MA & MArch HOUSING & URBANISM 2017-18

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PROGRAMME SPECIFICATION

1. MA & MArch Courses Summary outline

DEGREES: MA & MArch (validated by The Open University)
LENGTH OF STUDY: 12 & 16 months respectively
MODE OF STUDY: Full-time
MEMBERS OF STAFF: Jorge Fiori (Programme Director), Hugo Hinsley (Co-director), Lawrence Barth, Nicholas Bullock, Elad Eisenstein, Dominic Papa, Elena Pascolo, Anna Shapiro, Naiara Vegara and Francesco Zuddas
EXTERNAL EXAMINERS: Bob Allies and Kathryn Firth

COURSES AND ACTIVITIES:

Assessed Courses/Activities (combining lectures, seminars and workshops):
- Design Workshop on Housing and the City - Terms 1, 2 & 3
- Cities in a Transnational World - Term 1
- The Reason of Urbanism - Term 1
- Critical Urbanism 1 & 2 – Terms 1 & 2
- Housing and the Informal City - Term 2
- Shaping the Modern City 1 & 2 - Terms 1 & 2
- Domesticity - Term 2
- Three-week design workshop overseas - Term 3
- MA Final Dissertation/Project Seminar – Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4 (September 2017 to September 2018)
- MArch Design Thesis/Project seminar – Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4 (September 2017 to January 2019)

Additional Unassessed Activities:
- One-week study trip to an European City
- Evening Lectures and Conferences
- Invited Guest Seminars

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:
- Completion of a total of 180 credit units over 45 weeks of 40 hours each (1,800 hours of study);
- Participation in the Design Workshop on Housing and the City in Terms 1 & 2 - a total of 40 credits (22.22% of total credits);
- Participation in four additional courses of 10 credits in Terms 1 & 2 - a total of 40 credits (22.22% of total credits);
- Participation in the Design Workshop overseas in Term 3 - equivalent of 10 credits (5.55% of total credits);
- Up to 20 credits can be taken in complementary courses within other Graduate School programmes (11.11% of total credits);
- MA Final dissertation/project (12 to 15,000 words) to be submitted at the end of term 4 (14 September 2018) - equivalent of 90 credits (50% of total credits);
- MArch Design Thesis (7000 to 8000 words plus design project) to be submitted at the end of term 4 (7 January 2019) - equivalent of 90 credits (50% of total credits);
- All course work is double marked and overall assessment of students work is done by an examining board composed by all members of staff and the external examiner/s.
2. Introduction

The Housing & Urbanism programme investigates both practical and theoretical issues surrounding urban design and strategy, drawing together architecture, urbanism, and critical human sciences. Students develop a deeper understanding of the connection between urban fabric and urban process, and a greater facility with the practical aspects of a critically informed urbanism. The problem of housing is a recurring theme in the programme, both as a critical element within the pursuit of urbanism and as the occasion for reflection on issues of domesticity, identity, and public space. The programme is addressed to practising architects and planners as well as to those with continuing academic interests.

The programme applies architecture to the challenges of contemporary urban strategies. Today’s metropolitan regions show tremendous diversity and complexity with significant global shifts in the patterns of urban growth and decline. Architecture has a central role to play in this dynamic context, developing far-reaching strategies and generating novel urban clusters. The MA and MArch Courses focus on the most important changes in the contemporary urban condition and investigate how architectural intelligence helps us to understand and respond to these trends. The Courses are balanced between cross-disciplinary research and design application, and students’ work is divided among three equally important areas: design workshops; lectures and seminars; and a thesis/project which allows students to develop an extended and focused study within the broader themes of the programme. While the MA concludes with the submission of a written analytical dissertation showing conceptual and theoretical grasp of a problem in architectural urbanism, the MArch concludes with a thesis demonstrating a comprehensive design response to an urban challenge.

The core perspective of the Housing & Urbanism Programme directs students’ attention to the dynamism of the urban process. We are interested in urban change, emergent practices and economic forces, and most especially in the development of urban strategies capable of harnessing these forces. Our lecture courses and readings reflect this preoccupation with urban change, developing students’ facility with a historically informed view of urbanism as a critical practice and a sound recognition of key drivers of contemporary change, exploring in particular the interplay of urbanism as a spatial discipline and the political processes of the city. The programme addresses the relation between spatial design strategies in the city and the redesigning of urban institutions through the critique of dominant understandings and practices in urbanism and the experimentation with alternative methods and tools of an architecturally driven spatial design. In all of the students’ course work, this orientation to urbanism as a process is read, in its multidimensionality and multidisciplinarity, through the lens of architecture. We study how architecture has registered and supported urban trends and, even more importantly, how architecture plays a critical and generative role, driving effective experimentation in urbanism. Through the full range of students’ coursework, architecture’s relation to the urban process takes on analytic, synthetic, and critical dimensions.

The Courses act as a testing ground of certain lines of investigation, consultancy and research currently being developed within the programme. The search for a broader reasoning about housing densities and urban intensification, in which architecture is seen more dynamically in relation to an urban process; the exploring of what is an appropriate urbanism to address urban irregularity and informality and to engage with the interaction of spatial strategies and urban social policies; and the investigation of the role of urbanism in enhancing ‘innovation environments’ and ‘knowledge-based’ clusters through their urbanization – in contrast to earlier models of science and technological parks – are the main themes H&U is currently engaged with. In common is the fact that they all expose the limitations of prevailing practices in urbanism and urban design and call for alternative approaches. The design workshops, both in
London and abroad, explore those themes in real projects situations, collaborating with the relevant stakeholders in a quasi consultancy format.

The programme addresses itself to a terrain between politics and the building of cities, and we locate our work where there is the challenge of political dispute and the opportunity for significant change. This year, our primary work in London will be directed toward a significant inner periphery site. This will allow us to explore the dynamics of urban change at different scales, and the potential of an architectural urbanism. From a comparative perspective, the issues of inner-city redevelopment in the large metropolises of the southern countries will be investigated through a study trip overseas. The main activities of the course will be supplemented by a series of public debates and events, and by a study trip to a European city to explore recent urban interventions related to the main themes of our Courses.

The programme’s regular teaching staff come from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and is engaged in a wide range of academic and professional activities at the Architectural Association and elsewhere. Their combined experience covers a vast amount of architectural and planning practice, consultancy work for national and international agencies as well as academic research. Since its creation in the mid-1970s the programme has established links and collaborations with academics and practitioners in many institutions in Britain and abroad. In addition the programme invites every year a large number of contributors from all over the world.

This document provides an introduction to the structure and contents of the MA & MArch Courses. It discusses teaching and learning strategies, resources and assessment and provides outlines of the programme’s main courses and other regular events. There are appendices with short CVs of the members of staff, an outline of the Course on academic writing and a list of available libraries.

3. Aims and Learning outcomes

The primary concern of the Housing & Urbanism programme is to contribute to the definition of innovative urban strategies of physical intervention and design, capable of responding to the changing nature of contemporary cities. From an interdisciplinary and international comparative perspective, the programme explores the relationship between architectural and urban design, urban development policies and planning, and the social and political processes and forces operating in the making of cities. The programme aims to provide students with the analytical tools to comprehend the interplay between design and the politics of urbanism as well as the capacity to represent graphically that understanding and translate it into design strategies and proposals.

A/ Knowledge and Understanding

On successful completion of the MA/MArch in Housing & Urbanism students should be able to:

A1 demonstrate a good grasp of the theories and concepts which help understanding the interplay of social/political and spatial processes in the city;
A2 demonstrate critical and analytical capacity in the use of those conceptual tools;
A3 demonstrate good knowledge of the historical precedents;
A4 demonstrate good knowledge of the history of ideas in the field of urbanism and housing theory;
A5 demonstrate good knowledge of tools and methods of spatial analysis and intervention;
A6 apply their analytical capacity to a real context and situation.
**B/ Subject Specific Skills and Attributes**

On successful completion of the MA/MArch in Housing & Urbanism students should be able to:

- **B1** represent graphically their understanding of a given situation;
- **B2** connect their analysis to concrete design strategies and proposals;
- **B3** identify and use tools of spatial design and intervention appropriate to a given situation;
- **B4** contribute to professional teams working on urban and housing projects;
- **B5** MArch: develop and test by and through design a central thesis.

**C/ Transferable Skills and Attributes**

On successful completion of the MA/MArch in Housing & Urbanism students should be able to:

- **C1** use their analytical capacity in other areas of urban development studies;
- **C2** engage in urban research as a member of an interdisciplinary team;
- **C3** contribute, as part of an interdisciplinary team, to the formulation of urban development strategy.
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4. Programme Structure

The MA & the MArch Courses offer several lecture and seminar courses as well as design projects and workshops that are organised within the Design Workshop on Housing and the City. Attendance to the Design Workshop in Terms 1 & 2 is obligatory. In addition students have to choose two courses per term in the first two terms, out of the options offered by H & U. Students are also entitled, in consultation with their main tutors, to do a maximum of two courses during the academic year outside H&U. At the end of Term 3 is when the main study trip takes place. The trip overseas is compulsory and students with financial problems can request help so as to be able to participate. After the main study trip, for the whole of Term 4 all activities are related with the preparation of the final dissertation for the MA and the design thesis for the MArch.

The duration of the MA & the MArch Courses is 45 weeks with an average of 40 hours per week. This represents a total of 1800 student learning hours, organised over 4 terms (12, 11, 8 and 13 weeks respectively). The MA Course encompasses the whole calendar year, beginning on 25 September 2017 and ending on 14 September 2018. The MArch Course starts on 25 September 2017 and ends on 7 January 2019, stopping over the summer and running Term 4 from 1 October 2018. Student work is assigned by academic term, but extends into the vacation periods. Term 3 is shorter and, in addition to the main study trip and the conclusion of the Design Workshop together with the preparation of the end of the year exhibition, is devoted primarily to the formulation of the MA Dissertation and the MArch Design Thesis.

The first three terms of the academic year (Phase 1) are run jointly and entail the same activities and coursework for all students. Following an introductory seminar in Term 1 on the nature and expectations of the final Dissertation/Design Thesis, all students are required to submit a first statement of their proposed topic for the MA Dissertation and the MArch Design Thesis in the last week of Term 2, enabling students and faculty to plan their studies and supervisory arrangements. The whole of the last week of the term is dedicated to that. In the Term 3 students further develop the formulation of their research project through tutorials, independent research, and seminar discussions involving all students and members of staff. Each student will be asked to give a presentation to the seminar and submit a well developed proposal for their Dissertation/Design Thesis (including a text of around 1000 words and related graphic material) by the end of June. It is expected that the greater design orientation of the MArch students will be reflected in their seminar presentations and proposals and that their Design Thesis will be an in-depth exploration of work already initiated through the Design Workshop.

