

## Tehran: Community Mapping and neighbourhood re-generation approaches

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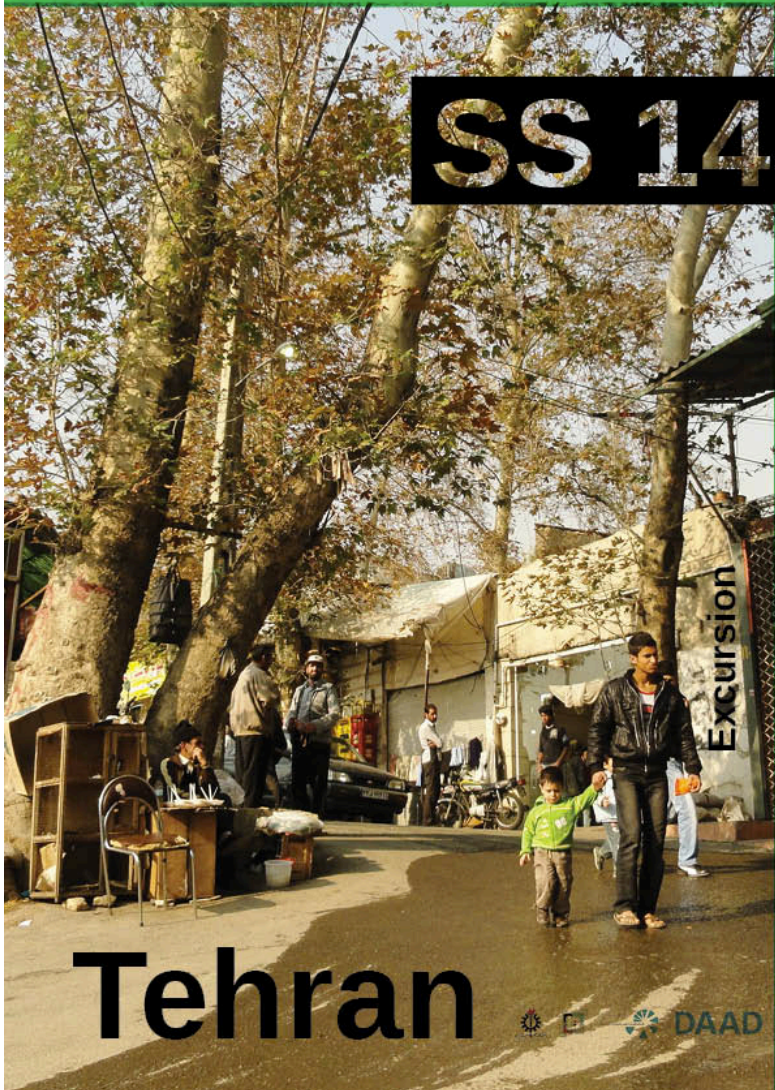
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Excursion, 3 ECTS

## Application

Travel cost to Tehran will be provided to a limited number of TU Berlin Master students who are required to send a motivation letter and CV to Dr. Somaiyeh Falahat/ Dr. M. Reza Shirazi under: [pur.tehranworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:pur.tehranworkshop@gmail.com)

## Application deadline

February 23, 2014

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## Course Information

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MA Arch: Arch M WP(3) HAB.06;  
MA UD: COC, OC; MA SRP: 8 SP IV, WP, W

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