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INTRODUCTION

International experience will become more and more important in future for students of architecture. Projects abroad offer students the chance to improve their competence in foreign languages, as well as allowing them to gather important experience in their own professional field. The didactic challenge lies in combining social competencies with concrete professional and methodological competencies. The aim is help the students acquire the skill of being able to operate in foreign cultures, so that they also improve their skills and are able to use them at home.

As humans and professionals, it is our responsibility to take a position on the issues of globalisation, climate change, changing values, economic shifts and social change. This means that we are seeking for possible solutions in sustainable architecture and urban development, instead of just observing, being astonished, criticising and judging. We learn how to develop projects and processes with an orientation to problems, culture, analysis and design.

The fundamental innovation of IN:CH studio lies in the fact that the teaching and learning processes all take place in an intercultural environment. Tasks are formulated with Indian and Swiss teaching staff and specialists, as well as people on site, while the students come from both cultural backgrounds. Working together in this way helps us discover the strengths and weaknesses of our own culture. It is this immersion in India's and Swiss' culture and everyday life that helps us to question and reflect on aspects of sustainability as we know it.

The IN:CH studio 2013 is divided into two different parts. The first part will be carried out in three Indian cities and will include four workshops. Every workshop will start with a cultural introduction, so that students can visit places and sites having also time for processing experiences and for resting. In the second part of the studio, the students will take part to a 3 weeks summer school at the Bern University of Applied Sciences in Switzerland. Following the summer school, the students will have the option to do an internship in a Swiss architectural firm for a length of 6 months.



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SEMESTER ORGANISATION

Theme Campus - Program

AHMEDABAD | Architecture and Design

04.03-21.03.2013

Analysis on typologies in 7 different campuses | NID, IIMA, CEPT and others. Learning of the design elements related to education and living. Visualisation in a synopsis.

Experts:

India: Yatin Pandya | Footprint E.A.R.T.H., Ahmedabad

BUAS: Bettina Steuri, Gionatan Vignola

MUMBAI | Architecture and Management

22.03-12.04.2013

Learning of the different processes related to architecture and nutrition. Learning to start up a strategy planning process and methodology in architecture. Experts:

India: Anirudh Paul | Kamla Raheja School of Architecture, Mumbai

Ainsley Lewis | Kamla Raheja School of Architecture, Mumbai

Indian Experts

BUAS: To be confirmed

FOCUS WEEK

15.04-21.04.2013

Individual activities

BANGALORE | Combination

22.04-03.06.2013

Combination of all the learned elements - education, living and nutrition - in a project. The project will be done in co-operation real partners*.

Experts:

India: Priya Joseph Godhi | IN:CH architects and planners, Bangalore

Chitra Vishwanath | Biome Environmental Solutions, Bangalore

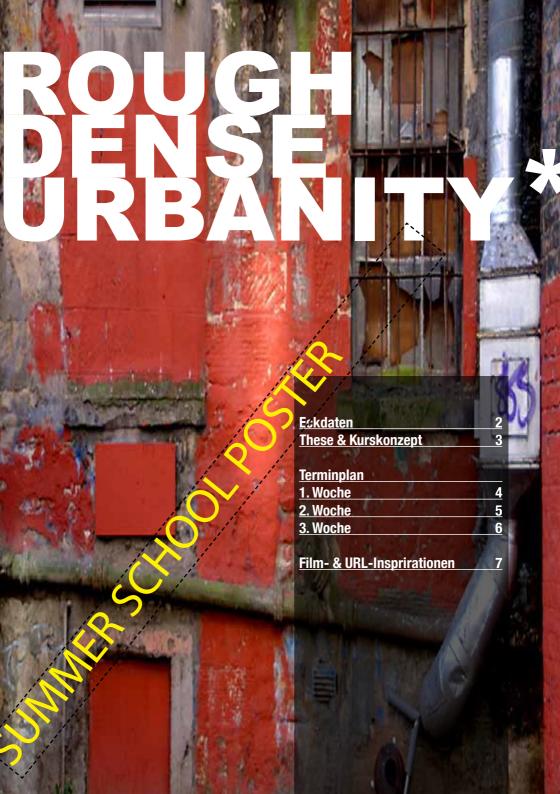
BUAS: Juerg Grunder

Saina Nicolet

* Partner: SkillSonics VET and two other campus partners

note:

1. There are 20 students from BUAS. There will be 7 from KRIVIA. We are in the process of talking with other schools for students from these schools as a part of the 2013 group. 2. We allow IN Students to go as one group to Mumbai for an exam and presentation of their thesis work for two days during the IN:CH Studio in Bangalore.



