

## **Istanbul -Participatory Neighbourhood (Re)development in Istanbul**

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**Students will study urban regeneration models applied to inner-city neighbourhoods of Istanbul. Two introductory teaching blocks will be held in Berlin to provide a theoretical overview to the subject. This will be followed by a 7-day field study excursion to Istanbul (end of November/begin of December: tbc) in which master students of TU Berlin and students from Istanbul Technical University ITU will conduct on-site field studies in one of the distressed neighbourhoods. The study includes analysing and understanding the dynamics of urban regeneration/renewal, examining possibilities and patterns of participation, and proposing solutions and new ideas towards more inclusive processes.**

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## Participatory Neighbourhood (Re)development in Istanbul

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The course will focus on the study of bottom-up, community-based urban regeneration in inner-city neighbourhoods in Istanbul. Two introductory teaching blocks will be held to provide a theoretical overview to the subject. This will be followed by a 7-day field study excursion to Istanbul (end of November/begin of December, TBC) in which the master students of TU Berlin together with a group of master students of TU will conduct on-site field studies in one of the distressed neighbourhoods. The study includes analysing and understanding the dynamics of urban regeneration/renewal, examining some participatory methods, and proposing solutions and new ideas towards more inclusive processes. This course is supported by Participatory Urban Regeneration Programme in

closed cooperation with Centre for Technology and Society (ZTG) and Habitat Unit (IfA). Travel cost to Istanbul will be provided to a limited number of TU Berlin Master students who are required to send an additional motivation letter and CV to Dr. M. Reza Shirazi.

Application Deadline: October 20, 2013  
Information Meeting: October 16, 12 pm, A052

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Excursion, Workshop, 3 ECTS  
MA Arch: WP, W  
MA UD: COC  
MA SRP: 8, SP IV, WP, W



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## Course Information

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Excursion time

**November 7 – November 16, 2013**

**Information meeting**

**October 16, 12 pm, A 052**

**Application**

**Motivation letter and CV**

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