While the MA Dissertation is an individual piece of research under one assigned supervisor on a subject of the student’s choice, the MArch Design Thesis relate to the main areas of research by design defined by the three groups of tutors within the Design Workshop. The Design Thesis is group driven throughout the work but culminates with individual submissions.

Three members of staff – Jorge Fiori, Hugo Hinsley and Larry Barth – are both lecturers as well as studio tutors, being the coordinators of the three groups of three tutors each within the Design Workshop. They are also the main supervisors of the MA Dissertations. The other studio tutors - Elad Eisenstein, Dominic Papa, Elena Pascolo, Anna Shapiro, Naiara Vegara and Francesco Zuddas – are also involved in the supervision of the MArch Design Thesis. Nicholas Bullock only contributes to the programme as a lecturer.
All students will need to pass all their Phase 1 coursework and submit an acceptable proposal to qualify for Phase 2 (Term 4). While MA students start Phase 2 immediately after the end of Term 3 working towards a final Dissertation of 12/15,000 words, the MArch students return in late September - after the summer break - to start their Phase 2 and the development of their Design Thesis combining a text of no more than 8,000 words with a design proposal. In the case of the MArch students whose proposal is considered underdeveloped or inappropriate by the end of June, they will work over the summer with their tutors until reaching an acceptable formulation. Phase 2 for the MArch students culminates with a public presentation in the second week of January 2019.

The lecture series and other events delivered by the programme in Terms 1 and 2 are held over three days each week in single or double sessions. Individual tutorials are arranged at convenient times outside these time slots. Students are also encouraged to attend selective courses with the other post-graduate programmes, and evening lectures offered weekly by the school.

MA & MArch students are given credits for each 10 hours of learning time (which includes lectures, seminars, course reading, workshops and tutorials, as well as time spent on projects, essays and other assigned tasks). A total of 180 credits are required. These are distributed between the four terms of the year as follows:

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A detailed breakdown of credits is given in the following section. A total of up to 20 credits can be taken outside the programme by attending other graduate course/s approved by the student’s main tutors and completing the assigned task for that course/s.

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### Shaping the Modern City 1  H. Hinsley & N. Bullock

Seminar on Final Dissertation/ Design Thesis  *All members of staff*

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### Term 3 -  23 April to 15 June 2018 (8 weeks)

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| Dissertation & Design Thesis Seminar and Preparation |

| Design Workshop abroad |

### Term 4 (13 weeks) MA: 18 June to 14 September 2017 MArch: 1 October 2018 to 7 January 2019

| 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  |
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| Dissertation/Design Thesis completion  *All Staff* |

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5. Teaching and Learning Strategies

The MA & the MArch Courses are structured around three primary types of teaching/learning activities: design workshops, which offer the opportunity to investigate urban areas and to test design strategies; lectures and seminars, which provide theoretical underpinning to the concepts and approaches developed in the design work; and Dissertation/Design Thesis work, which allows students to develop an extended and focused study within the field. Theoretical reflection and the pursuit of practical design solutions are evenly balanced within the programme’s work agenda, with design projects providing an arena to test ideas and illustrate current problems and strategies within urbanism.

In the term 1 we introduce the students to the theoretical and historical foundations of the course and provide them with some analytical and methodological tools. Term 2 tends to be more applied and case study orientated, emphasising especially the students’ own experiences and countries. Term 3 consists mostly of seminars and individual and group tutorials organised around the student's work for the final Dissertation/Design Thesis. Term 4 is entirely dedicated to the preparation of the final work. A series of design projects and exercises are done throughout the first three terms within the Design Workshop on Housing and the City as a way of grounding the analytical work done in the other courses.

The Design Workshop is the central element of our academic structure, providing the space to test through design the main research agendas of the programme. While the three groups of tutors within the studio share similar concerns and understanding of the place of design in the re-designing of the city as a political/institutional construct – and often share the same brief and site – they provide and emphasise different entry points, research questions, methodologies of design and pedagogical approaches. Indeed, the objective is to provide the students with a space of debate among contrasting perspectives as a teaching strategy.

As an integral part to the taught programme, there are two study trips during the academic year: one in Europe in Term 1 and a two-week design workshop overseas in Term 3. Study trips provide an excellent and challenging context to explore and develop a comparative perspective on issues of urbanism and housing. The fact that in recent years we have been able to combine trips to developing and developed countries has enriched immensely the experience of our students.

The model of the intensive design workshop abroad is one that the H&U programme has been using for many years, working in many different cities worldwide – normally in cycles of three years to reach a depth of knowledge and institutional relations that can maximise the ability to contribute to the local debates and strategies. In recent years we have worked in Bogota, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro, Recife, Shanghai, Hanoi, Taipei and Tainan, collaborating with local academic institutions – mixing students and academic staff- to address challenging urban conditions, often in the context of real plans and projects, and always engaging all the relevant stakeholders, private and public. These workshops are a central part of a pedagogy that attempts not only to expose the students to the pressures, complexities and politics of real projects and plans, but also to expose them to other pedagogic approaches to the urban project, as well as to other understandings of urbanism itself. Indeed, pedagogy as an intensive contrasting of pedagogies and conceptual perspectives.

The goal is to make spatial and design proposals that relate to an argument about how to intervene in the urban condition. It is not about finished designs. The scale of this work is neither the architectural project nor the fixed model of masterplans. The proposals aim to develop an architectural urbanism to inform methods of intervention in the urban condition, and
to debate this with a broad range of stakeholders in the real situation. If these proposals influence public policy and plans or the action of any of the stakeholders, this is a most welcomed outcome, which testifies to the relevance, of what is primarily an academic exercise. The fact that our workshops abroad have often acted as the spur of a real plan or project is something that testifies to the value of these collaborative workshops.

All courses and workshops involve a series of contact and non-contact hours. The contact hours refer to the teaching and the tutorial time, and in the case of the design work, studio times. In addition, students are expected to dedicate considerable time to reading, researching and preparing their course work - the non-contact hours. In the case of the design projects these also include the visits. For a detailed breakdown of the balance of hours for each course/activity see the next table.

Tutorials play a key role within the quite flexible structure of our programme and it is through them that each student can define and organise his/her activities and course work. Every student is assigned a main tutor as from the third week for general orientation concerning the appropriate combination of courses and optional activities. In addition students can request tutorials from any lecturer regarding course work, papers and the dissertation proposal. Once the subject of the final Dissertation/Design Thesis is defined, each student is assigned a tutor/s. Students are expected to meet a few times their tutor/s during the first stage of Dissertation/Design Thesis work (term 3) and to meet and/or communicate with their tutor/s on a regular basis during Term 4, up to the submission at the end of September for the MA Dissertation and early January for the MArch Design Thesis.

Students have a central role in the development of the programme. At the beginning of Term 2 there is a meeting to evaluate the programme's activities and to discuss possible adjustments. At the end of the year there is another evaluation meeting attended by all members of staff and the suggestions made are taken into consideration in the planning of the next academic year.

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|          | Shaping the Modern City 1  
*Hugo Hinsley & Nicholas Bullock* | 10 | 20hrs | 10hrs | 30hrs | 40hrs | 5.55% |
|          | Introduction to final Dissertation/Design Thesis | 8 | 20hrs | 10hrs | 30hrs | 40hrs | 4.44% |

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6. Resources

Masters’ and doctorate students in the Graduate School have access to all of the AA School’s facilities. Introductory sessions are provided by the relevant departments at the beginning of the academic year. For further information on these facilities refer to the AA Students Handbook.

7. Assessment

MA & MArch students are assessed on submitted design projects, essays and dissertations. The essays and the documents associated with the design work should be submitted in the last day of the term to the Graduate School Co-ordinator. The design work will also involve presentations within the correspondent term. The final Dissertation/Design Thesis should be submitted by the end of Term 4. Successful completion of assessed tasks requires attendance of all the activities associated with that task.

Assessments of coursework and of the final submission are based on the criteria below and work should demonstrate:

- an awareness of the historical and theoretical context of the issue(s) addressed;
- a sound critical and analytical grasp of the main concepts employed or discussed;
- an ability to understand urban spatial conditions and processes and/or analyze and employ exemplary urban projects in the development of an argument;
- a capacity to develop a clear point of view and consistent line of argument both through written work and design;
- a capacity to apply knowledge gained in the Course to the development of the written and design work;
- effective and appropriate use of visual material to develop the thesis argument.
- use of critical faculties which will allow graduates to continue expanding their knowledge in the field;
- good judgement and a responsible attitude toward the application of this knowledge;
- capability to apply the newly acquired knowledge in architectural and design practices and research;
- ability for comparative analysis and meaningful generalisation;
• innovative thinking and creativity;
• referencing of sources of information using agreed conventions;
• clear structure, writing and presentation of course work;
• in the case of the MArch students, an ability to develop a comprehensive design response to a particular urban challenge.

Students in the Course come from a variety of cultural and educational backgrounds, and also hold diverse intellectual interests. This diversity will be reflected in the range of topics and styles. Some will emphasize historical and theoretical themes within the field, while others will focus on issues of contemporary application. However, the Course places great importance on the integration of design, urban strategy, and politics, and the best dissertations and design theses will demonstrate a critical ability to respond to this ambition through writing as well as design.

All submissions are assessed and marked by two members of the programme's regular teaching staff. Student work is then reviewed by the External Examiners, who always combine substantial academic and professional experience and whose role is to ensure fair and objective marking and the maintenance of high academic standards. The External Examiners receive a sample of dissertations, projects and essays in time for the meeting of the Examination Boards. The MA Examination Board meets in late October 2018 and the MArch Examination Board meets in early March 2019. The Examination Boards are composed by the regular members of teaching staff and the External Examiners. They are assisted by the Graduate School’s Administrative Co-ordinator. The Examination Boards have the responsibility for the final marking of all submitted work, and make decisions on distinctions and resubmission. The Boards and their External Examiners report to the Joint Assessment Board (see Graduate School Academic Organisation section of the AA Regulations document) who in turn informs the AA Graduate Management Committee (GMC) and the AA Academic Board. The GMC reports to The Open University, the validating body for the AA Graduate School’s Masters Programmes. Notification of results is given to students by the Registrar's Office through the Graduate School Co-ordinator.

