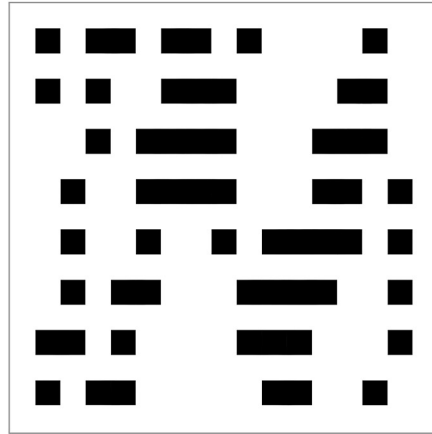
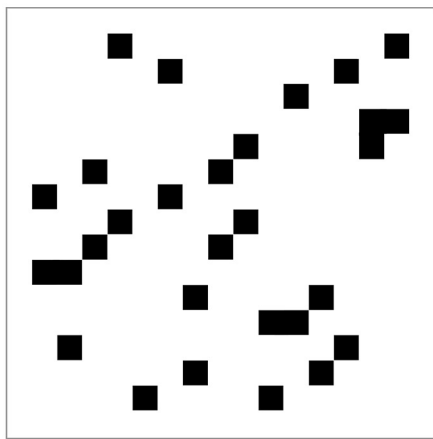
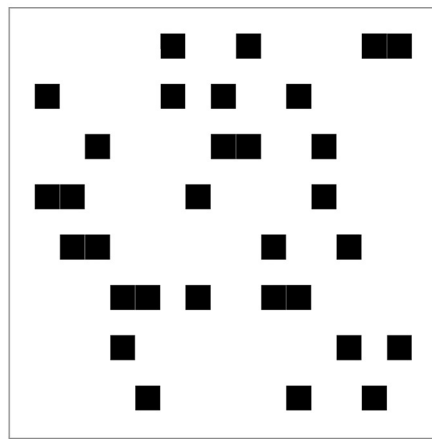


PHASE I : TRANSITION, BOTTOM-UP, AND AUTONOMY



What would happen if the Korean Peninsula is reunified after the autocratic regime of North Korea collapses? Is there a role for architecture to play in transition from absolute government power to empowered individuals? After the reunification, as the market economy rapidly make inroads into North Korea, appearance of street markets is anticipated as a resultant of the great migration and the following job scarcity. The thesis studies how architecture can intervene in the emergence of markets, particularly in the Kim Il-Sung square, to empower individuals and uses the market as an opportunity of regaining their lost human rights and liberties. The architectural intervention with the proposed market stall kits will encourage a transition of the square's property from formal control to formal exchange from the bottom-up level.

