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Bibliothèque universitaire
des langues et civilisations

BULAC Library

Two years later

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= University Library for Languages and Civilisations

1. What is the BULAC...

- 1.1 An autonomous university library,
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- 1.3 which groups together a large part of the orientalist and africanist documentation of the Paris region...
- 1.4 for students, teachers, researchers and anyone interested in the library.

1. What is the BULAC...

1.1 An autonomous university library

A « Public Interest Group » (« *Groupement d'intérêt public* »)

comprising: 4 Parisian universities (Paris 1, 3, 4 and 7) + 4 high schools:

- École pratique des hautes études (EPHE)
 - École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS)
 - École française d'Extrême-Orient (EFEO)
 - Institut national des langues et civilisations orientales "Langues O" (INALCO)
- + The National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

1. What is the BULAC...

1.2 Inside the “*Pôle des langues et civilisations*”



This first building includes the BULAC and the classrooms of INALCO.

Opened in autumn 2011.

A second building had to be built in the following years - 60 m away on the same street - to host orientalist research centres.

The “*Pôle des langues et civilisations*” on *Grands Moulins* Street

1. What is the BULAC...

1.3 ... which groups together a large part of the orientalist and africanist documentation of the Paris region...

The collection was obtained from about 20 different libraries or sites. The BULAC now owns more than 1.5 million volumes.

Half the collection is on non western languages.

The collection covers Eastern, Central and Balkan Europe (40%), Asia (40%), Middle East and Africa (25%).

1. What is the BULAC...

1.4 ... for students, teachers, researchers and anyone interested in the library

BULAC is open to any adult.

Registration is required. The student card is used for registration – Paris students all share the same student card.

Graduates, postgraduates, PhD, faculty from the 9 founding institutions have priority in the use of the library.

More than 38,000 patrons have registered in the last two years.

2. First challenge: Architecture and integration in the city

- 2.1 Architect and town-planner: Ateliers Yves Lion
- 2.2 A building obviously comfortable inside and outside
- 2.3 A link between new and old districts
- 2.4 Integrated in the new “*Quartier latin*” of Paris

2. Architecture and integration in the city

2.1 Architect and town-planner: *Ateliers Yves Lion*



Yves Lion



The Masséna-Bruneseau district



City planning project by Ateliers Lion



Tower project
in the Masséna-Bruneseau district

Architect Yves Lion has a major interest for town planning and for the well-being of building users. For these reasons, he conducted the “Pôle des langues” project as a continuous dialogue with BULAC librarians and INALCO professors.

He is also responsible for planning the Masséna-Bruneseau district, near the BULAC.

