There is a square, a long and narrow space in the old city of Fez. It is warm and the sun is shining down. The activity is high and everything is happening in a natural way. There are sounds of hammers, people moving, and a variety of activities taking place. People move across the square at different paces, but in a constant flow. Some stop for a moment to look at the map, while others sit and enjoy a tea under the big tree. A package is delivered, a vase is being haggled over, and another is being carved with skill. There are moments of silence and moments of activity. A group of students is being shown around in one of the workshops. A old man is washing his hands in the water, while a few kids are making their way through one of the vaults of the Artisan's House, towards the railing of the bridge, wanting to see the actual source of the water splashing sounds.

The square is Place Lalla Yeddouna in the old Medina of Fez in Morocco. It has recently been the site of an international competition with the objective of regenerating the square and its neighborhood. This thesis project proposes a response to the competition.
Historical Growth of Fez Medina and the Change in Population

Population
c. 1000

Population
c. 1250

Population
c. 1900

Population
c. 1952-56

Population
2007

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Taxi stop

Bus stop

Parking space

Sites of Importance

Site for Competition

Tourist Circuits

El Seffarine Square

Quarawiyine Mosque

Medersa Mesbahya

Sidi Ahmed Tijani

Bab Sidi Bouijda

Town Wall

Jamaa Andalous Mosque

Jama' Lranja

Sidi Ali Boughaleb

R'Cif Mosque

Dar Moulay Slimane

Royal Palace

Fez Main Bus Terminal

FEZ JDID

FEZ BALI

Tanneries

Neijjarine Complex

Souk Henna

Main Souk

Moulay Idriss

Mausoleum Jama' Nouar

Medersa Attarine

Chourara tanneries

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Town Wall

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