LAR/PLAN 567

Seminar, 3-units, Professor William R. Morrish, Thursdays 4-6:30 pm.
Room 107
This course is open to graduate students in architecture, landscape
architecture, urban planning and architectural history.

Eduard Francois, The Sprooting Building, France 2000

GROWING URBAN HABITATS
Mid-density Green Affordable Housing Models

The work of this seminar will build on material generated by the Urban
Habitats international design competition, held in Charlottesville, Virginia
2005. The competition goal was to generate new models for medium
density green affordable housing, to develop new housing for existing
residents of Sunrise Trailer Park and provide new units for
working middle-income families. This project builds upon more extensive
research work that I have been involved with for last two years in new
housing models.

The work of the seminar will be woven into a book and website called,
Growing Urban Habitats. I am in the process of researching and writing
the chapters, with my co-author, Katie Swenson. The book project is a joint
effort with the Charlottesville Community Design Center. Katie is the center’s
director. We have received two grants to publish the book. They are from
the National Endowment for the Arts and the Graham Foundation. The
audience for the book will be affiliates of Habitat for Humanity and other not
for and for profit housing developers, architects/landscape architects, and
citizens.

The seminar will explore historic and new case studies from which we will
develop planning, and design principles for each chapter. If possible, we will
like make a Saturday field trip to Washington D.C. to visit a project in
Takoma Park, designed and developed by a UVA architecture graduate, Russell Katz.