Global Urban Studies Summer Schools, the University of Copenhagen

OPEN TO APPLICATIONS FROM MA-STUDENTS
FROM ALL DISCIPLINES
Deadline: 1st of April 2018

New Urban Life Across the Globe: Activism and Change in a World of Cities (7.5 ECTS), 23rd of July to 3rd of August 2018

During this summer school, the students will be immersed in critical urban theory and practical approaches to urban ethnography, drawing from a broad range of excellent research at three faculties of the University of Copenhagen.

The aim of the course is to cultivate knowledge of the relation between 'the urban' and social and political change today. Students will develop a general skill in applying urban theory from the humanities and the social sciences on cases from urban societies across the world. Special emphasis will be placed on combining theory from the global north and south.

Methodologically, the students will be trained to conduct urban ethnography and to gather qualitative data on selected processes of social and political change that could include activist communities, issues of contested authority, planning controversies and everyday city-making. Finally, they will be trained to work analytically with this kind of data, and to discuss urban theory in relation to the ethnography.

The summer school is supported by IARU (International Alliance of Research Universities) and organized in collaboration between the Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, the Department of Sociology and the Centre of African Studies, University of Copenhagen.
More information, requirements and applications forms:
http://urban.tors.ku.dk/summerschools/new-urban-life-across-the-globe/

Urban Culture in Theory and Action (7.5 ECTS), 6th of August to 17th of August 2018
During this summer school in the heart of Copenhagen, students from across the world get an opportunity to move from analyzing problems in urban societies to creating possible solutions and identifying real potentials. Students can thus try their hand at implementing ideas for change in the practice and production of culture in relation to the built environment.

Organized together with Strøm music festival, the summer school combines academic theory with hands-on practice, using a specific area of Copenhagen as a laboratory for developing creative and innovative solutions to actual problems or for identifying potentials hidden in urban space. This case-based learning approach is underpinned by a do-it-yourself philosophy and a cross-cultural perspective on urban development.

By means of lectures, workshops, seminars, tutorials and field trips, students in groups will engage with a range of actors, including cultural practitioners, grassroots activists, social entrepreneurs, municipal authorities and private businesses as well as with urban theorists. Bringing academic knowledge of urban life together with empirical and practical know-how, the students develop their own ideas into project proposals. These proposals, in turn, can inspire entrepreneurship and innovation in the students’ home cities.

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For questions, please contact the administration: urban@hum.ku.dk

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