The marking of all course work is on a scale of 0 - 100% with a pass mark of 50% and grading as shown below:

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The marks given by each of the two internal assessors are averaged to give the overall mark for each item. A coursework average mark is calculated based on the credit rating of each submitted item. The dissertation/design thesis is marked separately, also by two internal assessors. To qualify for the MA & MArch, students must attain the 50% threshold mark on
both the coursework average, and on the final project average mark. An overall final mark is then calculated as the weighted average of course work (representing 50% of the total credits) and Dissertation/Design Thesis (representing 50% of the total credits). Large differences (of more than 10 percentage points) in the marking of the assessors are raised for discussion at the Examination Board meeting.

The MA & MArch certificates are awarded "with Distinction" when the overall final mark (i.e. the combined weighted average of course work and final project) is 70% or higher. All other grades attained by students are also kept on record on the AA Graduate School's database, and are available for transcripts, but do not appear on the certificates.

Students who fail to attain a pass mark on one item of coursework (project or essay) may still satisfy the programme requirements if they can attain an overall mark of 50% for the particular course. If they fail more than one item or fail to attain an overall mark of 50% for the correspondent course work, they will be required to resubmit (only once) and pass before being allowed to proceed with their final project.

In cases where there are no accepted mitigating circumstances and where coursework is submitted late, marks will be deducted. Any element of assessed work submitted up to seven days after the deadline will be marked and 10 marks (on a scale of 100) will be deducted for that element, for each calendar day of lateness incurred. Any piece of work submitted 7 or more days after the deadline would not be assessed and assigned a mark of 0, unless the student submits personal circumstances and these are accepted.

Students failing a submission during Phase 1 are required to resubmit and pass before proceeding to Phase 2. Failure to resubmit and achieve a pass mark of at least 50% will result in the withdrawal from the programme on academic grounds. Students who fail to attain an average of 50% for their dissertation/design thesis will be allowed to resubmit for the Examination Board of the following academic year. Resubmission of Term 1 course work should be done for the last Monday of Term 2; resubmission of second term course work should be done by the last Monday of Term 3. Failure in the resubmission will lead to disqualification from the degree. Submissions failed or recorded as failed can only be resubmitted once. All resubmissions are capped at 50%. Guidance from programme staff during the preparation of any resubmission is available.

Plagiarism and student substitution in the preparation of coursework are practices considered very serious and unacceptable at the AA School and can lead to failure and removal from the School (see AA Regulations document on Plagiarism). Plagiarism is defined as stealing another person's work and ideas and using them as though they were your own. It is also plagiarism if you do not acknowledge the co-operation of another person who works with you or who gives you permission to use their work. Student substitution is defined as getting someone else to do your work. If the School suspects that one of these practices has taken place, it reserves the right of using appropriate software to detect them.

For further information on assessment, progression and award credits please consult the Graduate School Academic Organisation and Regulations document.
The elements of assessment of the H&U programme can be summarised as per table below:

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8. Teaching Staff

The course's regular staff comes from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and are engaged in a wide range of academic and professional activities at the Architectural Association and elsewhere. Their combined experience covers a vast amount of architectural and planning practice, consultancy work for national and international agencies as well as academic research. In addition the programme invites every year a number of visiting staff.

In addition to the supervision taking place within the Design Seminar, members of staff with tutorial responsibilities will be available for tutorials as follows:

Jorge Fiori            Tuesdays to Fridays
Hugo Hinsley            Tuesdays to Fridays
Larry Barth Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Nick Bullock         Thursdays
Elad Einsenstein       Fridays
Dominic Papa         Fridays
Elena Pascolo           Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
Anna Shapiro          Fridays
Naiara Vegara           Fridays
Francesco Zuddas    Wednesdays

On practical and administrative matters students should refer to Jorge Fiori or Hugo Hinsley.

9. External Relationships

In over forty years the H&U programme has established a very wide network of collaborating institutions and individual academics and practitioners, both nationally and internationally. Every year we organise a series of activities - conferences, symposiums, seminars, study trips, design projects, etc. - which involve the collaboration with other academic centres, public institutions and private practices. H&U has also participated in many European Union exchange programmes. The list of collaborating and exchange programmes over the years is vast. For a few years now we have given priority to collaborations in contexts that illustrate the political complexities of urban transformation and which provide the opportunity to contribute to politically relevant proposals and to useful change.

One of the central features of the H&U programme has been its constant exposure to the external academic and professional world. This is accentuated by the presence in the programme of numerous outside experts who participate every year as lecturers, supervisors, reviewers of dissertation work and at times as examiners. In addition, all the programme’s members of staff have direct experience teaching, supervising and examining in other prestigious academic institutions in Britain and abroad. All this forms of interaction with institutions and colleagues ensure that standards can be judged against those of the wider academic world while providing, at the same time, the conditions for a continuing reviewing and updating of the programme’s content as well as methods of teaching.

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1 For further details see appendix with staff short CVs
ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION GRADUATE SCHOOL

HOUSING & URBANISM PROGRAMME 2017-18

Design Workshop on Housing and the City
Terms 1, 2, 3

Tutors: Larry Barth, Elad Eisenstein, Jorge Fiori, Hugo Hinsley, Dominic Papa, Elena Pascolo, Anna Shapiro, Naiara Vegara and Francesco Zuddas

Credits: 30 group credits and 20 individual credits.

The Design Workshop provides a framework for linking design investigation to a politically and historically informed approach to issues of contemporary urbanism. It aims to test strategies for intervention and design in issues of housing and urbanism through project work based on real sites and conditions. The course has two main components which together form the core course of the H&U programme. One component is the Group Design Workshop in which students and tutors form small teams working to explore and develop design responses to well defined urban challenges. The other component is the Urban Seminar on ‘Housing as Urbanism’.

Credits for the course are for individual as well as group work, and students will produce both design research and proposals, and written work. Each of the small teams will pursue distinctive lines of investigation, while both individual work and the Urban Seminar will offer opportunities to evaluate and reflect upon different approaches to key issues within urbanism today. Design Workshop topics and debates relate continuously to material being studied through the lecture courses.

A core interest of our programme is to understand the processes of change in cities that affect spatial and physical conditions as well as social, political and economic relations. London, like other major cities, exhibits powerful and dynamic processes of change, and we are interested in the actions and the effects of these processes, and in how spatial ideas and proposals can respond to them.

Our work is based on a comparative approach to different urban conditions, from inner city to periphery. Making proposals within specific contexts allows us to engage in current debates about the future of urban housing, workplaces and infrastructure. The course reflects themes of investigation in the programme, and in the current research and professional interests of H&U staff. These include the transformation of housing and the pursuit of urban intensification; the search for an urbanism and social policy attuned to contemporary challenges of irregularity and informality in global urbanization trends; and an investigation of the emerging patterns of workspace associated with today’s innovation economy. What these themes have in common is the fact that they expose the limitations of prevailing practices in urbanism and urban design and call for alternative approaches. Some topics to be explored are concepts of density and debates about urban compactness, sustainability and mix of uses; changing demographic structures; and new living/working patterns and spaces. Workshops will be in London and, during Term 3, in Brazil.
The Group Design Workshop starts with Introduction Workshops in Term 1, based in areas of inner London with complex spatial patterns and mix of uses. This enables us to explore and develop concepts and tools for spatial analysis and intervention. There is particular emphasis on ways of drawing and on comparative reasoning. In Term 2 the main Design Workshop runs through the term. The focus will be on ‘Housing as Urbanism’, which is also the topic of the Urban Seminar. Each tutor group will select a study area in London within which to develop its own research agenda and design explorations, and there will be review presentations to debate the work across all the groups.

During Term 3 there will be an intensive workshop in Bogota, Colombia, continuing the research and proposals developed there in 2016 and 2017 around the subject of mobility infrastructures as drivers of urbanism. This workshop is in collaboration with the School of Architecture of the University of Los Andes and the city government. This will test the concepts and tools that have been developed through the London work, as well as through the coursework, through the different spatial, economic and social context of Bogotá. There will also be a study trip to a European city in Term 1. More detailed briefing documents will be issued at the start of each Workshop, together with a programme for the Urban Seminar. It is requirement of the MA and MArch Courses that all students take the Design Workshop for credit. The Aims, Learning Outcomes and Assessment Criteria of the Design are as follows:

**Aims**
- to experience the process of working in groups and presenting group work
- to develop individual work from the group work
- to understand better the complex processes of urban development
- to explore appropriate methodologies
- to test ideas from other courses against a real urban context
- to produce an illustrated document of the group’s work

**Learning outcomes**
By the end of the Design Workshop students are expected to be able to:
- make a group presentation that is clear in analysis and proposals
- demonstrate a critical understanding of theoretical debates and their relevance to the proposals
- demonstrate a knowledge of other examples of urban development and their relevance to the proposals.
- have developed their individual proposals to a level which shows the capacity to synthesise theoretical and practical issues into a complex and convincing proposal
- bring concepts arising from social, political and economic theories, which are explored in other courses, to bear on the process of project analysis and proposals.
- demonstrate an understanding of the dynamics of urban development through working in a real context.
- become more skilled in the process of developing and presenting work as a group.
- be able to contribute strongly to professional teams working on urban and housing projects.
Assessment criteria

Students will produce an individual document for the Introduction Workshop that shows the results of their work, reflecting their particular interests, argument and conclusions.

Group documents (text and images) will be produced for the London Workshop and for the Overseas Workshop. These must be well illustrated with their graphic work as well as having a critical text that reflects the research and argument developed by the group. The documents will make reference to other coursework, lectures and seminars. The work must demonstrate:

- critical awareness in use of theoretical and practical examples
- clarity of argument for the strategy adopted
- clear explanation and effective graphic presentation of work

Work will be submitted as printed documents and as files on CD including jpeg and pdf files.

Introduction workshop (Term 1)

This will be individual and group work.

The term starts with introductory talks and presentations followed by specific exercises on developing an argument through drawing, and on comparative reasoning. This work begins to explore concepts and tools, and to test strategies of intervention, and will link programmatic and spatial organisation at a range of scales and timeframes. Students will work in groups, developing analyses and making proposals about the process necessary to realise the changes that they seek. The work should explore techniques of drawing as a way of thinking. It should be explicit about how the group is developing its approach and why.

At the end of term students will submit individual work, organised to make a critical argument and making reference to relevant course material. This work will be documented graphically and textually. The graphic work may include diagrams, drawings, models and images which develop the spatial argument, while the text will develop the argument in relation to the specifics of an area and the broader debates about urban change and policies. (See specific Introduction Study briefing document).

London Workshop (Terms 2 & 3)

This will be group and individual work.