2. Architecture and integration in the city

2.2 A building obviously comfortable inside and outside



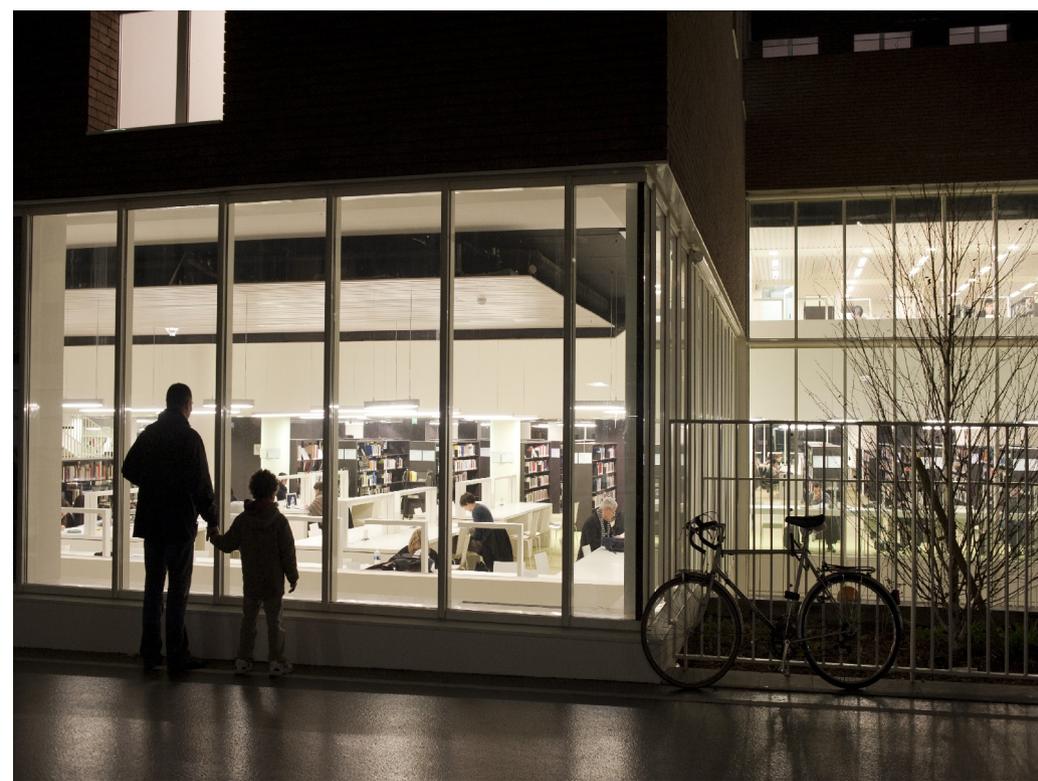
A crossing garden



View from the reading rooms

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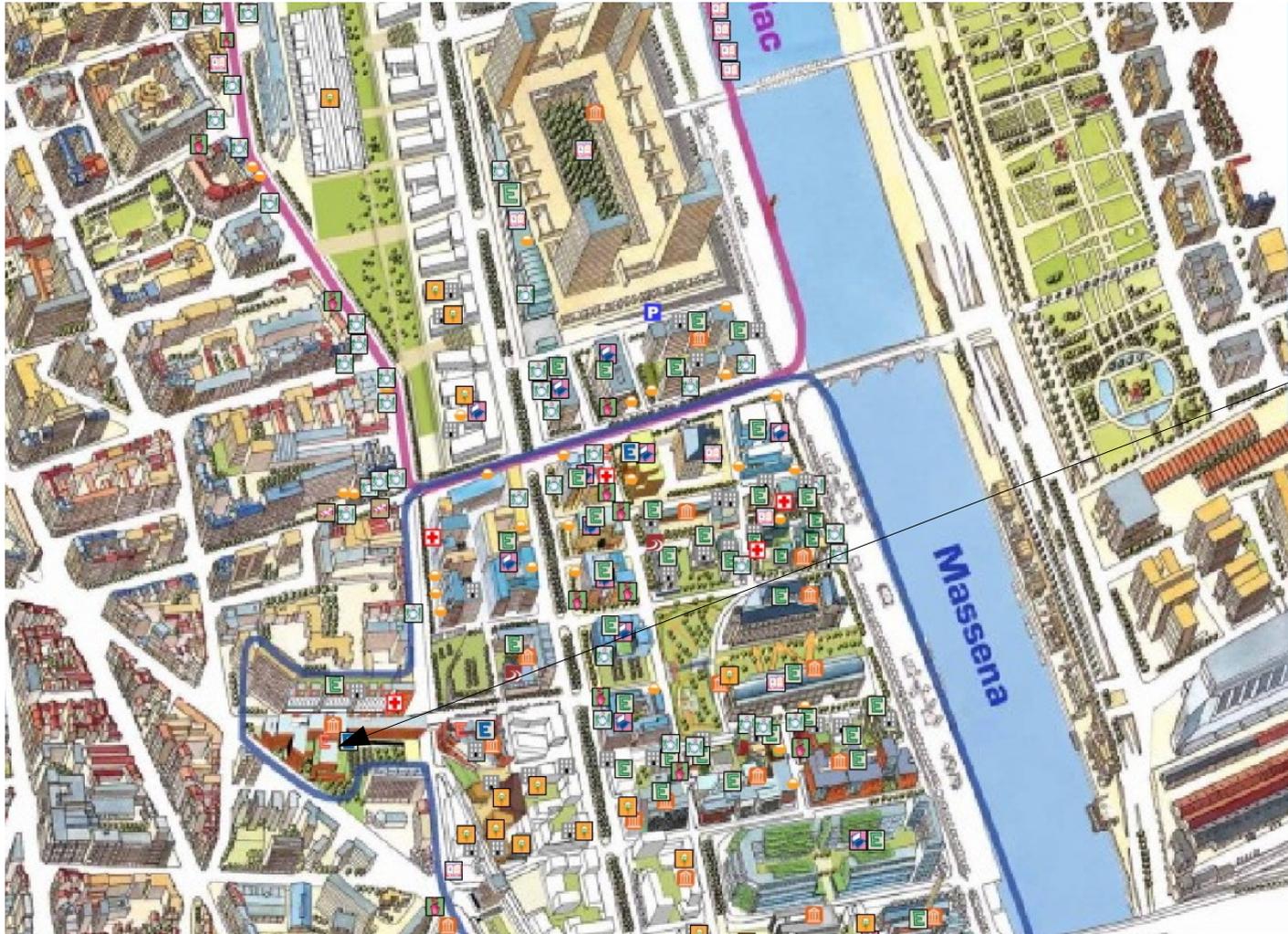
By night, from *Grands Moulins* Street



