

# Graduation Plan

Master of Science Architecture, Urbanism & Building Sciences



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The graduation plan consists of at least the following data/segments:

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Studio		
Name / Theme	Circular adaptable real estate reuse	
Main mentor	Hilde Remøy	Real Estate Management
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Argumentation of choice of the studio	Adaptive reuse (of heritage) fits well within the studio theme of adaptable real estate reuse. The circular aspect is included in the function which the reused asset is aimed to accommodate and the reuse itself. In addition, in this lab, expertise is present relating to values of real estate (such as those of heritage), assessment, circular development as well as real estate management in general which are all themes the research touches upon and aims to contribute to by its results.	

Graduation project	
Title of the graduation project	A circular <sup>2</sup> perspective on adaptive reuse of industrial heritage: facilitating urban manufacturing towards a circular city
Goal	
Location:	Several cases of industrial heritage in port-and industrial urban areas in cities in the Dutch context
The posed problem,	For many years, the concept of adaptive reuse of buildings has been researched. A focus on heritage and specifically the implementation of circular economy frameworks is however relatively new. Adaptive reuse of heritage is often concerned a circular strategy for its material reuse. However, there are many more dimensions to circularity in adaptive reuse, ranging from socio-economic values in urban environments to buildings facilitating and stimulating

	<p>the circular economy by their new functions. One of the functions that can benefit of the added values of industrial heritage is the urban manufacturing industry. In return, urban manufacturing can provide several values to its urban context and contribute to development of the circular city due to ongoing developments in this sector. To date, integration of circular economy and adaptive reuse of heritage frameworks is limited and fragmented. An overarching conceptual framework for adaptive reuse in a multidimensional way is missing, and current research often avoids practical solutions and guidelines that can be used by developers and planners.</p>
<p>research questions and</p>	<p><b>RQ</b> How can adaptive reuse of industrial heritage facilitate the developing urban manufacturing industry to contribute to the circular city?</p> <p><b>SQ1</b> What is the role of urban manufacturing towards the circular city?</p> <p><b>SQ2</b> What functions does the urban manufacturing industry and its urban support network consist of and what are their requirements?</p> <p><b>SQ3</b> What are the added (tangible and intangible) values and synergies of adaptive reuse of Industrial heritage for the Manufacturing industry, users and their surroundings?</p> <p><b>3.a</b> What are the added values of Industrial heritage?</p> <p><b>3.b</b> What are the added values and synergies of combining adaptive reuse of industrial heritage and the manufacturing industry?</p> <p><b>SQ4</b> How, and to what extent can these values strategically be used through adaptive reuse of heritage for the manufacturing industry? (development)</p>

	<p><b>4.a</b> What are determining factors for the suitability of industrial heritage for the urban manufacturing industry?</p> <p><b>4.b</b> What are success factors for adaptive reuse of industrial heritage for development of the urban manufacturing industry?</p>
design assignment in which these result.	Assessment and development framework for accommodating the urban manufacturing industry in reused heritage assets based on the values, requirements and success factors
<p><b>Process</b></p>	
<p><b>Method description</b></p>	
<p>This research will consist of mixed-method research which is both explorative and qualitative and will consist of a theoretical and empirical part. First, a literature review is conducted to define the context and problematisation and establish a relevant theme. The in-depth literature review aims to elaborate on the concepts discussed in the problematisation, providing answers to what the role of urban manufacturing is towards the circular city, what the urban manufacturing industry and its support network consist of and what their demand is, what the added values of heritage are for the urban manufacturing industry, and finally how these values can be used by a preliminary overview of the criteria and success factors for adaptive reuse of industrial heritage for urban manufacturing which provides input for the framework. The next step is to select and analyse a set (3) of case studies covering each of the categories of manufacturers defined in the literature review and selecting corresponding interviewees per case. Analysing project documentation and interviews are part of this phase. Per case at least one manufacturer and one location manager/initiator or involved public party are consulted. The semi-structured interviews are aimed at providing and insight into the values, criteria and success factors for urban manufacturing in industrial heritage from different perspectives to validate, and expand the ones found in literature. Coding will be used to organize the outcomes of these interviews, referring to the values, criteria, and success factors that will be used to assess heritage assets the framework. In addition, an expert review and questionnaire are used to enlarge the representativeness of the empirical research. The outcomes are used to develop and apply (test to a design case) the assessment and development framework that is the intended design output of this thesis.</p>	

## Literature and general practical preference

The literature used in this study refers to several main concepts found in scientific research. These are found in the fields of Real Estate Management, Urban Development Management, Urban Planning and Circular Economy. First of all this relates to the values and strategies for adaptive reuse of (cultural) heritage and the relation with circular economy frameworks. In addition, literature on the urban manufacturing industry, the relation to circular economy, developments in this sector and their demand regarding accommodation (locations) have been consulted. In addition, success factors for implementing urban manufacturing and development principles for adaptive reuse in the context of circular economy have been derived from literature. Interviews with practitioners of manufacturing and related stakeholders including an expert review, and the questionnaire are meant to validate and elaborate on these outcomes from literature. Finally, the literature provides input for the framework development which based on several criteria, evaluation methods and existing assessment frameworks.

## Reflection

1. What is the relation between your graduation (project) topic, the studio topic (if applicable), your master track (A,U,BT,LA,MBE), and your master programme (MSc AUBS)?

