

**Erasmus + Blended Intensive Program
2024**

HYBRID URBANSCAPES

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***online seminar
21st June***

***in presence
Volos Workshop
1st - 6th July***

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The city, the landscape, the dwelling

Erasmus + Blended Intensive Program (BIP)
Volos, Greece 1st – 6th July 2024

DESCRIPTION

The recent floods and disasters in Thessaly in September 2023 (Daniel and Helias storms) brought to the fore the issue of the balance between the natural and man-made environment. The dominant model of man-made constructions (buildings, cities and infrastructures) takes the subordination of nature for granted.

The example of the overflowing rivers and the disaster they caused in the three major Thessalian cities (Volos, Larissa, Trikala), to several villages in the Thessaly plane and to Pelion villages raised – in a harsh way – the issue of rethinking this subordination of nature as nature nowadays seems to re-claim vital space more often than in the past.

This BIP course will focus on recent phenomena and aims to a better understanding of the various aspects and scales that we must consider. In this way we will re-read architecture and landscape as an active and evolving system that shapes both city and nature while at the same time adapts to their distinct dynamics.

SPECIFIC THEMATIC

The BIP will be developed along three themes / scales: The city, the landscape, and the dwelling.

Case study 1: City in Water

The case study refers to the Giannouli social housing estate (Melina Merkouri estate) in Larisa which has been heavily affected from 2023 floods.

Case study 2: The Lake which became a Plane which became a Lake

Lake Karla was dried in 1962 to provide agricultural land. In 2010 the effects to the ecosystem led to the decision of recreating part of the original lake. The Daniel Storm and the Pineios floods brought the lake to the size it had before the 1962 drying.

Case study 3: Fishing stones out of houses

The small stone house of the artist Alexandros Psychoulis at Mikro village in south Pelion was destroyed when the adjacent stream washed out the foundations of the building. Today the dwelling is a pile of stones and objects from its previous life.

Hosting institution

UTH – University of Thessaly, Dept. of Architecture, Greece

Participating Universities EU

HSA – Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Germany
Ensa Nantes – Ecole nationale supérieure d'architecture de Nantes, France
UniNa – Università Federico II Naples, Italy

Coordination

Vaso Trova, prof. UTH, Greece
Fabiano Micocci, ass. prof. UTH, Greece

Invited speakers and tutors

Wafae Belarbi, prof. UEMF – Euromed University of Fez, Morocco
Nikos Belavilas, prof. NTUA – National Technical University of Athens, Greece
Monica Bertolino, prof. National University of Córdoba, Argentina
Jean Marie Beslou, prof. Ensa Nantes, France
Like Bijlsma, ass. prof. TU/e – Eindhoven University of Technology, The Netherlands
Daniela Colafranceschi, prof. UniNa, Italy
Ko Kaon, ass. prof. TUS – Tokyo University of Science, Japan
Johannes Kalvelage, prof. HSA, Germany
Aspasia Kouzoupi, ass. prof. UTH, Greece
Katerina Lolou, Dr. Arch. Eng., Greece
Aikaterini Lyra, Dr. Dept. of Civil Engineering UTH, Greece
Lazaros Mavromatides, prof. INSA Strasbourg, France
Manuel Orabona, PhD candidate UniNa, Italy
Alexandros Psychoulis, prof. UTH, Greece

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MONDAY 1/7/2024

(LOCATION: Room A1. Dept. of Planning, ground floor)

9.00 – 9.30	Registration
9.30 – 10.00	Wellcoming S. Karamanos, Vice Rector for International Relationships UTH T. Nathanail, Dean of School of Engineering UTH K. Manolidis, Head of Dept. of Architecture UTH P. Dalli Head, Erasmus office UTH
10.00 – 11.00	Session I
10.00 – 10.30	Workshop introduction V. Trova, prof. UTH – F. Micocci, ass. prof. UTH
10.30 – 11.00	K. Lyra, Dr. UTH
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.30	Session II
11.30 – 12.00	K. Kaon, ass. prof. TUS (on line)
12.00 – 12.30	L. Bijlsma, ass. prof. TU/E (on line)
12.30 – 13.00	W. Belarbi, prof. UEMF
13.00 – 13.30	J. Kalvelage, prof. HSA
13.30 – 17.00	Lunch break
17.30 – 19:30	Session III_Students conference
17.30 – 18.00	Formation of student working groups
18.00 – 18.30	Course 1_Designing emergency: Post disaster relocation of human settlements in the Thessalian Plain
18.30 – 19.00	Course 2_Rethinking Urban Design: The dynamics of floods
19.00 – 19.30	Course 3_Reconstructing the soil: Designing the urban public space
19.30 – 20.00	Course 4_Every day thing: Broken households

TUESDAY 2/7/2024: Case study 1_The City in Water

9.00-14.00	Bus trip from Volos to Larisa / Giannouli Estate Estate visit. Discussions with inhabitants. Visit to the head quarters of regional government. Meetings with officials and planners from the regional government and the municipality of Larisa
14.00-15.00	Return to Volos
15.00-17.00	Luch break
	Afternoon session (LOCATION: Dept. of Architecture, 1st floor, Room E)
17.00 – 17.30	Lecture Monica Bertolino, prof. National University of Córdoba
17.30 – 20.00	Work session I Strategies

WEDNESDAY 3/7/2024: Case study 2_The Lake which became a Plane which became a Lake

09.00 – 10.00	Bus trip from Volos to Karla lake
10.00 – 14.00	Area visit with A. Kouzoupi, ass. prof. UTH. Visit to Karla Museum Discussions with G. Vergos, Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency
14.00 – 15.00	Return to Volos
15.00 – 17.00	Luch break
	Afternoon session (LOCATION: Dept. of Architecture, 1st floor, Room E)
17.00 – 17.30	Lecture D. Colafranceschi, prof. UniNa – M. Orabona, PhD cand. UniNa
17.30 – 20.00	Work session II Strategies

THURSDAY 4/7/2024: Case study 3_Fishing stones out of houses

08.00 – 10.00	Bus trip from Volos to Mikro village
10.00 – 13.00	Meeting the artist, A. Psychoulis, prof. UTH – Work on site
13.00 – 15.00	Swim and Lunch
15.00 – 18.00	Work session III Strategies
18.00 – 20.00	Return to Volos

FRIDAY 5/7/2024

(LOCATION: Dept. of Architecture, 1st floor, Room E)

09.00 – 09.30	Lecture J. M. Beslou, prof. Ensa Nantes
09.30 – 13.00	Work session IV Wrapping up
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch
15:00 – 20:00	Work session V Final presentation preparation
21.00 – 22.30	Final presentations Dept. of Architecture, garden area
22.30	Farewell party Dept. of Architecture, garden area

SATURDAY 6/6/2024

(LOCATION: Dept. of Architecture, 1st floor, Room E)

10.00 – 12.00	Round table – Discussion
12.00	Farewell