Outdoor cafeteria

2. Architecture and integration in the city

2.3 A link between old and new districts



The *Pôle des langues et civilisations*

At the border of the "Old Thirteen *arrondissement*" and the new "*Paris Rive gauche*" district

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2. Architecture and integration in the city

2.4 Integrated in the new “Quartier latin” of Paris



National Library of France



Paris Diderot University – “Grands Moulins”



Paris Val de Seine Architecture School



EHESS and MSH – “Le France” Building

Close to the BULAC (maximum of 300 m) are:

- The National Library of France (BNF)
- The Paris-Diderot University (Paris 7)
- The Paris Val de Seine Architecture School
- The School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS)

3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

- 3.1 Despite the size, a functional and compact organisation
- 3.2 For the readers, areas and services of different types
- 3.3 Still a significant printed collection
- 3.4 Shared areas with INALCO
- 3.5 Eco-awareness

3. Building and programme : a strict compliance

3.1 Despite the size, a functional and compact organisation

In this building of 11 floors (32,000 m²), the BULAC takes up the first five floors (about 17,000 m²):

- Basement and lower ground level: stacks and librarians' offices.
- Garden-, upper ground- and first levels: reading rooms and librarians' offices.

Two main groups (staff use/circulation of books) of lifts and staircases provide access to the five levels.

For patrons: only one vertical axis (lift + staircase) in immediate proximity of information desks at all levels.

⇒ it is easy to open only a part of the library in the evening and at night.

