earmarked for a cafe terrace, gives the shapeless complex a heart.

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