Adaptive reuse of heritage and urban manufacturing, referring to a new use (adaptive reuse) both fit well within the studio theme of circular adaptable real estate reuse. In addition both adaptive reuse and urban manufacturing are part of several circular economy strategies. The master track MBE is operating between different scales and with stakeholders from all master tracks and different fields in practice. This research operates within this perspective by combining MBE-related fields like Real Estate Management and Urban Development Management in its selection of methods and literature. In addition, this integrated perspective relates to the master programme, where spatial planning (urban development), social, economic and environmental values and sciences are combined in the different professions within the built environment.

2. What is the relevance of your graduation work in the larger social, professional and scientific framework.

### Societal relevance

As society, the economy and the environment are continuously developing, the built environment is under pressure to adapt to new requirements, users and new (building) standards. An increasing number of buildings and sites is recognised as cultural heritage. Many of these have lost their original functions (Arbab & Alborzi, 2022) and the number increasing in some areas (Provincie Zuid-Holland, 2020). As the costs for functional maintenance are increasing, these buildings are at risks of unwarranted use (Arbab & Alborzi, 2022), decay and vacancies which can negatively impact the surrounding urban environments, as a large share of buildings in need is located in urban areas (Foster, 2020; Girard & Gravagnuolo, 2017). Reuse of these buildings would be an opportunity, as heritage is known to provide several added social and economic values to their urban surroundings. These are for example related to the cultural and architectural aspects of these buildings (Arfa et al., 2022), but also to the ability to revitalise urban districts (Foster & Saleh, 2021b), providing urban identity and liveability (Pintossi et al., 2021) which is reflected in for example increased value of real estate (Dell'anna, 2022). Therefore, turning

cultural heritage into a resource instead of a societal cost would be a relevant strategy to further research (Saleh et al., 2020).

The societal, economic and especially environmental developments require the transition to sustainable urban development and use of resources. The concept of circular economy is aimed to contribute to this by decoupling economic activity from finite resources, focusing on eliminating waste and pollution, circulate products and materials at their highest value and regenerating nature (Ellen MacArthur Foundation, 2013). Currently, industrial heritage sites have been increasingly transformed into residential and commercial urban areas while production moved outside of urban areas (Grodach & Gibson, 2019; van den Berghe & Vos, 2019). This has resulted in decoupling of spaces of production and consumption, resulting in a more linear urban system (Hausleitner et al., 2022). In addition, such developments are often coupled with gentrification, displacement, standardisation, loss of heritage authenticity and irreversible alterations to industrial infrastructure (Arbab & Alborzi, 2022; Hill, 2020; Jansen et al., 2021; Kohn, 2010; Mathews & Picton, 2014; Wang & Wang, 2018). This is problematic from the perspective of heritage values, availability of space for the urban circular economy and sustainable urban development from a social, environmental and economic perspective.

Therefore, a shift towards more balanced urban development by implementation of circular economy practices such as manufacturing is societally relevant. This does not only benefit the environment by reducing use of finite resources and shortening resources loops, but can also positively impact their surrounding in social and economic terms (della Spina, 2020; Gravagnuolo, Angrisano, et al., 2019; Gravagnuolo et al., 2021). This shift is increasingly visible in the outcomes of policies and the subject of discussion in society, asking to reserve and maintain space within the city for production (Jager, 2022; Ministerie van Economische Zaken en Klimaat, 2022; MKB Nederland Den Haag, 2022; Provincie Zuid-Holland, 2021) The outcomes of the research can be used in decision-making for adaptive reuse, for development of urban manufacturing and in circular urban development strategies. The combination of adaptive reuse of heritage and local circular economy development offers potential due to the mutual added values both concepts can provide (Gravagnuolo, Angrisano, et al., 2019; Tsui et al., 2021). Researching this combination can provide insight into the synergies that exist which can benefit society from multiple dimensions.

### **Scientific relevance**

Currently, research on adaptive reuse of heritage is well established and the connection between adaptive reuse of heritage and circularity is increasingly being researched. A growing body of literature indicates the industrial transition that include processes and resource requirements that make integration of manufacturing in urban areas possible and even preferred in the light of circular economy development (Busch et al., 2021; Girard, 2013; Hausleitner et al., 2022; Hill, 2020). (Tsui et al., 2021) indicate that there is potential for research into the conditions to facilitate circular urban manufacturers. This research aims to look into the accommodation potential of industrial heritage and support networks and can therefore contribute to further research on these conditions. Finally, developing models for design, assessment and development is required because of the complexity of heritage and the multidimensional values of these buildings (Abastante et al., 2020).

Current frameworks are based on indicators and assessment for design and development solutions (Abastante et al., 2020; della Spina, 2019, 2021), decision making and adaptive reuse processes (Bullen & Love, 2011; della Spina, 2020; Kaya et al., 2021), the investment potential (Foster & Saleh, 2021b) and impact and performance of adaptive reuse (Girard & Gravagnuolo, 2017; Gravagnuolo, de Angelis, et al., 2019; Ikiz Kaya et al., 2021). However, an overarching framework to assess the multidimensional benefits of adaptive reuse is still missing (Bosone et al., 2021). In addition, the links between adaptive reuse of heritage and local circular economy development, focusing on mutual benefits of the circular function of the reused buildings, in particular urban manufacturing, has not been widely studied. There is both an academic and

practice gap for the translation of large scale strategies to a local scale and locally understandable guidelines including specific actions or activities for practitioners (Foster, 2020; Foster & Saleh, 2021a; Kaya et al., 2021). This means the development of an overarching assessment and development framework could contribute to combining different fields of academic research on adaptive reuse of heritage and circular development, including manufacturing. It could also help in the translation to the scale of practice, which this research to contribute to with the proposed frameworks.

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