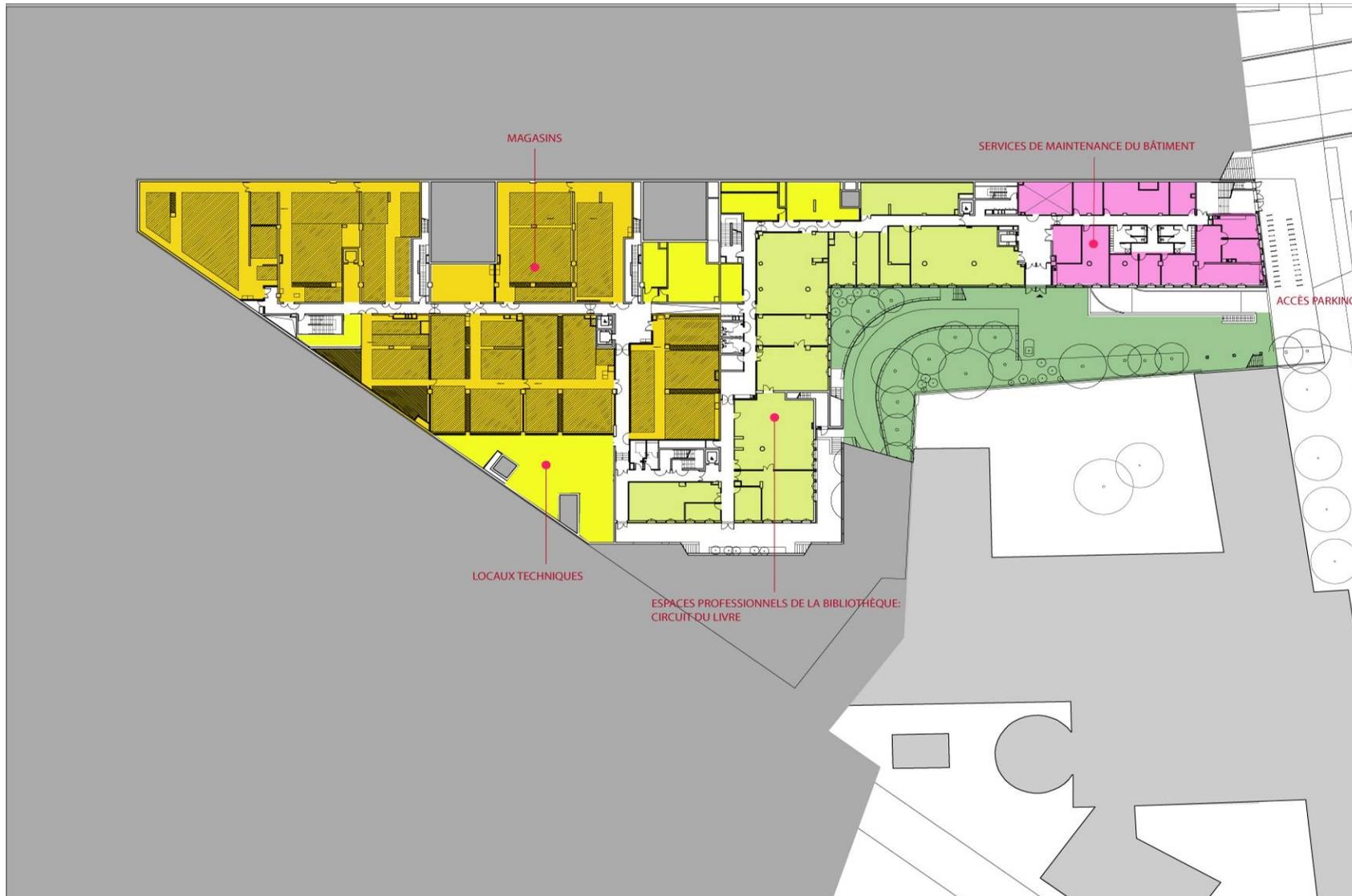
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Basement: closed compact stacks



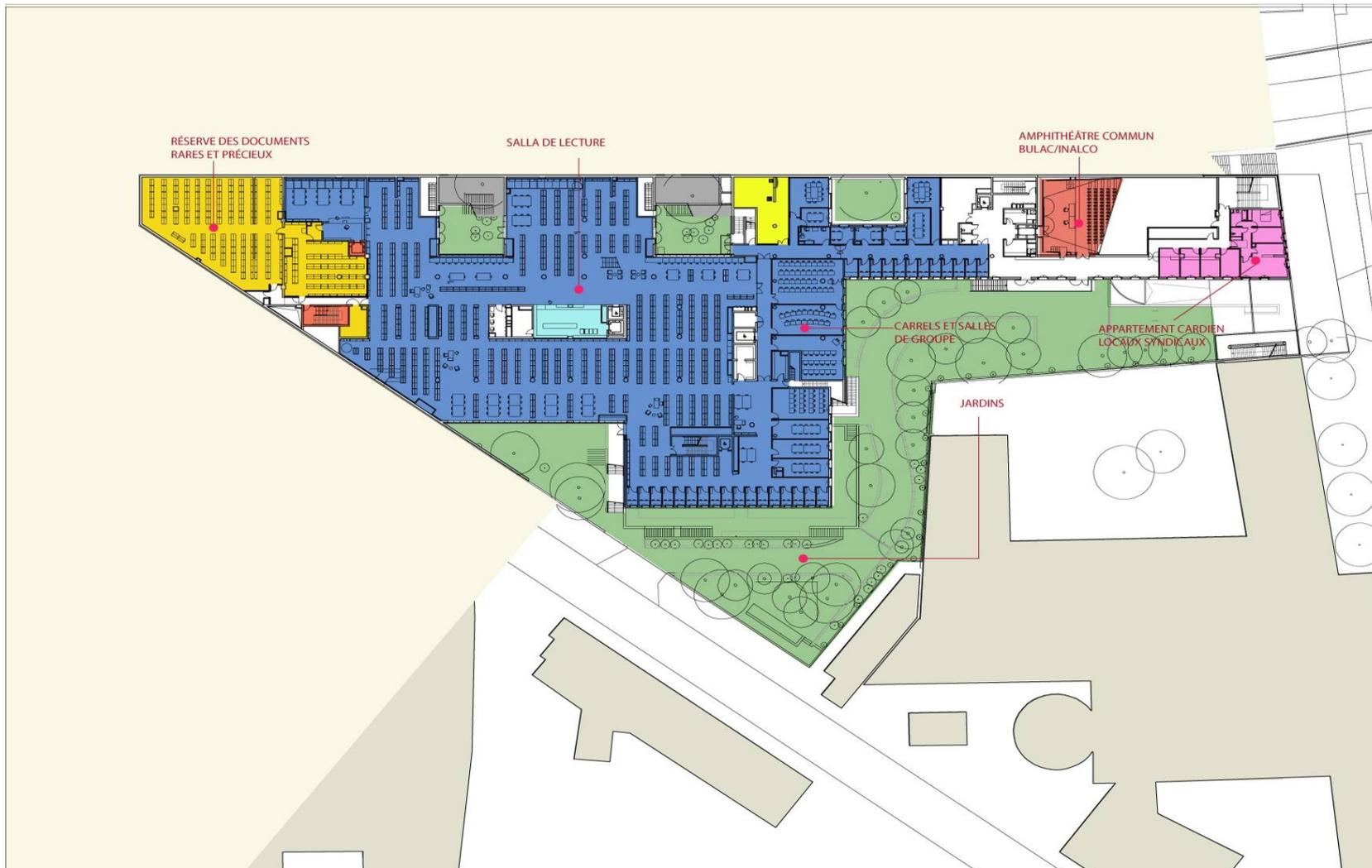
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Lower ground level: stacks and librarians' offices



