

Graduation Plan

Master of Science Architecture, Urbanism & Building Sciences



Graduation Plan: All tracks

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

Personal information	
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Studio	
Name / Theme	Explorelab / individual themes
Teachers / tutors	Robert Nottrot Patrick Healy Jan van de Voort Extern: Daan Vittner
Argumentation of choice of the studio	I wanted to elaborate on a topic of personal interest which was not supported by another studio.

Graduation project	
Title of the graduation project	Research on the condition of Utopia today
Goal	
Location:	Rotterdam
The posed problem, research questions and design assignment in which these result.	The condition of the utopian spirit today How can we make valuable utopias in the age of utopian suspicion? A utopian proposal in Rotterdam.
This thesis elaborates on the condition of utopia today, in the light of the recent suspicion on the matter. Should we still aim to make utopias today? And if so, how can we make the utopian project valuable and legitimate again, for the age in which we are living?	
Process	
Method description	
Through a literary research and a written essay, accompanied by the constant elaboration of this research in a set of drawings, I will resonate on the theme of utopia.	
Literature and general practical preference	
My thesis is mainly framed by the literature of Lewis Mumford, Russell Jacoby, Anthony Grafton, Marx and Engels, Hakim Bey and Zygmunt Bauman. The project is communicated via a written thesis accompanied by hand drawings, paintings and	

models.

Reflection

Relevance

The urge to transcend and push life 'as it is' in order to move towards life 'as it should be', is a defining feature of humanity. Utopia is a form of articulation of this urge and has proven in the past to trigger progress, as it articulates cultural, political, social etc. reconsiderations. Today many observe utopia and their sympathizers as foolhardy dreamers at best and murderous totalitarians at worst. If the utopian spirit has proved to be a tool to trigger progress and improvements, then the recent growing suspicion towards utopia and the growing anti-utopian library is worrisome. This thesis elaborates on the suspicion of the utopian thought and establishes the condition of utopia, in order to be able to create valuable and legitimate utopias today and perhaps in the near future as well.

Time planning

This graduation is a full-time project.
I do not have to re-take any exams.

Start – P1: Presentation on the 30th of November.
Establishing the goal and the scope of the research and collecting literature.

P1 – P2: Presentation on the 15th of January.
Reading, writing and drawing in order to elaborate on the suspicion of the utopian thought today and establish the condition of utopia. Final draft of the written thesis.
Proposing the design brief.

P2 – P3: Presentation beginning of April.
Finishing the thesis. Making an analysis of the situation (the broader context).
Presenting the preliminary design.

P3 – P4: Presentation middle of May.
Presenting the final design.

P4 – P5: Processing the comments of the P4 and preparing for final presentation.

P5: End of June.
Final Presentation.