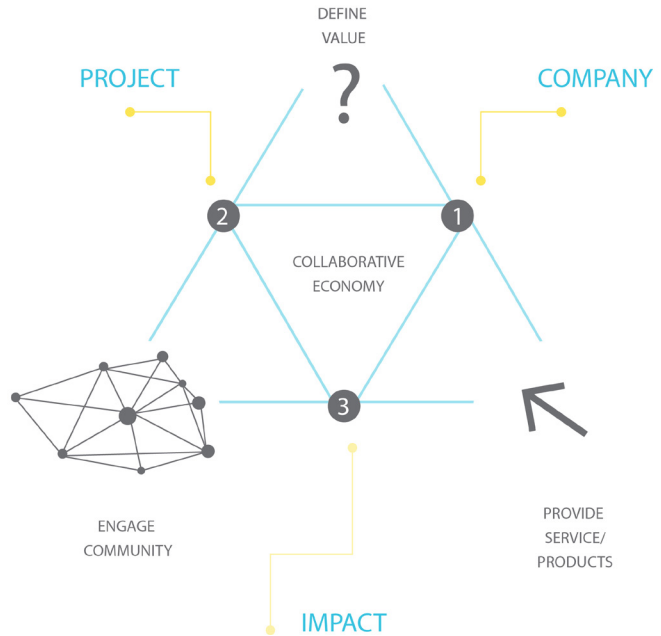


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This research aims to enhance our understanding in relation to how the role of the architect may be exploited further in contemporary societies. Rationale for this change is based on the democratization of technology and the 'open source' accessibility that transformed individuals from passive consumers into active creators of their own cosmos. Tensions between global and local zones, the co-existence of physical and virtual environments radically are altering all aspects of our living. This paper identifies the design process as the

foundation to explore architectural potentialities. By identifying social problems as opportunities to activate the loop of initiation-design-facilitation and progress, this paper will discuss pragmatic methods on how to build a more resilient attitude to change. It wishes to extend architectural potentialities, by initiating actions that are impactful, valuable and profitable for the profession and communities respectively.