Groups will develop proposals within a study area of London selected by each tutor group. The focus will be on housing as urbanism, and linked to the series of seminars on ‘Urbanisms’. The study area will be experiencing processes of spatial and economic change and redevelopment, raising key issues of urban strategy and the challenge of forming spatial and use proposals that will make best use of the opportunities. This requires analyses and proposals at multiple scales. Each group’s work will be developed in relation to ideas and theories discussed in all the courses, and the work should demonstrate a critical position in relation to this body of knowledge. (See specific briefing documents).
Overseas workshop (term 3)
This intensive design workshop will be in Bogotá, Colombia. This will be group work, with a group submission. Details of this intensive workshop will be issued nearer the date. (See specific briefing documents).

General Bibliography
(specific bibliographies are issued for each part of the Design Workshop)

Housing


Greater London Authority (2003) *Housing for a Compact City*. GLA.


Per, A and Arpa, J (2011) *This is Hybrid*. Spain. a+t Ediciones.


Urban


Larice, M & Macdonald, E (Eds)(2013) *The Urban Design Reader (2nd Ed)*


Sennett, R (1991) - The *Conscience of the Eye -The Design and Social Life of Cities*. London, Faber and Faber


**Innovation/creative city**


Franke, S & Verhagen, E (2005) *Creativity and the City*. Rotterdam. NAI.


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Globalization is a subject that permeates most development debates today. While its exact meaning and implications remain a matter of great controversy, it is undeniable that substantial qualitative changes are taking place in the world economy, with major spatial and social implications. Cities are at the core of this process. Their nature, role and potential development are being continuously redefined, together with the meaning, instruments and role of urban development planning.

This course aims at examining the relationship between the physical and social transformation of cities and their socio-economic context, in the light of current debates on development and globalization. Drawing from the realities of developing countries as its starting point, it offers a critical and comparative analysis of the changing nature of cities and housing in the context of globalization, economic adjustment and political restructuring. It will explore the implications of different strategies of development - in particular in the post-war period - in terms of the social and spatial transformations of cities and of the change in the systems of urban governance, placing strong emphasis on issues of policy and planning.

This course will combine lectures with seminars organised around students’ presentations of the central issues raised by the minimum bibliography provided for those sessions. The additional bibliography can also be consulted and can be of use for those doing Coursework in this option. Essays can be done on any of the themes addressed by the course and can be defined in collaboration with the course tutor.

**Learning Outcomes**
At the end of the course students will be expected to have:
- an understanding of the relation between development processes and the social and physical urban conditions;
- a critical understanding of the different interpretations and perspectives on the place of cities in the process of globalization;
- an understanding of the dilemmas posed by globalization and market liberalisation policies to the governance of cities and to urban development policy and planning.

**Assessment Criteria**
Students submitting work to this course are expected to:
- complete a 3,000 words essay demonstrating good command of the English language and ability to structure a coherent argument;
- demonstrate understanding of the selected and relevant readings for the essay;
- show evidence of independent work, properly referenced;
- show critical awareness in the use of theoretical work and case examples.
Introductory Readings:


Harvey, D., *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution*, Verso, 2012


SESSION 1:

**Planning and the Changing Approaches to the Irregular City.**
A general overview of the evolution of strategies to deal with one of the issues which characterise the contemporary city - irregularity in building, land occupation and economic practices - as an introduction to the debates on development, urbanisation and planning which will follow in this course.


UNCHS (Habitat), *The Challenge of Slums*, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK, 2003

SESSION 2:

**Trends in World Urbanisation: Facts and Interpretation.**
A descriptive overview of urbanisation statistics and a discussion of what they might hide: the change in the nature of cities.

UNCHS (Habitat), *The State of the World Cities 2004*, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK, 2004


SESSION 3:

**Seminar: A Tale of Two Cities**
A discussion of alternative experiences of urban development as documented by two videos: Singapore and Mumbai

SESSION 4:

**Theorising Development and its Spatial Implications**
A review of different theories and strategies of development and of their assumptions and implications in terms of spatial organisation.


SESSION 5:
**The Changing Nature of the World Economy: Globalization.**
A critical review of current debates on the extent and implications of globalization.


SESSION 6:
**Seminar: Cities in a Global Economy.**
A discussion of the role and place of cities in the processes of globalization and of the new challenges for urban development policies.


SESSION 7:
**Urban Poverty and the New Dualism.**
A review of different interpretations of urban poverty in the process of development with a focus on the new forms of social exclusion.


SESSION 8:
**Seminar: Urban Governance and State Restructuring.**
A review of the dilemmas posed by globalization and economic adjustment to the governance of cities.


SESSION 9:
**Strategic Planning: Tool for All Tastes?**
A critical discussion of Strategic Planning: instrument and expression of a new consensual search for competitiveness in the global economy or threat to the future of democratic cities?


**Additional Bibliography for Term 1:**


Balbo, M., "Urban Planning and the Fragmented Cities of Developing Countries", in *Third World Planning Review*, vol.15, n.1, 1993, pp. 23-35


Burgess, R., Carmona, M. & Kolstee, T., *Contemporary Urban Strategies and Urban Design in Developing Countries*, Section 3 (pp.53-72), Publikatieburo Bouwkunde, Delft, 1994


Castells, M, *The Informational City*, Blackwell, 1989


Environment and Urbanization, vol.7, N.1, on "Urban Poverty", 1995


Harris, N and Fabricius, I (eds), *Cities and Structural Adjustment*, UCL Press, 1996

Harris, N (ed), *Cities in the 1990s; the Challenge for Developing Countries*, UCL Press, London, 1992


Harvey, D: "Money, Time, Space and the City", *The Denman Lecture*, University of Cambridge, 1985


The Reason of Urbanism
Term 1 - Wednesdays 2:00 pm

Tutor: Lawrence Barth
Credits: 10

Much of the current literature in urban studies claims that we are in the presence of a new urban condition, and that as architects and urbanists we must prepare the spaces suited to the subjects we are always about to become. This is not a new experience, that both as ordinary people and as professionals we feel obliged to fulfill a present promise. Both Michel Foucault and Hannah Arendt spent a fair amount of time working to understand how this experience suffused modern actions, and the focus of this lecture series follows their lead. Our question is not whether we are today confronting a new condition, but how we are positioned to experience ourselves always on the threshold of the new. Seen in this light, the themes which underlie the way we reason about cities have to do with our improvement and in this, urbanism and the goals of liberal government are at one.

This lecture series will draw connections between urban projects and key political issues and problems, with readings drawn from both domains. While the material for each of the topics ranges broadly over the last two centuries, and occasionally into the more distant past, each of the topics will be oriented toward an analysis of aspects of current thought and practice in urbanism. Throughout, the aim of the course will be to deepen students’ critical awareness of connections between urbanism and political thought, and promote their familiarity with the politics of cities and urban design.

Learning Outcomes
Students attending this course are likely to bring a wide variety of intellectual skills and academic interests, and the learning outcomes will reflect this diversity. Some students will focus more on current themes within urbanism, others more on urban history, and still others on the definition of a new theoretical approach to the problem of the urban. Experience in recent years has shown that this diversity can be accommodated while developing an awareness of connections among different emphases. The following are meant to highlight the relationships between new theoretical approaches, historical awareness, and contemporary themes in urbanism.

At the end of this course, students should be able to:
- Be aware of key events in the constitution and transformation of the urban as a problem-field in Western governmental reason
- Extract from key theorists, such as Foucault and Arendt, elements of their writings which will help define an approach to the understanding of urbanism and its political reason
- Relate the work of key urban theorists, such as Simmel, Weber, Wirth, Sennett and others, to the urban field their writings have helped to define
- Recognize the genealogical relationship between major themes within urbanism and trajectories of Western political reason
- Discuss and critically evaluate the use of key political terms underpinning urbanism, such as community, difference, power, justice, autonomy, and others

Assessed Work
Students will submit an essay of 2500 words on a topic agreed with the tutor. This will be due at the end of the term.

Assessment Criteria
In acknowledging the diversity of student experience and interests, the assessment criteria will be negotiated on an individual basis. However, emphasis will be placed on core criteria which demonstrate a student’s engagement with the complexity of historical and theoretical material presented in the course. Thoughtful questioning will be valued more highly than quick certainties.

The essay should:
- Demonstrate familiarity with the writings of key theorists, such as Foucault, Arendt, or others, and show how their work may be applied to the study of the urban
- Indicate awareness of relevant events and transformations within the reason of urbanism
- Demonstrate understanding of the relationship between urban and political thought, on the one hand, and the practice of urbanism, on the other
- Exemplify a reflexive and critical response to the terms through which we are positioned to discuss the current urban condition

SESSION 1:
The Urban, the Present, and the Political


H. Arendt  Between Past and Future (1961) Ch. 4


Term-long Readings – These readings provide a good survey of the literature on architecture and urbanism of the 20th Century:


E. Blau and M. Platzer (Eds.) Shaping the Great City: Modern Architecture in Central Europe 1890-1937 (1999)


M. Tafuri and F. Dal Co  Modern Architecture (1979)

M. Tafuri  The Sphere and the Labyrinth (1987)

SESSION 2:
Public, Private, Social, and Civic

R. Sennett The Fall of Public Man (1974)
P. Rowe Civic Realism (1997)


SESSION 3:
Association

P. Hirst From Statism to Pluralism: Democracy, Civil Society and Global Politics (1997)

E. Durkheim Professional Ethics and Civic Morals (1957)


M. Young and P. Wilmott “Kinship and Community” and “Keeping Themselves to Themselves” in R. LeGates and F. Stout The City Reader (1996)


E. Blau and M. Platzer (Eds.) Shaping the Great City: Modern Architecture in Central Europe 1890-1937 (1999)

SESSION 4:
Urbanism and the Analytic of Power


C. Gordon (ed.) Chs. 5-8

_____ The History of Sexuality (1978)

_____ Discipline and Punish (1977)
The Birth of the Clinic (1973)
F. Choay The Modern City: Planning in the 19th Century (1969)
L. Benevolo The Origins of Modern Town Planning (1967)
D. Schuyler The New Urban Landscape: The Redefinition of City Form in Nineteenth-Century America (1986)
P. Boyer Urban Masses and Moral Order in America, 1820-1920 (1978)
R. Sennett Flesh and Stone: The Body and the City in Western Civilization (1994)
G. S. Jones Outcast London (1971)
A. Vidler “Confinement and Cure: Reforming the Hospital, 1770-1789” in The Writing of the Walls (1987)

SESSION 5: Autonomy
G. Simmel “The Metropolis and Mental Life” (1903)
R. Sennett Flesh and Stone: The Body and the City in Western Civilization (1994) Chs. 1, 8-10
T. Dumm Michel Foucault and the Politics of Freedom (1996)
Z. Bauman Freedom (1988)