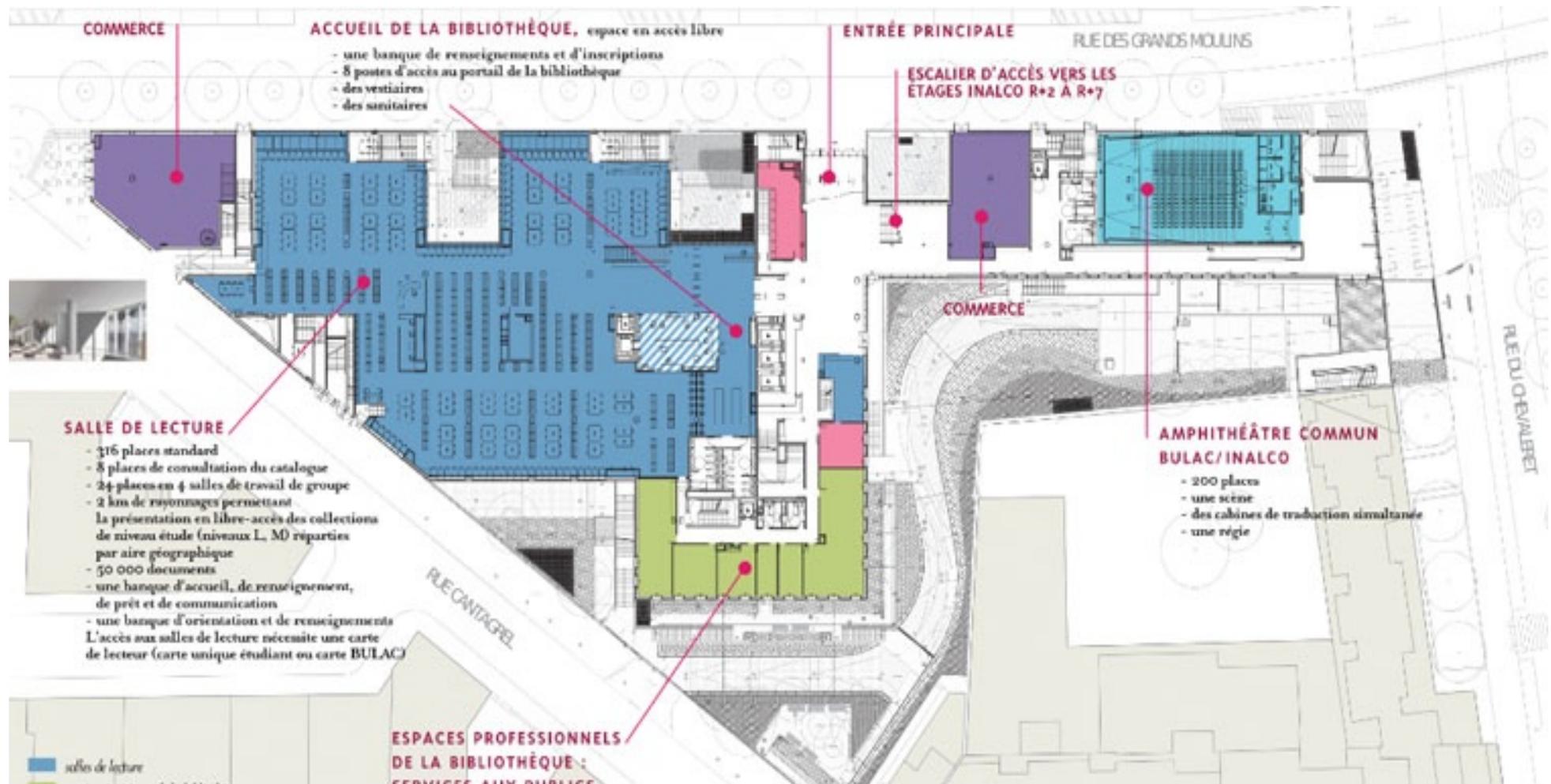
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Garden level: reading room, rare books section, group study rooms, classrooms, carrels, « BULAC 24/24 »



