

Waterfronts Re-imagined

Student workshop, February 2015

Organizers:

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Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)
Trondheim, Norway

Students of the Spatial Management Program
Gdansk University of Technology
Gdansk, Poland



The students of Urban Ecological Planning at NTNU and Spatial Management at Gdansk University of Technology collaborated for a two-week exchange workshop from February 17 to 28, 2015. The workshop was themed 'Waterfronts Re-imagined' and attempted to discuss the ideas on the ways of planning and redevelopment of waterfronts and post-industrial sites, particularly old shipyards and ports. In the first week, the UEP students visited Poland and together with the students of Spatial Management made a tour around the shipyard and waterfront areas in Gdansk and Gdynia – most of which are underutilized, but have a huge potential for good quality urban redevelopment. The aim was to discuss the dilemmas that the traditional shipyards in Gdansk and Gdynia were facing in times of economic transformation of the country. This was followed by a series of workshops to address the issues involved with revitalization of the waterfront areas while considering the heritage and current dynamics of these cities.

In the second week, students from Gdansk visited Trondheim to attend the second part of workshop. The students visited the old shipyard area and got to know the historical importance of the 'wooden town' of Trondheim. There were a series of open lectures and presentations on waterfront redevelopment. The second part of the Trondheim workshop focused on identifying crosscutting issues related to all the visited waterfronts both countries. It was not a typical design studio, but instead, the students discussed and presented a range of different issues that are often left out in the debate on planning. The three main categories of discussion were: 1) Planning process and stakeholders, 2) Inclusiveness and affordability, and 3) Heritage, history and branding.

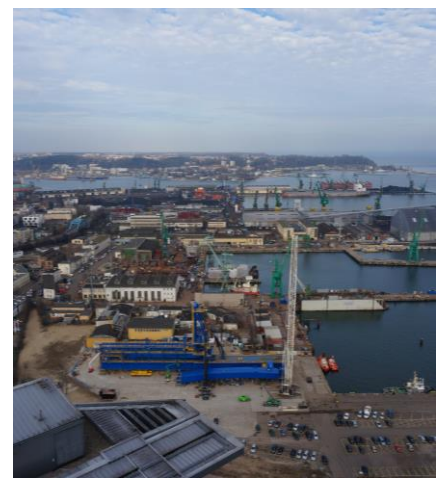
The ideas were put forward in the form of an open presentation at the end of the workshop, where the students shared their ideas, experiences and proposed possible solutions. They agreed that waterfronts in today's globalized world are developing in the same manner, driven by city branding, private sector investment and real-estate market demand. However, the lack of public sector involvement may contribute to the process of gentrification and unaffordability and be destructive to the reach heritage and good image of a coastal city. The workshop was a success and the students went back home with food for thought and lots of memories.




Location of the workshop cities



Student workshop in Gdansk



Shipyard and waterfront area in Gdynia, Poland



We would like to invite you to a series of open lectures and presentations on the planning and redevelopment of waterfronts. The activities are part of a bilateral student workshop in partnership with the Gdansk University of Technology.

WATERFRONTS RE-IMAGINED

Wednesday 25 of February

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| 9:15 | The Nyhavna Redevelopment Project
by Markus Schwai (NTNU) |
| Room S3
(Sentralbygg 1) | |
| 10:15 | Neoliberalism in the Nedre Elvehavn planning process
by Tore Sager (NTNU) |
| Room S3
(Sentralbygg 1) | |
| 16:15 | Waterfront Public Spaces: linking urban design to identity, inclusion, participation and multiculturalism
by Sissel Arctander (Asplan Viak) |
| Mellomromet
(Sentralbygg 1) | |

Friday 27 of February

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| 14:15 | Student workshop outcomes
by UEP students (NTNU) and Physical Planning students (Gdansk University of Technology) |
| Mellomromet
(Sentralbygg 1) | |

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