SESSION 6: Usurpation
M. Weber The City
P. Manent An Intellectual History of Liberalism (1995) esp. Ch. 2
SESSION 7: 

**Difference**

L. Wirth  *The Ghetto* (1928)  Chs. 1, 2, & 14  


R. Sennett  *Flesh and Stone: The Body and the City in Western Civilization* (1994)  

-----  *The Fall of Public Man* (1976)  Ch.13  


SESSION 8: 

**Urbanism and Biopolitics: The Transition to Modernism**


M. Tafuri  *The Sphere and the Labyrinth* (1987)  


P. Hall  *Cities of Tomorrow* (1988)  


V. Welter  *Biopolis: Patrick Geddes and the City of Life* (2002)  

SESSION 9: Critique


R. Beauregard  Voices of Decline (1993)
Urbanism has its foundations in projects, and it is the project that gives architecture a role and a trajectory in driving urban change. However, the project must draw together many diverse voices and actors in ambitions for change. The underlying discourses that call for urban transformation are organized not as a single vision, but in a broad range of sometimes conflicting themes. These might refer to new values given to education, learning, and schools, for example. Or they might be based on new understandings of the ideal workspace. Or, again, they might be founded upon a sense that today, we live differently in our homes than in the past. In each case, a discursive theme drives a sense that today we may seize a critical potential and change the cities in which we live. So, the theme and the project are the joint foci of our enquiry into urbanism as a critical and forward-looking practice. However, it is through architecture that these become concrete, substantial, and realizable.

The pursuit of critical transformation through projects has been at the heart of both modernist and recent approaches to urbanism. However, what we have understood as the important problems and challenges inside architecture and the city have not remained static over the course of the last century. Instead, we have had numerous important debates within the field, and a shifting range of thematic and methodological preoccupations over the decades. In these lectures, we will aim to understand what has remained consistent and what has changed within the practical and intellectual cauldron of architectural urbanism. Each year we will select a different range of themes to emphasize, giving students the opportunity to research the critical substance of urban propositions both historically and architecturally.

Housing proposals will play a role in all of our selected themes. Drawing upon both live projects and historical examples, students will explore the relationship between housing, intensification, and transformation, paying particular attention to the ways an understanding of type will help students see the architectural substance and content of critical propositions.

In the second term, we will explore a range of large-scale urban projects, focussing on a series of current issues in the urbanism of transformation, including waterfronts, public spaces, integrated communities, and event-spaces. Thematically, the second-term sessions will highlight the role of the design process in the formation of urban strategies and the registering of decisions.

Students will be encouraged to work in groups for the debate portion of the course. In the first term, the sessions will be largely given to lectures with minor input from student groups. In the second term, a greater role will be handed over to student group discussion and debate.

Learning outcomes
Students attending this course are likely to bring a wide variety of intellectual skills and academic interests, and the learning outcomes will reflect this diversity. Some students will direct their attention more toward issues related to the design and spatiality of urban projects, while others will direct their attention more toward political and theoretical aspects. This
diversity can enrich the seminar portion of the course, and the key learning outcomes will reflect this emphasis upon deepening students’ understanding of the relationship between the spatial and the political.

At the end of the course, students should be able to:
- Understand different aspects of the critical impulse operating within modern urbanism
- Understand the significance and potential of themes and ambitions in clarifying the goals of architectural and urban projects
- Recognize key themes and events within urbanism in terms of their critical substance and orientation
- Describe different critical responses in recent decades to modern urbanism
- Employ graphic materials to define and pursue researchable questions in urbanism
- Question status of current critical responses to 20th Century urbanism

Assessed Work
Students will select projects to investigate and discuss (an overview and list of suggestions will be provided at the beginning of the term.) The work for each term of the course will be to write an essay of 2500 words, analysing the critical content of an urban project, and linking the analysis of the project to currents and debates within architectural urbanism. Each of these essays will be due at the end of the term.

Assessment Criteria
In acknowledging the diversity of student experience and interests, the assessment criteria will reflect this diversity and respond to the scholarly objectives of individual students. However, emphasis will be placed on core criteria which demonstrate attentiveness to the interrelationship of urban spatiality, design, and politics, and which show clear engagement with the historical and theoretical problem of critique through design in urbanism.

Students’ essays should:
- Illustrate urban projects which exemplify a critical position
- Demonstrate an awareness of and be able to distinguish different aspects of the critical impulse within urbanism
- Demonstrate familiarity with different critical positions within the literature on urbanism
- Propose alternative urban responses which exemplify a different critical position
- Employ graphic material effectively to support and develop the core arguments of the essay

TERM 1

SESSION 1:
Putting Architecture to Work: The Architectural Foundations of Urbanism


O. M. Unger, S. Vieths The Dialectic City (1997)
SESSION 2:
Architecture of Transformation: From the Present to the Project


Le Corbusier Towards a New Architecture (2014) [Originally 1927]

Le Corbusier The City of Tomorrow and its Planning (1987) [originally 1929]

P. Rowe Modernity and Housing (1993)


A. Wall Victor Gruen: From Urban Shop to New City (2005)

SESSION 3:
Ambitions and Urban Transformation: Theme, Collaboration, Project

A. Wall Victor Gruen: From Urban Shop to New City (2005)


F. Moussavi The Function of Style (2014)

H. Hertzberger Space and Learning (2008)

SESSION 4:
Architectural Urbanism: Plan and Process

One-north, Singapore and Hafencity, Hamburg

Establishing student groups and introducing group work. Refer to Additional Readings below.

SESSION 5:
Typology and the Revision of Urbanism

A. Rossi The Architecture of the City (1982) [First appearing in 1966]


SESSION 6:  
**Typology as Design Method**  
A. Colquhoun “Typology and Design Method” *Arena* 83 (1967) [Numerous reprintings]  
W. Oechslin “Premises for the Resumption of the Discussion of Typology” *Assemblage* 1 (1986)  
A. Vidler “From the Hut to the Temple: Quatremere de Quincy and the Idea of Type” in *The Writing of the Walls* (1987)  

SESSION 7:  
**Visibility, Multiplicity, and Composite Time**  
C. Rowe and R. Slutzky *Transparency* (with commentary by Hoesli and introduction by Oechslin, 1997)  
C. Rowe and F. Koetter *Collage City* (1978)  
M. Risselada *Raumplan versus Plan Libre* (1988)  

SESSION 8:  
**Architecture as Urban Performance**  
R. Koolhaas *Delirious New York* (1978)  

SESSION 9:  
**Review and Debate: Housing, Intensification, and Transformation**  
Student Debate and Discussion
TERM 2

SESSION 1:
**Introduction: Projecting Urban Change**
Introducing Student Projects and Debates

SESSION 2:
**Strategy and Disjuncture**


SESSION 3:
**Student Debate: Edges, Ruptures, and the Role of Housing in Urban Change**

SESSION 4:
**Strategy and Interstice**

L. Herzog *Return to the Center: Culture, Public Space, and City Building in a Global Era* (2006)

P. Rowe *Civic Realism* (1997)


Daidalos 72 “Urban Strategies” (1999)

J. Gehl *Life Between Buildings: Using Public Space* 2001

J. Gehl and L. Gemzoe *Public Spaces – Public Life* 1999

________  *New City Spaces* (2001)


SESSION 5:
**Student Debate: Housing, Collective Environments, and Urban Intensification**
SESSION 6:  
**Strategy and Size**

R. Koolhaas *S, M, L, XL*  
K. Frampton *Megaform as Urban Landscape* (1999)  
KCAP, Rotterdam *Situation/KCAP* (2005)

SESSION 7:  
**Student Debate: Plans, Projects, and Neighbourhoods: Housing and Urban Area**

SESSION 8:  
**Strategy and Event**

S. Sadler *The Situationist City* (1998)  

SESSION 9:  
**Student Debate: Architecture, Diagram, and the Programme for Urban Change**

Additional Readings:  
R. Beauregard *Voices of Decline: The Postwar Fate of US Cities* (1993)

G. Ciucci, F. Dal Co, M. Manieri-Elia, and M. Tafuri The American City (1979)


A. Smithson for Team 10 The Team 10 Primer


H. Sarkis (ed.) CASE: Le Corbusier’s Venice Hospital and the Mat Building Revival (2001)

J. Czerniak (ed.) CASE: Downsview Park Toronto (2001)
This course draws from the extreme circumstances of irregularity and fragmentation of the cities of the developing world to reflect both on the place of housing in the making of cities and the role of urbanism in addressing the informal city. It aims to provide a critical analysis of the evolution of housing and informal settlements’ upgrading policies in the post-war as a strategic vehicle for investigating the evolution of ideas and approaches to the informal and irregular processes of city making. In particular, it reviews critically the growing despatialisation of strategies to deal with urban informality and the social conditions associated with it, and explores the role of urbanism and spatial design in facing those conditions. It focuses on the articulation of social and spatial processes, reflecting on questions of connectivity, identity, sustainability and scale in contexts of very different and contradictory logics of city making. With reference to relevant projects and programmes, it attempts to identify appropriate tools and instruments of spatial intervention and design and to examine their articulation with the redesigning of urban institutions and rules.

This course combines lectures with seminars and the participation of invited practitioners and academics. The seminars will address issues in the light of cases selected by the students. The additional bibliography can be of use for those doing Coursework in this option. Essays can be done on any of the themes addressed by the course or related subject identified in collaboration with the course tutor.

Learning Outcomes
At the end of the course students will be expected to have:

- a critical understanding of the changing approaches to housing and the informal city and of their contextual and historical determinations;
- an understanding of the growing articulation of housing and urban development strategies;
- an understanding of the place of housing and urbanism in urban social policy;
- an understanding of methodologies and tools of spatial design to address informal housing and the informal city.

Assessment Criteria
Students submitting work to this course are expected to:

- complete a 4,000 words essay demonstrating good command of the English language and ability to structure a coherent argument;
- demonstrate understanding of the selected and relevant readings for the essay;
- show evidence of independent work, properly referenced;
- show critical awareness in the use of theoretical work and case examples.
Introductory Readings:


UNCHS (Habitat), *The Challenge of Slums*, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK, 2003

Lectures:

SESSION 1:
**Housing: Mimesis and the Loss of Identity**
An overview of the rise and fall of housing as an object of analysis and of public policy


SESSION 2:
**Housing Policy and the Crisis of Modernisation: Abandoning the House**
An analysis of the shift from conventional to non-conventional “self-help” housing policies and the emergent preoccupation with the informal. The loss of scale.


