

RealCityLab – Building Communities through Cooperative Housing in Cairo

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2016

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Seminar
MA UD, MA Arch, MA SRP: WP
6 ECTS

Teaching Days
Mondays 12- 2pm, A 606

First meeting
October, 17th at 12pm, A 606

Excursion to Cairo
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Application
Send a short CV and motivation
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Habitat Unit

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Course Information

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