



THE RUGGED CITY

JOINT DESIGN STUDIO

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Weijen Wang of Hong Kong University and Michele Sbacchi of Palermo University will run a joint studio in Hong Kong in October 2015. The studio will be open to 10 Palermo students and 10 Hong Kong students although a limited number of other students from other schools of architecture will be admitted.

Students will work full time for 4 days in mixed groups. An introductory lecture and final crit will be given by Prof. Desmond Hui. For Palermo students the period in Hong Kong is part of a ten days study tour. Fluency in English is required.

The weird encounter between geography and architecture quite often brings about the contemporary "rugged city". Extreme topographic conditions, the weighty impact of infrastructure, heavy traffic load generate urban areas with harsh conditions that deeply influence architecture. We are not hinting at pollution, rather to the architectural character of it. This condition is of course as stronger as the size of the city increases. Bigness is therefore a "producer" of harshness.

Megacities such the East Asian ones are astonishing displays of such situations. Hong Kong, given to his dramatic topography and because of his dimensions, is a main example of rugged city.

Focusing on To Kwa Wan district in Hong Kong, the studio will address such topic, through the mean of architectural design.

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STAFF

WEIJEN WANG MSc(Nat Taiwan); March (UC Berkeley) is the Head of Department and Professor in the Department of Architecture at the University of Hong Kong. He is a graduate of UC-Berkeley and Taiwan University. His design projects have won several AIA Design Awards.

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DESMOND HUI obtained BArch from Cornell; MPhil and PhD from Cambridge with Joseph Rykwert and holds Visiting, Honorary and Adjunct Professorship in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

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SCHEDULE

3-7 OCTOBER Study Tour
Hong Kong
Macau
Guangzhou

8-11 OCTOBER Design Studio
University of Hong Kong

PARTICIPANTS

STUDENTS AND YOUNG GRADUATES
IN ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING,
CIVIL ENGINEERING

APPLICATION FEE

€ 1.200
including air plain tickets
4 stars hotels
all travel expenses

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application deadline

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