SESSION 3:
**Housing Policy and Structural Adjustment: Abandoning the Poor?**
A discussion of the growing focus of housing policy on institutional reform and market enablement. The loss of space.


SESSION 4:
Housing Policy and the Search for Scaling-up: Towards a New Generation of Policies, Programmes and Projects
A discussion of the potential and limitations of an emergent new generation of housing policies and upgrading programmes informed by new perspectives on poverty, the informal and the place of space.


UNCHS (Habitat), The Challenge of Slums, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK 2003

SESSION 5:
Spatial Strategies and Social Policy in the Informal
A discussion of the place of design in reaching the scale of housing and social needs in the informal city with reference to a variety of cases and experiences.


SESSION 6:
Back to the Future: the Return of Mass Housing Policies
A critical discussion of the latest generation of private sector driven mass housing policies: their significance, implications and impact.

Fiori, J. & Santa Rosa, J., New Formal Housing Policies: building just cities?, notes for presentation to the panel of same title in the 7 World Urban Forum, Medellin, Colombia, April, 2014

Seminars:
The seminars will be presented by students, with reference to cases. Readings from minimum and additional bibliography will be identified during preparation of seminars. The focus will be on
the spatial and design challenges of addressing the themes of the seminars in the light of a selection of projects.

SESSION 7:
Seminar: The Changing Place of “Communities” - From Territory to Identity

SESSION 8:
Seminar: Ghettos, Enclaves and Enclosures – the Question of Connectivity

SESSION 9:
Seminar: Multisectoriality, Space and Scaling-up

Additional Bibliography for Term 2:

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Brillembourg, A, Feireiss, K. & Klumpner, H., Informal City: Caracas Case, Prestel, Munich, 2005
Brakarz, J., Rojas, E. & Greene, M., Cities for All, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), Washington 2002
Brilhembourg, A. et. Al. (eds), Informal City: Caracas Case, Prestel, 2005
Burgess, R., Carmona, M. & Kolstee, T., Contemporary Urban Strategies and Urban Design in Developing Countries, Section 3 (pp.53-72), Publikatieburo Bouwkunde, Delft, 1994
Coit, K, 1994, "Self-help Housing for the Poor", in Cities II (2), pp 115-124
Davies, W. and D. Herbert, 1993, Communities Within Cities, Belhaven Press
De Soto, H., The Mystery of Capital, Black Swan, UK, 2001
De Soto, H, Constraints on People: The Origins of Underground Economies and Limits to Their Growth (mimeo), 1990
De Soto, H., The Other Path, Taurus, UK, 1989
Eade, J., 1997 (ed) Living the Global City: Globalization as Local Process, Routledge
Environment and Urbanization, The Struggle for Shelter, (especially chapters by Yves Cabannes and Jan van der Linden), vol 9, N.1,1997
Environment & Urbanisation, Meeting the millennium Development Goals in Urban Areas, Vol 17, N. 1, 2005
Garau, P. et. al., A Home in the City, UN Millennium Project, Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum dwellers, Earthscan, London, 2005
Gerxhani, K., “The Informal Sector in Developed and Less Developed Countries: A Literature Review”, in Public Choice, Vol. 120, No. 3-4, Amsterdam, 2004

Keivani, R & E. Werna, “Refocusing the Housing Debate in Developing Countries from a Pluralist Perspective”, in Habitat International , 25 2001
Koolhaas, R. & others, (2002), Mutations, ACTAR, Bordeaux
Lowe, S, Urban Social Movements: The City after Castells, MacMillan, UK. 1986
Jenkins, R., 1996, Social Identity, Routledge
Mathey, K., 1992, Beyond Self-help Housing, Mansell
Pugh, C., "Housing Policy Development in Developing Countries: The World Bank and Internationalisation, 1972-93", in Cities II (3), pp.159-180, 1994
Robbins, E, Can/Should Architects Design Communities?, mimeo,
Rojas, E, 2001, "The Long Road to Housing Sector Reform: Lessons from the Chilean Housing Experience", in Housing Studies, Vol.16, N.4
Sandercock, L., Towards Cosmopolis, Chaps. 4,5 & 6, Wiley, 1998
Sandercock, L., "The Death of Modernist Planning: Radical Praxis for a Postmodern Age", in in Douglass, M & Friedmann, J, op.cit., 1998
UNCHS, 1997, The Instanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda, UNCHS, Nairobi
UNCHS (Habitat),1990, People, Settlements, Environment and Development, HABITAT, Nairobi
UNCHS (Habitat), 1988, Roles, Responsibilities and Capabilities of Governmental and Non Governmental Sectors in the Field of Human Settlements, Nairobi
UNCHS (Habitat), 1987, Shelter for the Homeless: the Role of the Non-Governmental Organisations, Nairobi.
UNCHS (Habitat), The State of the World Cities, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK, 2004
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HOUSING & URBANISM PROGRAMME 2017-18

Shaping the Modern City 1 & 2
Terms 1 & 2 - Thursdays at 11.30

Tutors: Nick Bullock and Hugo Hinsley
Credits: 12 per term

This course which runs over two terms aims to provide an understanding of the various ways in which the state, both national and local, has attempted to meet the challenge of urban growth over the past hundred years, and the relationship to designers and other actors in urban development. The lectures will focus on selected events, projects or texts to illustrate contemporary responses to the opportunities and problems created by the growth of the city. The course uses historical and contemporary material from a number of European and US cities to develop an understanding of the forces that have shaped the current forms of cities in these countries, and to consider the issues and models of current urban development.

The course seeks to encourage students with different levels of historical knowledge to develop an historical imagination, to see events and issues in their contemporary setting, to encounter original material first-hand, rather than relying only on current interpretations, and, to escape from a view of history that simply treats the past as a preparation for the serious business of the present.

Aims:
• to develop, first, an understanding of ways in which the state has attempted to meet the challenge of urban growth during the past hundred years; second, a grasp of the way in which certain elements of urban development have remained uncontrolled by the state.
• to engage with historical material, both visual and written.

Learning Outcomes:
At the end of the course students will be expected to:
• understand the way in which the physical form of cities reflects social, economic and political processes;
• understand the role of the state, both local and central, in shaping the form of the city;
• understand the key differences between the development of the city in different countries and between developments in Europe and America.

Assessment Criteria
• students must prepare an essay (text and images) of 2500 words related to material from the course and demonstrating their ability to structure a coherent argument.
**Introductory Readings**

The subject matter is too wide-ranging and the number of possible approaches too broad to permit of a single unitary approach. However there are a number of books that sketch out the range of issues to be covered. These include:

- P. Hall, *Cities in Civilisation; Culture, Innovation and Urban Order*, London, 1998, especially the latter chapters in each of the five sections
- S. Ward, *Planning the Twentieth Century City*, Chichester, 2002

**Term 1 Sessions:**

1/  **Hinsley – Introduction to scope of course and key themes.**
Urbanism, and changing ideas of the productive city.
The idea and structure of the course. Some definitions of urbanism; some of the key issues of current urban development.


2/  **Bullock – Introduction to understanding urbanism through history, and developing a historical imagination.**

**Changing role of the state**
In the context of the present debate on the future of London, a key issue is the role of the state in shaping the modern city. As the current government seeks to develop two major projects, first, the Thames Gateway to the east of the existing city along the Thames, and second, the sites for the Olympic games to the east of the traditional East End, it is important to question whether the method that is currently favoured, an alliance of public and private interests, is the only alternative. One way of exploring this issue is to consider the terms in which London and other western cities have developed since the middle of the last century, and why at different times there have been very different assumptions about the role that the state may play in shaping the form of the city.

**Changing role of state 1 – London 1930s**
An examination of London in the 1930s as an example of the city whose form was essentially unregulated by the state.


3/ *Bullock - Changing role of state 2 – London 1940s*

The case for planning established by the massive increase in state intervention in every aspect of life during World War II, and explores the provision of the planning system created by the Town and Country Planning Act 1947.


4/ *Bullock - Changing role of state 3 – New York (Jacobs and Moses)*

The reaction against planning represented by the rejection of planning ideology voiced most vigorously by Jane Jacobs in ‘Life and Death of Great American Cities’.

R.A. Beauregard, *Voices of Decline, the Post-war Fate of American Cities*, Blackwell, 1993
W.H. Whyte (ed.) *The Expanding Metropolis*, Berkeley, 1993


The history of the redevelopment of London Docklands charting the way that the state has become drawn back into regulating the area after the initial period in which the pattern of redevelopment was to have been determined by market forces.

S. Brownhill, *Developing London’s Docklands, Another Great Planning Disaster?* London, 1994


See website for latest updates: [http://www.london.gov.uk/thelondonplan/](http://www.london.gov.uk/thelondonplan/)

7/ *Bullock – Limits of Planning.*

Two examples of the confrontation between popular movements and city government, showing how the power of the state to plan ‘from above’ has been challenged ‘from below’ by those organised and determined enough to do so. One is the ‘land invasions’ and squatter settlements of the suburbs around Paris
in the 1930s. This contrasts policies pursued to regulate development the City of Paris with the almost complete absence of control in most suburban areas and the resulting political tensions between left-wing municipalities, ‘la ceinture rouge’, and the Neo-liberal policies of the central state. The second example in Berlin 1975-90 shows the popular protests against the state’s attempts to sweep away run-down but usable property at the centre, in official terms ‘slum clearance policies’, and the way that these protests led eventually to the adoption by the city authorities of a minimal approach to regeneration that was shaped by the modest needs and resources of the people living in these areas.

D. Clelland (ed), "Berlin as a Model", Architectural Review, September 1984
J. Lucan, Des Fortifs au Perif, Paris, 1992
J.Lucan, Eau et gaz a tous les étages, 100 ans de logement, Paris, 1992

8/ Hinsley – CASE: Limits of planning.
Spitalfields and Broadgate 1980s to the present.
Documents will be provided.

9/ Hinsley – CASE: site visit to Spitalfields and Broadgate

Term 2 sessions:

1/ Bullock – The suburban boom and consequences for city centres. 1:
New York and the eastern seaboard.

The session will use Jean Gottmann’s analysis of the development along the eastern coast of the US to explore how the regional distribution of employment has changed and how this in turn has led to new patterns of residential and service location in the New York region.

