

# Berlin State Library

## Location

Potsdamer Strasse, Berlin,  
Germany

## Initiated

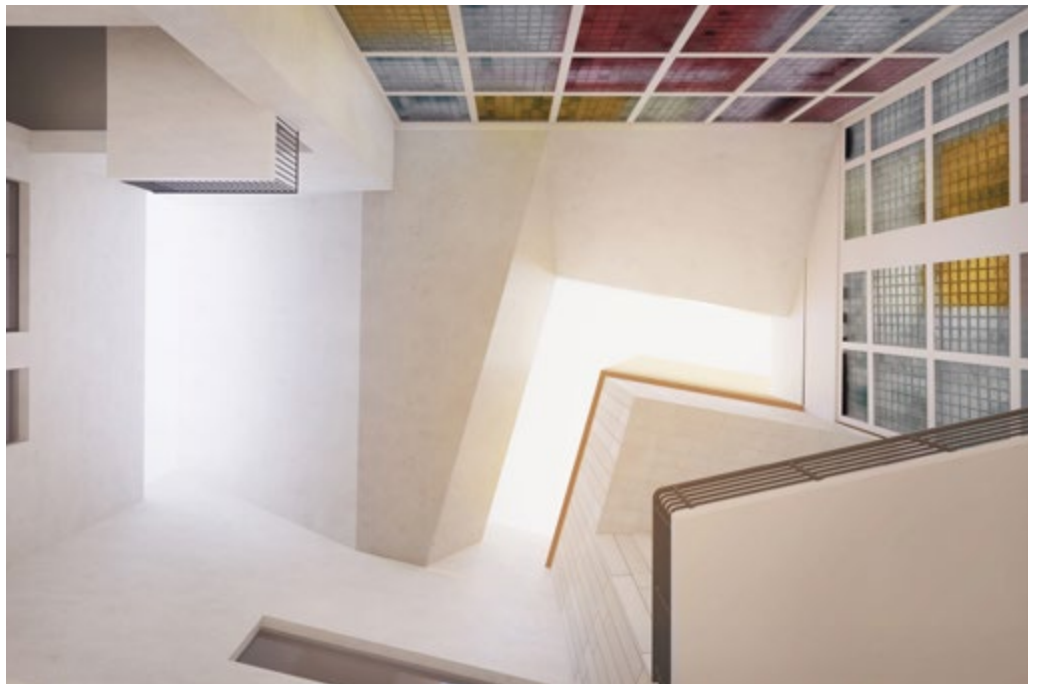
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## Size

1500 sqm (renovation)

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The proposed intervention for the Berlin State Library pays homage to the urban relationship between Potsdamer Platz and Kulturforum. The structure called “Little Scharoun” is inserted into the building and offers spaces to linger and enjoy. Unobtrusively and elegantly, it fulfills its function as an entrance for the state library, foyer, conference center and offices. In line with the original concept, the design is based on the introduction of three areas divided according to noise intensity: the library as a ‘quiet’ area, the foyer as a ‘whispering’ area and the restaurant as a ‘buzz’ area oriented towards the facade. Transparent but effective sound insulation is installed to shield the quiet area in the library. The foyer is transformed into an inviting entrance where visitors can move freely - shop, meet, study or get information about the library; without disturbing the quietness and still keeping all of the original spatial qualities and the core function of the State Library.