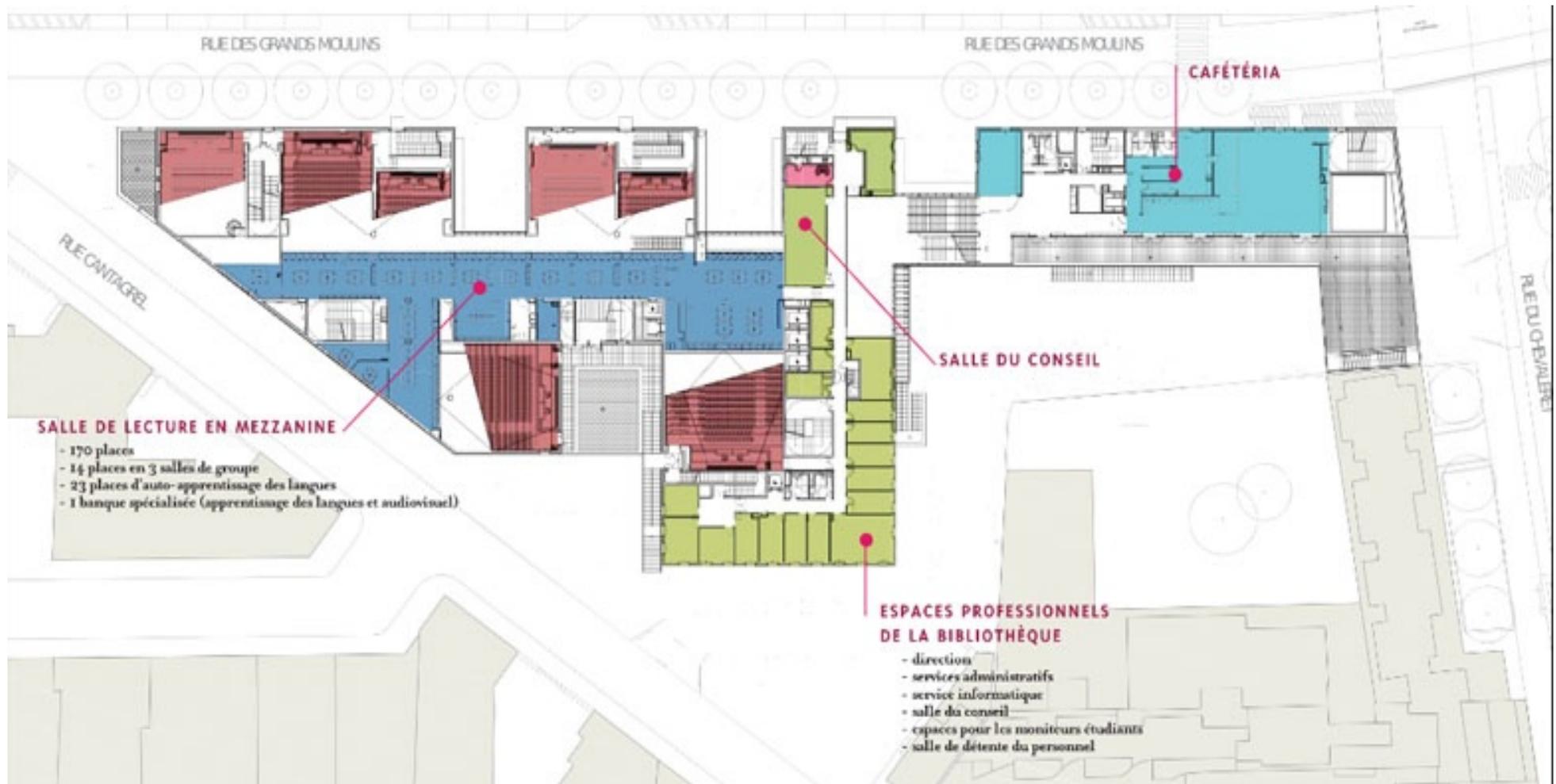
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Upper ground level: main lobby, library lobby, reading room, librarians' offices, auditorium



