

In Touch
Berlin Brandenburg 2040

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Travelling to sites and surveying locations, we will investigate current and future infrastructures as well as infrastructures that have become obsolete and remain as ruins in the metropolitan landscape. Trailing urban transformations occurring along the intersections of various infrastructures, we will endeavor to investigate their pasts, qualify the present and analyze the potential of the intersections in order to speculate on their roles in the future.

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Our present, shaped by the global pandemic or climate change induced droughts and heat waves, brings the grave challenges to an already highly complex urban system to the fore. In order to make a future living in Berlin-Brandenburg inclusive, equitable and ecologically sustainable - values we hold dear - will require a number of vital systemic changes and infrastructural turns.

Students will work in interdisciplinary groups exploring a variety of infrastructure along specific routes. We will use speculative scenario building and for- and back-casting techniques to explore what changes

and interventions in the near future should be initiated to bring about necessary change. Students will then develop tenders and design briefings as a basis for a comprehensive planning proposal.

Course Information

Urban Design Studio
MA UD: PJ 1-3 EP

Teaching Day
Thursday 10 am - 6 pm

First meeting
to be announced

Application
to be announced