

Refugee City Coproducting Green Communities

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We will be dealing with key questions such as: How can architects assist local residents to address specific everyday challenges through a more sustainable approach to the use and reuse of natural resources? How can we reduce waste, cope with water (and energy) scarcity, develop small-scale green economies or achieve improvements of local climates? The aim is to develop and implement prototypes and transfer this experience to a series of how-to-manuals.

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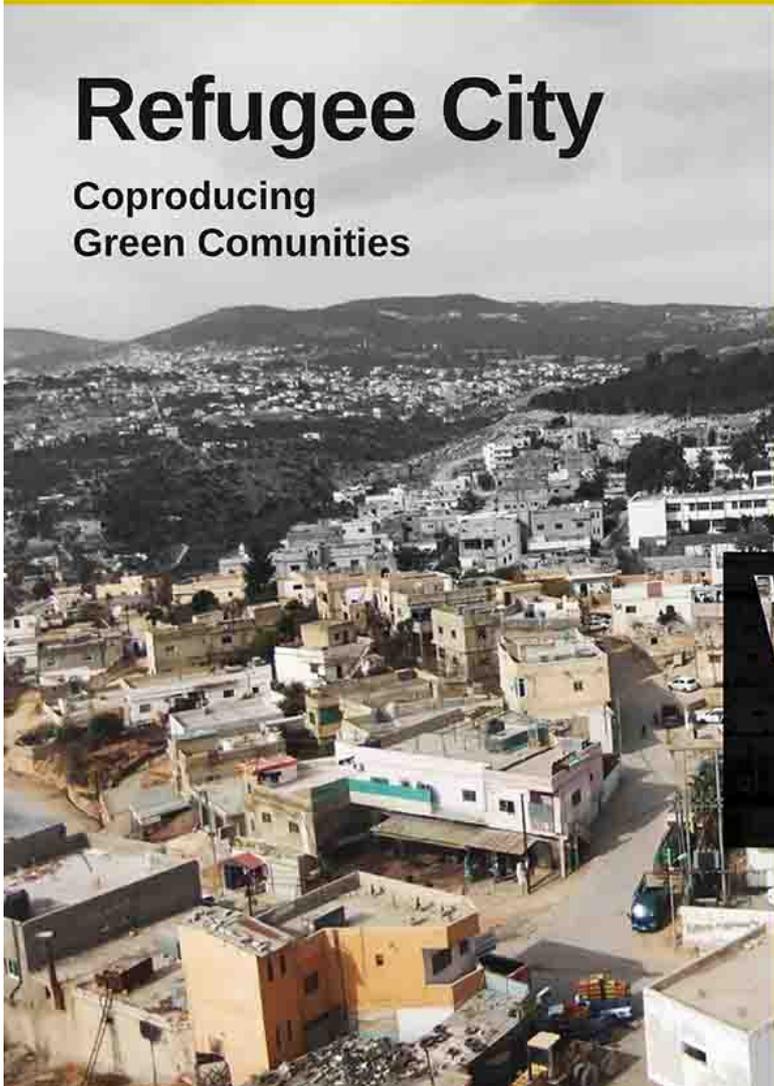
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12 ECTS + 3 ECTS (PIV)

MA UD: PJ Urban Design Studio

Arch: EP Städtebau I

MA SRP: Projekt

Application

200-word motivation letter and a short CV by October 8th to n.pawlicki@tu-berlin.de

Teaching day

Thursday, 2pm - 6pm &
Friday, 10am - 6pm, EB 308

First meeting

October 15th, 10 am, EB 308

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2 weeks in November

Prof. Dr. Philipp Misselwitz

Dipl. Ing- Nina Pawlicki

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Final Review

February 12, 2016

9 am–1 pm,EB 308

Guest Critics: Prof. Rainer Ernst (Architect), Christof Meyer (Architect, raumlabor), Ayham Dalal (PhD Candidate, Habitat Unit), Rafael Strasser (Über den Tellerrand e.V.), Valentina Karga (Architect & Artist)

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