3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

First floor: mezzanine reading room, directors' offices, administration, IT, cafeteria



3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

3.2 For the readers, areas and services of different types

A total of 910 seats:

- More than 600 seats in the reading rooms, of which 105 can be booked by postgraduates, PhD and faculty (research materials are available nearby).
- 15 seats for language self-learning.
- 30 seats for DVD watching.
- 18 seats in rare books section.
- 28 carrels which can be booked by 1 or 2 patrons (postgraduates, PhD and faculty) - half of them are accessible 24/24.
- 21 group study rooms and classrooms (from 5 to 40 seats) - 7 accessible 24/24.

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3.2 For the readers, areas and services of different types



Information desk

Copy room



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Magazine corner



DVD watching, self-learning...

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From the mezzanine to the ground floor

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Ground level: reading rooms

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Garden level reading room

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Rare books section

Carrels



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Group study rooms

3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

3.3 Still a significant printed collection

1.5 million items have moved to the BULAC. But there is space for 2.5 million volumes.

10% are on open shelves.

60 km of shelving in closed stacks, 7 km in open stacks.

Due to its orientalist tropism, BULAC has developed its own classification:

- first a distribution between study/research levels (50% of the collection is in non Western languages)
- then a geographical level
- and finally a disciplinary approach, based on the main division of the Dewey.

But e-bulac also increases continuously via the acquisition of e-resources and the digitization of heritage materials.

3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

3.3 Still a significant printed collection



29 closed stacks
60 km of shelving
60 000 closed-stack requests/year

Open stacks on three levels
7 km of shelving
50 000 loans/year



3. Building and programme: a strict conformity

3.4 Shared areas with INALCO



Main lobby



Auditorium

4 000 m² are shared between the BULAC and INALCO:

Staff areas: preventive medicine, building's maintenance...



Gallery



Auditorium hall

Public areas: main lobby, 200-seat auditorium, indoor/outdoor cafeteria, exhibition gallery...

3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

3.5 Eco-awareness

High thermal isolation of the building: concrete wall + insulating material + air thickness + brick wall = $U < 0,28 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$

Glazed façade : $U < 1,89 \text{ W/m}^2 \text{ K}$

Elaborated sound-proofing in the reading rooms

Individual lighting for each seat, sun-blind...

Planted roof-deck, rain water recovery...

3. Building and programme: a strict compliance

4. Today

The project lasted 10 years (2001-2011).

29 months after the opening of the library, the numbers are:

- Staff: 105
- Patrons: 38,000
- Opening hours per year: 3,400
- Entrances per year: 575,000
- Users trained in information retrieval techniques per year: 1,200
- Closed-stack requests per year: 60,000
- Loans per year: 50,000

For more information: www.bulac.fr



Thank you!