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Spaces of Solidarity

Transformative Practices and Makeshift Infrastructures for [a Post-Pandemic] Berlin

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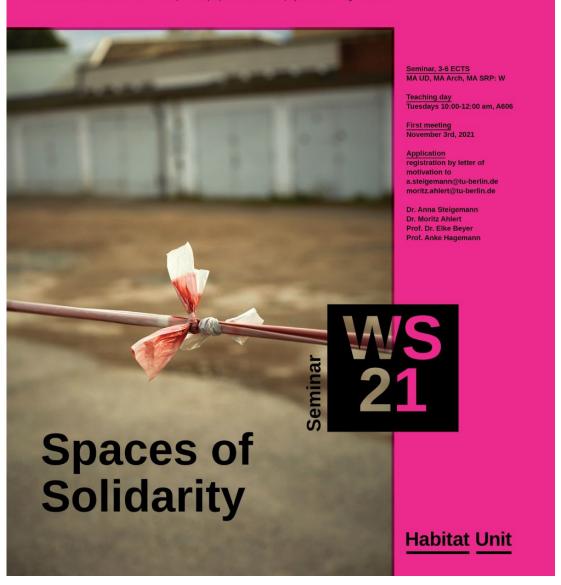
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Course Information

Seminar, 3-6 ECTS MA UD, MA Arch, MA SRP: W

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