SEMESTER ORGANISATION Summer School & Internship

Rough Dense Urbanity*
3 weeks intensive workshop at the BUAS
19.08-06.09.2013

During the international summer school RDU the students will analyze some urban and suburban spaces that are left out of consideration in a normal architectural discussion. Working in small teams (3-5 people), the students will work on concepts and strategies to re-activate these "non-places". Thanks to specific crash courses (Cinema 4d p.e.) and the support of specialists, the students will be able to communicate their ideas using videos, visuals, plans and models

Experts:

BUAS: Philip Hauzinger, Christoph Reinhardt, Gionatan Vignola

Internship - Working in a architectural firm in Switzerland min. 3 months length (6 months normally) 09.09.2013 - open end

At the begining of the IN:CH studio, in february 2013, the students will be guided about the procedure to apply for an internship in an architectural firm in Switzerland. BUAS will help the students to find an internship by providing the list of organisations that the school works with, but the students have to apply to offices themselves. BUAS will help with formalities needed for an internship (Visa, invitation letter) but the students will be responsible for applying and procuring all the documents needed for this internship.

SEMESTER STRUCTURE

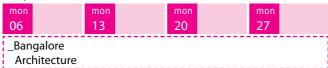
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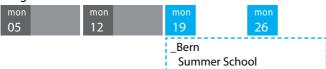
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COSTS for NON KRVIA STUDENTS

With the payment of the fee of Rs 80,000 approximately (1,100 euros / 1,470 \$ approximately) the following is covered:

- _Accomodation in the Indian cities
- _Special excursions in each city (food, accomodation and travel)
- _Documentation or start up kit (information booklets and task information)
- _Working-space facilities
- _The studio preparation, the lecturers, the experts, the coaches, the jury members in Ahmedabad and Bangalore.

The following is not included:

- _Round trip flight to India
- _Visa
- Food
- Focus week
- _Travel and Health Insurances
- _Train tickets from Ahm-Mum and Mum-Bang

A prepayment of Rs 50,000 has to be made by 28 th of Dec 2012. Payment is essential for confirmation.

The account details are given below.

DBS Bank, Ulsoor branch

IN:CH architects and planners pvt ltd

Account no: 827210060224

Swift: DBSSINBB

The cost mentioned above excludes the Summer School in Switzerland (aug/sep 2013) for Non KRVIA students.

COSTS for KRVIA STUDENTS

The partnership between KRVIA and BUAS facilitates that IN students don't have to pay fees at BUAS for the summer school (lectures, experts and workspaces in school) and CH Students don't have to pay fees at KRVIA. In addition to this BUAS pays for the following for both IN and CH students and the students don't have to pay for the below listed items.

_ the studio preparation, the lecturers, the experts, the coaches, the jury members in Ahmedabad and Bangalore.

There would be 7 students from KRVIA and they have 2 payment options.

OPTION 1

In this option the students of KRVIA could find an accommodation for them and all other participants (approx 30 nos.) of the IN:CH studio to live together in Ahmedabad and Bangalore within 5 kms radius of CEPT University in Ahmedabad and UTC Jayamahal in Bangalore. The information about the accommodation should be given to Anirudh Paul by 26th Dec 2012.

The total cost to be paid in this option would be Rs 15000

- _special excursions in each city (food,accommodation and travel)
- _documentation or start up kit (information booklets and task information)

OPTION 2

In this option the students of KRVIA could take the accommodation provided by IN:CH. It would be near CEPT University, Ahmedabad and UTC, Jayamahal road, Bangalore. The total cost to be paid in this option would be Rs 65000 This option includes

- accommodation
- _special excursions in each city (food, accomodation and travel)
- documentation or start up kit (information booklets and task information)

Both options DO NOT include

- _Accomodation in home city of the student
- _Flight India-Switzerland (approximately1000 \$), Visa, Travel/Health insurance _Food
- _Focus week
- _Accommodation in Switzerland (during summer school/Internship-600\$/month)
- Medical care, Excursion during summerschool (entrance approx200\$)
- _Organising for tickets from Ahm-Mum and Mum-Bangalore

A prepayment of Rs 15000 has to be made for option 1 and Rs 50,000 for option 2 by 28 th of Dec 2012. Payment is essential for confirmation.

KRVIA will clarify where IN students have to send the IN:CH studio payment. Account from Bern University or IN:CH architects account.

A deposit of 500.- CHF per student has to be given at the arrival in Switzerland and will be held until the end of the summer school. The caution is needed as insurance for the accomodation. It will be given back after having controlled that the appartment is clean and does not have any damage.



GENERAL INFORMATION

Certification

India Students who successfully participate in the IN:CH project get a certificate of the partner universities - the Kamla Raheja Vidyanidhi Institute of Architecture and Environmental Studies and the Bern University of Applied Sciences including an assessment of their work.

Students from the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) who successfully participate in the IN:CH project get 24 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) and a certificate of the Bern University of Applied Sciences including an assessment of their work.

Visa

Every student has to organize for the visa application themselves. Depending on the length of the stay and on the purpose has to be applied a different kind of visa.

India Students: The Bern University School of Sciences will send an invitation to every student. The invitation letter is important if a student wants to do an internship for a duration of more than 3 months in Switzerland.

More information can be find here:

http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise.html

Non India Students: The organization will send an admission/invitation letter and the required documentation to every student in order to get the Indian student visa.

More information can be find here: http://indianvisaonline.gov.in

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