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**AA TANGIER VISITING SCHOOL
ÉCOLE SUPÉRIEURE D'ARCHITECTURE
DE CASABLANCA AND
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À TÉTOUAN**

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Mittelmeerland is investigating the future of the Mediterranean as a territory of water. Unified by climate and the history of civilisation, the Mediterranean region has the potential to be seen as a geographic unit. Over three years we will compare six different Mediterranean cities located on the coast: Dubrovnik, Tangier, Tripoli, Istanbul, Alexandria and Haifa. After starting the series of workshops in Dubrovnik last year we are continuing our research in Tangier.

Tangier has a very rich history, informed by the presence of many civilisations and cultures. Today the city is undergoing rapid development and modernisation, benefiting greatly from the new Tanger Med port. Tangier is turning from an urban wasteland into a great cultural and commercial gateway between Africa and Europe. Tanger Med's administrative centre was designed

by Jean Nouvel and opened in 2007. Located about 40km from old Tangier and just 14km from Spain, the success of the port has attracted many investors: a new city is starting to develop behind the port. Approaching Tangier from the sea, we will study the dynamic territory and ask: How is the rapid growth of global trade affecting port, coast, sea and city? Can Tangier be turned from one of the world's largest hot spots into a vibrant eco spot? We will work on five specific areas along the coast, identify local transformations, analyse existing conditions and future projections, playfully utilise small-scale phenomena, translate found conditions into large-scale urban interventions and envision future changes. We will produce architectural portraits, urban narratives and imaginative collages. A symposium will be held during the workshop to examine social aspects of the Mediterranean Sea 'territory'. This 'territory' is subject to specific dynamics and experiences that have prompted many artistic reflections. Speakers will include AA tutors, local and international architects, artists, curators and urban sociologists.

APPLICATIONS

The deadline for applications is 5 August 2011. A late deadline of 19 August 2011 is also in effect, but this will incur a £50 surcharge. Application forms and additional information are available online at: www.aaschool.ac.uk/tangier and applications can be submitted to: visitingschool@aaschool.ac.uk

All participants travelling from abroad are responsible for securing any visa required. After payment of fees, the AA can provide a letter confirming participation in the workshop.

ACCOMMODATION & COSTS

Fees do not include flights. The AA Visiting School requires a fee of £650 per participant, which includes a £50 Visiting Student Membership, made payable to the AA School of Architecture. Accommodation during the workshop is not provided, but accommodation at an affordable hotel can be advised. Students need to bring their own laptops, digital equipment and modelmaking tools.

MORE INFORMATION

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