

Architecture and Dwelling

MSc 2 Global Housing Studio Dhaka: Dwelling in the Delta



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Code	AR2AD012-B
Credits	15 ECTS
Location	Dhaka (Bangladesh)
Excursion	Yes *
Costs	€1,000.00 (approx.)

* Only if the COVID regulations allow

*Only for MSC2 projects

Project type [Practice related]

Approved Master 2 Yes
Architecture design project

This studio will be developed in cooperation with the Urban Design and Housing Studio of Bengal Institute for Architecture Landscapes and Settlements (BIALS), working in close contact with Marina Tabassum (winner of the 2016 Aga Khan Architectural Award and 2019 Visiting Professor at TU Delft-BK) and Kazi Khaleed Ashraf (General Director of BIALS).

This studio invites the participants to explore design solutions to tackle the social and spatial challenges triggered by rapid urbanisation, focusing in particular on the dwelling environment of the urban poor living in Dhaka city, the capital of Bangladesh and one of the densest cities in the world.

The studio will stimulate the participants to engage in three key challenges:
a) dwelling and housing in cities experiencing rapid urbanization;
b) issues of urbanization and development in hydrological and vulnerable landscapes;
c) a comparative understanding of Dutch and Bangladeshi settlement and landscape practices.

Depending on the development of the Covid-related travelling constraints, the studio will organise a field trip to Dhaka in mid-April, where the participants will join seminars with local housing experts and a workshop with students and faculty of BIALS. If this is not possible, the studio will be adapted to a format based on a collaborative assignment between the TU Delft and BIALS.