E.Bacon, The Design of Cities, New York, 1967
R.A.Beauregard, Voices of Decline, the Post-war Fate of American Cities, 1993
Jean Gottmann, Megalopolis, New York, 1961
M.Johns, Moment of Grace, the American City in the 1950s, Berkeley, 2003

2/ Bullock - The suburban boom and consequences for city centres. 2:
Philadelphia 1945-85

The consequences of suburban growth and the increasing suburbanisation of both basic and service employment on the centre of Philadelphia. Examining the response to these difficulties and the way in which an alliance of local politicians, planners and architects created, taking advantage of Federal legislation and funding, the momentum for inner city revitalisation that was to transform the city over the next twenty years. An example copied not just in other US cities but
eventually in European cities like Barcelona and Bilbao. The session will question who has benefited from this initiative, contrasting the consequences of the policy for the affluent moving into high-profile developments such as Society Hill with the fate of those whose houses were razed as part of the programme of redevelopment.

3/ Bullock – Beyond sprawl 1: the city and its region
Exploring regional growth of employment, housing and services beyond the confines of the clearly demarcated city and its suburbs.

Paris is trying to develop a better regional strategy, including the Grand Pari(s) process; and in the Netherlands planners have collaborated around the concept of the ‘Randstad’. The Dutch have been developing a strategy for channeling the growth of population in the Flanders region that will minimise the costs of infrastructure and the social costs of commuting, while maximising accessibility to green space and services, in the hope of arriving at a decentralised variant of ‘sustainable’ development.

4/ Bullock – Beyond sprawl 2: Cambridge UK and Cambridge USA.
The second case discusses how major areas of modern, often high-technology, employment may choose to locate in city regions. Contrasting the development of high-technology in the Boston area, USA, with the parallel growth of high-tech industries in the Cambridge area UK; and discussing the social, economic and political tensions that threaten the very combination of advantages that attracts in the first place. The cases show the conflict between a number of key priorities in the current debate on planning: conservation, the containment of urban growth, the right to choice and the need to develop a policy of regionally ‘sustainable’ growth.

R.Bruegmann, Sprawl, Chicago, 2005
N.Segal, The Cambridge Phenomenon, Cambridge, 1985

5/ Hinsley – Major urban projects and the city region.
A comparison of projects and strategies of some European cities, including Hamburg, Copenhagen/Oresund, Barcelona, Paris).

6/ Hinsley - Waterfront as space of regeneration, and the London case.
Using London’s changing relationship to waterfront development since the 1950s to discuss the challenges of using waterfront spaces for urban regeneration worldwide.


7 Hinsley – **The public realm: changing concepts, designs and uses**


8 Hinsley – **CASE: walk through central area** to see range of ideas, interventions and performance of public realm.
Documents will be provided.

9 Hinsley – **Debate** - a reflection on the concepts, arguments and examples covered in the whole course.
Current efforts to promote urban density and intensification depend upon the cultivation of patterns and practices of urban living which can justify and support those efforts. Just as the architects of early 20th Century modernism supposed that people would “learn to inhabit” the new forms of dwelling they proposed, so today’s urban programmes call for a new domesticity. This seminar series explores trends in contemporary multi-residential housing against the background of a discursive formation linking together domesticity and urbanism. Taking Mies van der Rohe’s patio houses of the 1930s and Karel Teige’s 1932 critique of the minimum dwelling as opening counterpoints, this course investigates the broad spatial and political domain upon which the challenge of securing personal autonomy is drawn into engagement with the forces of urban living. The essay draws on the theoretical and historical writings of Michel Foucault, Jacques Donzelot, and Nikolas Rose.

The aim of this seminar course is to explore and assess the current condition of urban domesticity. The first seven sessions will be offered in a lecture-and-discussion format, introducing the questions of housing design, the genealogy of domestic life, and the changing historical relationship between housing, urbanism, and personal space. The final three sessions are given to student group presentations, discussing the results of their research into the current problem of generating new housing formats for the global talent migration. This is the theme of design research for this year’s seminar, and is a key issue in the transformation of cities in both Europe and Asia. Within this theme we may critically investigate many problems and opportunities in the dynamism of domesticity and urban housing.

Students electing to gain credit for the course will write an essay (see below) and form the core members of groups pursuing and presenting their design research on multi-residential housing for the contemporary knowledge economy.

Learning Outcomes
Students attending this course are likely to bring a wide variety of intellectual skills and academic interests, and the learning outcomes will reflect this diversity. Also, the seminar format itself will encourage a certain “movement” in the theme of the course, with students potentially developing new directions of exploration. At the core of the course, however, there will remain an emphasis upon the intersection of housing architecture and critical reflection.

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Understand the genealogical relationship between social reform and domestic life
- Extract from key writers, such as Foucault, Donzelot, and Nikolas Rose, an approach to the understanding of domesticity
- Critically reflect on transformations in domestic architecture
- Understand the relation between housing design and the politics of social and personal space
- Use design and graphic material to develop and pursue researchable questions in urban housing strategies
Assessed Work
Students will be expected to participate in the seminar discussions, but this will not be assessed. Assessment will be based upon an essay of 2500 words on a topic agreed with the tutor. This will be due at the end of the term.

Assessment Criteria
In acknowledging the diversity of student experience and interests, the assessment criteria will be negotiated on an individual basis. However, emphasis will be placed on core criteria which show a student’s engagement with the intersection between the architecture of the home and the transformations of domesticity.

The essay should:
- Show evidence of an attentiveness to the genealogy of domestic space
- Integrate or outline a theoretical position for the investigation of change in domestic environments
- Demonstrate a critical awareness of the contemporary condition of domesticity within the urban
- Employ design and graphic material effectively to clarify and pursue research in contemporary urban housing

SESSION 1:
Introduction: Formats for Living

I. Abalos *The Good Life: A guided visit to the houses of modernity* (2001)


SESSION 2:
Dwelling and Siedlung

Crimson with Michael Speaks and Gerard Hadders *Mart Stam’s Trousers* (1999)

P. Rowe *Modernity and Housing* (1993)

R. Sherwood *Modern Housing Prototypes* (1978)


M. Kloos and D. Wendt *Formats for Living: Contemporary Floor Plans in Amsterdam* (2000)

SESSION 3:  
Theorizing Domesticity: Part I  
M. Foucault The History of Sexuality: Vol I (1978)  
R. Evans Translations from Drawing to Building and Other Essays (1997)  

SESSION 4:  
Theorizing Domesticity: Part II  
J. Donzelot The Policing of Families (1979)  

SESSION 5:  
The Cultivation of Domestic Life  
G. Wright Building the Dream: A social history of housing in America (1981)  
P. Boyer Urban Masses and Moral Order in America, 1820-1920 (1978)  
R. Plunz A History of Housing in New York City (1990)  

SESSION 6:  
Social Project and Minimal House  
N. Stieber Housing Design and Society in Amsterdam: Reconfiguring urban order and identity, 1900-1920 (1998)  
R. Plunz A History of Housing in New York City (1990)  
J. Joedicke Weissenhof Siedlung Stuttgart (1989)  
SESSION 7:
The Maximal Family and the Personal Project


N. Rose Inventing Our Selves: Psychology, power, and personhood (1996)

I. Abalos The Good Life: A guided visit to the houses of modernity (2001)

E. McCoy Case Study Houses, 1945-1962 (1977)

M. Risselada (ed.) Raumplan versus Plan Libre (1988)

G. Wright Building the Dream: A social history of housing in America (1981) Chs. 9, 11, & 13

E. Soja Thirsdspace: Journeys to Los Angeles and other real-and-imagined places (1996) Ch. 8


R. Silverstone (ed.) Visions of Suburbia (1997)

SESSIONS 8 & 9:
Student Group Presentations: Multi-residential Housing and the Global Talent Migration
JORGE FIORI  Co-Director. BA Soc and MSc in Urban Development Planning

Studied in Chile and worked as researcher and lecturer in several Chilean and British institutions, specialising on issues of urban development planning and housing. **Currently:** senior lecturer at the Housing and Urbanism Programme of the Architectural Association Graduate School and senior lecturer at the Development Planning Unit, University College London. **Additional teaching experience** as a Visiting Lecturer to several Master and postgraduate courses on urban studies in Europe and Latin America. **Current administrative responsibilities:** Chairman of the AA Graduate Management Committee and Director of the Housing & Urbanism Programme at the AA Graduate School.


Has worked in recent years as a **consultant** to several international and national agencies on issues of urban development planning and housing in developing countries, working in particular in Latin America. Among them, acted as consultant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), UN-HABITAT and the World Bank.

HUGO HINSLEY  Co-Director MA. Dip. Arch.

An architect with over thirty years of practice experience. A founder member of a co-operative practice in the UK in 1976 which has worked on projects of housing, community buildings and urban development strategy. Has also worked as a consultant to many projects in Europe, Australia and the USA.

Has taught and lectured widely in Britain and abroad, including being visiting professor and studio master at the University of Sydney Department of Architecture over several years; visiting studio master at the University of Edinburgh Department of Architecture in 1997-98; and visiting professor at Parsons Department of Architecture at The New School of Social Research, New York, in 1994.

**Responsibilities at the AA** include: Co-Director of Housing & Urbanism Programme; Director of Visiting Teachers’ Programme; member of the Graduate Management Committee; member of the Research Degrees Committee; member of the Interim Management Group 2004/05.

**Recent appointments and research:**
Recent research has been on urban policy and design in European cities; on London’s design and planning, particularly on the cases of major redevelopment in Docklands and the
East End; on waterfront redevelopment projects; and on questions of density and intensity in urban development.

- 2011-16: External examiner for London Metropolitan University for the Faculty of Architecture and Spatial Design.
- 2000-13: member of the Research Committee of EUROPAN, the European federation for new architecture. This is a non-governmental organisation representing 21 European countries. Since 1988 it has organised ideas competitions, leading to project implementation, which are open to young architects and students throughout Europe.
- 2003-05: Awarded the 2003 Built Environment Research Fellowship by the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 for joint research with Dominic Papa and Larry Barth on intensity and density in housing design.
- 2002-05: consultant member of international research group - ‘Urban Transformation: urban form, gentrification and immigration’- in the Department of Urbanism, University of Oslo.

Some recent publications:
2015 Urban Mobility and Social Housing co-edited with Jorge Fiori (AA H&U), Jose Brandao, Luis Amorim (Federal University of Pernambuco, MDU). Published with support of the National Housing Secretariat of the Ministry of Cities, Brazil.

2013 Transforming Tainan: the spatial challenge of the knowledge economy. co-edited with Horng-Chang Hsieh of National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan. Third volume of the results of the annual intensive design workshops.
2012 What is the value of spatial thinking and design? Thematic introduction to the publication Europan 11 in the Netherlands. Sun, Amsterdam.
2008 Supporting excellence in architecture and urban design: some reflections from the UK, Research paper for the Architecture & Urban Research Institute of Korea. AURI. Seoul.

