

Over the course of the academic year, we will be working in two port cities, Genoa and Antwerp. In the Autumn semester we will work on a site near the city centre of Genoa. We consider this a form of propositional planning rather than a mere academic exercise, and our aim is to generate realistic design proposals. Our work will focus on contemporary affordable housing and the evolving image the city.

As in previous semesters, we will survey existing buildings carefully. We hope that accurately recording existing examples will inspire solutions rooted in place and local building culture.

We will explore medium-height, high-density strategies as a solution to current housing needs. Working in pairs, students will develop an urban strategy plan, which will then be developed more precisely and in greater detail. To assist us, we will rely on a panel of experts – architects, planners, and people with experience of building and critically assessing architecture.

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Meeting
Studio introduction
Thursday 22nd September
10 am

Studio trip
Genoa. 29th and 30th September

