

DESIGN STUDIO, SS 2015

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PJ 8 SWS, 15 ECTS

Teaching day
Thursday, A 202

First meeting
April 16, 2015 - 10 am, A 202

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April 7, 2015 - 4 pm, A 202

Application
A4 motivation letter & short
CV by April 10, 2015 (9 am) to
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