

Global Housing

MSc_2 São Paulo: Into the Void



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Code	AR2AD012-A
Credits	15 ECTS
Location	São Paulo
Excursion	[Yes]*
Costs	[€ 1,000.00]*

* Only if the COVID regulations allow

Project type [Practice related]

Approved Master 2 [Yes]
Architecture design
project

This design studio will be developed in collaboration with students and professors of the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism at the University of São Paulo (FAUUSP). It will examine the relation between São Paulo's housing crisis and the agenda of urban social movements that reclaim the right to the city. These movements contributed to make São Paulo a laboratory for the development of participatory housing policies since Brazil's democratization in the mid-1980s.

The studio will focus on the constellation of urban voids that are widespread in central parts of this megalopolis, which are the consequence of São Paulo's expansion by discontinuous allotments, and whose maintenance is based on the city's failure to regulate real estate speculation.

Participants in the course will thus be challenged to investigate design strategies that explore possibilities for the co-existence of diverse income

and socioracial groups, allowing for the development of local economies, as well as social, gender, spatial and environmental practices. To avoid approaches that are merely based on extraction of value from land to the detriment of people's livelihoods, the course will stimulate participants to research patterns of inhabitation, interdependence between home and the city, and negotiations between individual aspirations and collective welfare.

The studio will organize a field trip to São Paulo (in mid-April 2021 or mid-June 2021, depending on Covid travel regulations), where participants will join seminars with local housing experts and a workshop with students and professors of FAUUSP.