



**Above.** M. Casey Rehm (Kinch), *Massacre of the Innocents* (Peter Paul Rubens, 1608), 2016. Digital image.

**Opposite.** M. Casey Rehm (Kinch) and P-A-T-T-E-R-N-S, *Oblicuo*, 2015. Details of digital image. Exhibited at the Chicago Architecture Biennial.

*In the two projects featured here, M. Casey Rehm deploys agent-based algorithms to reconfigure existing images through the manipulation of their digital organization, pixel-by-pixel, based on varying machine vision criteria. The details of Oblicuo (oblique, in the native Spanish of the principals of P-A-T-T-E-R-N-S, Rehm's collaborators on the project) are developed from drone photography of central Budapest, the location of P-A-T-T-E-R-N-S' 2014 competition proposal for a series of new institutional buildings in City Park. When re-discovered after more than two centuries of misattribution to one of Peter Paul Rubens' assistants, Massacre of the Innocents (c. 1611-12) was sold for 76.7 million dollars in 2002, among the highest prices ever paid for a work of art. The reconfiguration of these images reveals the constructed nature of any digital file, which is in a constant state of flux through its translation from platform to platform; the information and outcomes privileged in these translations are subject to change. The scale at which Rehm's scripted agents operate, the information they see, the patterns of their behavior and the work that they generate all challenge the centrality of our mode of singular, perspectival vision in the production and evaluation of what we understand to be aesthetic images. Participating in a long history of automated, scripted and serial practices in art, architecture and technologies of production at large, this work challenges the presumptive authorship of the work that we do as architects and the presumptive subjects that we expect to produce and use that work.*