LAWRENCE BARTH

Studied urbanism in California, Germany, and Canada. Lectures in the Housing and Urbanism Programme at the Architectural Association Graduate School. Consultant urbanist to cities, architects, and landscape architects on large urban projects. Advisor to the Board of INTA, the International Urban Development Association, a member of the International Advisory Council for the Fundación Metropoli in Madrid, and serves on the International Advisory Panel of the Vysokovsky Graduate School of Urbanism at the Higher School of Economics, Moscow.
Additional teaching experience
Before coming to the AA in 1999, lectured in the Department of Sociology, University of Essex, developing courses in political sociology and urban studies, and also lectured in the political sociology of cities at Birkbeck College, University of London.

Research and Publications
Research has focused on the intersection of urbanism and political reason, with particular emphasis on the genealogy of 20th Century planning and urbanism. Themes within this research have also included the analysis and reorientation of contemporary critical thought toward the urban domain, as well as the reconsideration of classic social and political writings in light of urban issues. He has published on the writings of J.-F. Lyotard, M. de Certeau, and M. Foucault. Recent publications focus on the relation between design, strategy, and urban decision making, with an emphasis upon the role of typological reasoning in urbanism. His current research interests have turned toward new approaches to housing design, neighbourhoods, and service delivery, and in particular upon the growing interest in a sharing economy.

Consultancy
He has worked as consultant urbanist for architectural offices on issues of urban planning, process, and strategy. He recently completed plans for the strategic intensification of Singapore Science Parks I&II, together with S333 Architecture and Urbanism, and continues consulting on other projects in Europe and Asia.

NICHOLAS BULLOCK  PhD

Trained as an architect at Cambridge University, and completed a PH.D. under Leslie Martin. Currently a University Lecturer at Cambridge University; a Director of Studies at King's College, Cambridge; and a Lecturer at the AA Graduate School.

Teaching experience:
Has been an assistant lecturer, then lecturer and now senior lecturer at the Department of Architecture in Cambridge since 1974. Has taught both for General Studies and for the Graduate School in the AA since 1977. Has lectured at a large number of universities in the UK, Europe and the USA. Has extensive experience of supervising M.Phil and Ph.D. students and of examining Ph.D. dissertations.

Administrative experience:
Has extensive experience of both college and university administration: Tutor and Director of Studies, King's College 1974-90; Vice provost King's College 1990-96; Director of the King's College Appeal 1992-96; Secretary of the Faculty Board of Architecture and History of Art 1973-75, 97-98; Head of Department 2000-01; Deputy Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities 2001-

Research and Publications:
Senior research assistant and founder member of the Martin Centre 1966-72. Since then has worked on questions of housing and housing reform with a special interest in Germany (N.Bullock and J.Read, The Movement for Housing Reform in Germany and France 1840-1914, CUP, 1985); on post-war housing design and policy; and on the architecture and planning of reconstruction after World War II (N.Bullock, Building the Post-War World: Modern Architecture and Reconstruction after World War II, Routledge, 2002)
ELAD EISENSTEIN BArch Cum Laude, MA in Urban Design

Elad Eisenstein is an architect and an urban designer. He is an Associate design leader at Arup’s Integrated Urbanism Unit in London. After completing his Masters degree in Housing and Urbanism at the AA in 2004, Elad joined Arup where he won several international design competitions and led high profile sustainable urban design projects in the UK and internationally.

Projects Elad has worked on and led include Zuidas development, a new financial district and transport interchange in Amsterdam; Stratford City, a new metropolitan centre for London, Singapore Sports Hub, a new national sports and recreation district in Singapore. Recently he led a masterplan for a new Knowledge City in India, and for a new 900ha Sports City for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Current work includes a masterplan for the Co-operative Group’s 20 acre site in Central Manchester. This project, now under construction, establishes new standards for sustainability in the city centre and incorporates new public realm with a state of the art head office for the Co-operative Group.

Elad has strong interest in holistic design and the dynamic interfaces of urban systems and rich experience in designing and delivering sustainable urban projects in diverse global environments. He has lectured on sustainable urbanism, most recently at the American Institute of Architects (AIA), and the UK India Business Council’s Sustainable Cities Seminar across the UK. Elad was also selected to participate in the annual architectural Masterclass in Sydney, led by Glenn Murcutt, a Pritzker Prize laureate.

DOMINIC PAPA BA (Hons) AA Dipl SBA.

Dominic Papa has over 17 years experience on large-scale urban and architectural projects. Dominic is a co-founding director of S333 Architecture + Urbanism. Founded in 1997 in Amsterdam it is now based in London. The studio’s first completed project, a mixed-use housing project in Groningen won international recognition and positioned S333 at the leading edge of contemporary urban design. Their first built project in the UK has also won awards in 2009.

He is a design review panel member for CABE and the West Midlands. He has judged a number of international awards and competitions and has contributed to TV debates in the UK, Netherlands and New Zealand.

Professional experience
Success in competitions has played a key role in winning contracts and focusing attention on the practice. Won the International Competition for the Revitalization of Samarkand, CIS in 1991, and a national design award in 1993 for urban proposals for the city of Karlsruhe, Germany with Ove Arup & Partners, London. Have also won two Europan housing competitions: Europan 3 in Groningen, The Netherlands, in 1994, and Europan 4 in Manchester, England in 1996. In 1998, S333 won a housing competition in Vijfhuizen, The Netherlands. Current work under construction includes a large inner city housing project on a 6 hectare former industrial site in Groningen; the topographical transformation of an old waste dump into a new park in Zaanstad; and the design of fifty-six houses in Vijfhuizen. Current projects under development are: an urban plan for the centre of Nieuw Vennep; mixed-use housing for a town centre in Eschmarke; and an urban housing development in Auckland, New Zealand.
Publications
In 2001: *Space Invaders*, September; *New Architects* 2, September; *Wired* No.9.02, February; *De Architect*, May.
In 2000: *A+T* 16, November; *l'ARCA* n°153, November; *Quaderns* 227, October; *City Levels; Breathing Cities; VilleGiardini* n° 363, November; *Building* n° 36, September; *Topos* 30, March; *De Architect*, January; *De Architect*, March.
In 1999: *Spazio e Societa*, October; *Trace: ³Trois²*, September;
In 1998: *Blauwkamer*, August; *BluePrint*, July; *Architect¹s Journal*, April;
In 1996: *Arch +. n°133, September; Architectural Design*. Profile n°122, July
In 1995: *Span. n°2*, September; *Tefchos. n°14/15*
In 1994: *Arkitehti. n°5/6; Building Design*, March; *De Architect*, April.

ELENA PASCOLO  B.Arch (Hons.) MSc B.U.D.D (The Bartlett) MPhil.

Elena Pascolo has trained and practiced in South Africa and London as an architect and urbanist in the field of housing, urban planning and policy. She has worked on projects that have ranged from the transformation of 40hectares of de-industrialised land in inner city London to research agendas of a regional strategic scale in Southern Africa.

Her research interests include the potential of a transactive urbanism to assemble more inclusive and productive urban futures that augment the relationships between informality, infrastructure, institutions and industry. Central to this is the latent political potential of drawing and of radical cartography to expose and explore the ambiguities and contradictions of the urban process and urban governance.

She has also taught at the Bartlett, was a Visiting Professor at the School of architecture of the University of Cagliari and has led workshop groups at the Global Studio in Johannesburg. She has also been a guest critic at the Contemporary City Institute, ETH Studio Basel and at the MA Cities, Design and Urban Culture, London Metropolitan Univeristy, London.

Co-founder of Urban Projects Bureau and co-ordinator of the Informal City Research Cluster at the AA.

ANNA SHAPIRO  BArch. MA(dist)

Anna Shapiro is an architect and urbanist. Anna graduated from Tel Aviv University with BArch in Architecture & Urban Planning, and from Architectural Association School with MA (dist) in Housing & Urbanism. She has worked for a range of architectural practices in Israel and UK and currently she is an urban designer with Sheppard Robson Architects. She is mainly involved with masterplanning and residential projects’ design and delivery. Anna is an initiator and an active member of “Collective Formations”, an international design research group focusing on the architectural challenges of Bigness – spatial models emerging globally and shaping the contemporary city. She is also an exhibiting artist and illustrator, involved in various printed productions and design initiatives. She uses her drawings and paintings as an exploratory tool – driving and formulating the communication process, rather than the final moment of any specific body of work.
NAIARA VEGARA  AADip ARB-RIBA part3

Naiara Vegara, ARB Part III Architect, studied at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London. She is currently the Director of Fundacion Metropoli "Design LAAB" London (Laboratory of Advance Architecture and Bioclimatism), working at the scale of Urban Design, Landscape and Architecture. Naiara also serve as a Member of the Board of Trustees of Metropoli Foundation.

In addition, Naiara is currently the Director of the AA Visiting School Semester Programme in London. She is conducting research on contemporary urban challenges: Bilbao "Sky Garden"; Benidorm "Terra Life"; Moscow "Microrayons"; London "In between". She has also been running the AA Visiting School Penang "Streetware" for three years. The research undertaken has resulted in three publications 'Streetware I-II' and III". This AA Research Workshop has been developed in collaboration with Khazanah National Think City and Fundacion Metropoli. Now this experimental program has transformed into the AA Streetware South Asia sponsor by the Government of Malaysia and Fundation Metropoli. The Streetware is focused on designing contemporary projects within the UNESCO Heritage site of George Town. The research workshop formulates ideas that respond to local culture in high-tech/low-tech design narratives.

Naiara has lectured at Notre Dame University in Beirut, PENN Scandinavia at the Danish Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen and at Sheffield University. She is a Visiting Critic for juries at the AA, Bartlett, UAL Chelsea BAISD, RCA, Brighton, Cambridge and Columbia University. She has presented her ongoing project about Virtual Environments and the Design Process in Architecture at workshops at the University of Columbia, University of Princeton and at the University of Pennsylvania.

FRANCESCO ZUDDAS

Francesco studied architecture, engineering and urbanism at the University of Cagliari and at the Architectural Association. He is Senior Lecturer at the Leeds School of Architecture and Associate Lecturer at Central Saint Martins in London. Between 2009-2015 he taught at the Faculty of Architecture in Cagliari. In 2013-14 he was a Visiting Research Scholar at GSAPP, Columbia University. He completed a PhD on the space of the university as a critical testing ground for an idea of the city, which he is currently developing into a book. In parallel to his academic activities he co-directs the practice urbanaarchitettura focusing on domestic projects and urbanism.