

Graduation Plan

Master of Science Architecture, Urbanism & Building Sciences



Graduation Plan: All tracks

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

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Studio	
Name / Theme	Complex cities
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Argumentation of choice of the studio	Urbanism is by definition complex. The study of urban fabric requires a certain level of complexity. This studio provides a more holistic view on the current urban issues. Additionally the teachers are open not to urban design only but also to regional or national strategies.

Graduation project	
Title of the graduation project	Drifting space, citizenship through space
Goal	
Location:	Athens, Paris, Stockholm/ implementation Athens
The posed problem,	The European approach towards immigrants has neglected the spatial aspect of this phenomenon. However immigrants regardless of their background or their final destination occupy space in the urban fabric. Having as case studies three main capitals in Europe, the essentiality for action is clear. The communities of immigrants face the continuous pressure of segregation while the urban fabric changes due to their agglomeration. The latter fail to support immigrants' needs while at the same time conflict between them and locals arise. Resulting, most of the times, in identity deterioration for both people and space, in the context of ongoing urbanization process.

research questions and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How by international comparison can identify the different characteristics of how immigrants occupy the space? ▪ How the presence of immigrants creates friction between them and the locals? ▪ How spatial strategies can satisfy the needs of both immigrants and locals and create a common ground of cross-cultural communication, speeding up the integration process? ▪ How spatial strategies can help immigrants to are a force of development, for both state and locals? ▪ How spatial strategies can be make the urban fabric more flexible so it can be prepared for the constantly fluctuating number of immigrants?
Design assignment in which these result.	<p>By this research I hope to form a transferable strategy that can help in distributing and facilitating the different immigrants, while at the same time dealing with issues of segregation and social exclusion. I hope to form guidelines that can speed up the integration processes and help the stakeholders to be prepares for the influx of people so the system can have the capacity to accept them. Strategies that can nurture the international cooperation in this matter. Through local strategies and design proposals I will create a toolbox, on how in a local level the living and working condition of immigrants can be improved while creating the sense of belonging in both local and immigrants. Finally. I will implement my strategy in the case of Athens.</p>

Process

Method description

The method is international comparison, after understanding the basics for migration in EU, a research happened in the reasons behind migration. Then after the theoretical background the target group emerged. Then a research in socio-spatial aspect contacted. Then in relation with migration the cities that are going to be compared were defined. After extensive research in theories the key criteria have been decided for the research of the cities in order to make the comparison. The next step was spatial analysis, and comparison of the cities to extract the patterns and the differences, continuing with field work and observations in the small scale and daily life. This resulting in the friction and integration factors, thus the base for the strategy and international cooperation. Finally the local strategy will be formed and the implementation is going to be researched in the case of Athens.

Literature and general practical preference

Dual city is one of the most important theories for urbanists, and the main theory of this paper. However, it neglects parameters established by the theories of migration. As it has been mentioned before, it lacks also the spatial dimension. This chapter is a research on spatial theories that can enrich and supplement this theory. The migration theories that have been analysed are: the Neoclassical, the world system, the dual labour and the new economics theory. Also in migration theories, the cumulative causation, the institutional theories, the migration network concept and the system of migration. Those are theories in order to understand migration. Also theories from EU. The spatial theories are inspiration for the final product and views on urban design. Those are, the Actor-Network theory the inclusive and participatory design, the rhizomatic and swarm urbanism, and finally Carmona's dimensions of urban design. Finally the socio-spatial theories, dual city but also ethnopolis and enclave, to link space and society.

Reflection

Relevance

Immigration as an issue is by definition social. Most of the times there is a drift, a conflict between locals and immigrants. Taking into consideration that space can, sometimes and up to a certain extent, alleviate the tension between those sides, the research on this issue has social value. The most common results of segregation are racism and xenophobia. Those are main issues that can damage the cohesion and the prosperity of any society. They continuously trapped in a circle of poverty, with limited chance for escape it. There is an urge for creating infrastructures and forming spatial strategies to facilitate the immigrants so they can be empowered at a certain extent. Through participatory design, all of the interest groups can start to interact in a different way, there is a dire need of awareness especially for immigrants and

locals. This project can reflect also in the identity crisis that the citizens experience.

By conveying a research on immigration patterns and linked it to the spatial dimension, reveals an aspect of this phenomenon that has not been studied a lot. It can help not only the sciences of the built environment but also all the other science that are interwoven with the issue of migration. It adds another parameter that can influence the existing way of the interdisciplinary researching. Through the international comparison, sensitive tools and manners to read the existing multicultural landscape of the contemporary cities can be emerged. With understanding the flow and the reasons of immigration strategies can adapt to the specific needs and context. The international comparison can clarify the factors that make immigrants' societies so diverse. This research can also help in creating a general strategy for the whole Europe, based on the different locations and needs. It can help in the creation of adaptable mechanisms which can help improve the approach of EU towards migration.

Time planning

