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Urban Culture in Theory and Action

international summer school



Presented by Urban Culture Lab
Faculty of Humanities

Welcome to Copenhagen - and to a unique learning experience

Urban Culture in Theory and Action is an international summer school at the University of Copenhagen, running every August month.

Over two weeks, students from across the world and from a wide range of disciplines focus on cultural entrepreneurship and social innovation in the city through a tight-knit programme of urban theory and hands-on practice.

The summer school consists of talks, lectures, seminars and tutorials as well as off-campus workshops and field trips all over Copenhagen. Throughout the course, students engage with social activists, cultural practitioners and urbanists from Denmark and around the world, including prominent scholars of international standing.



Bringing academic knowledge of urban life together with empirical know-how generated by practitioners, we use Copenhagen as a laboratory for studying creativity and innovative use of urban space, while opening up to cross-cultural, regional and global perspectives through presentations of research from Asia, Africa, South America and the Middle East.



Taking university to the streets

The summer school is tied together with the simultaneous Strøm electronic music festival and embedded within Copenhagen's alternative spaces, particularly the co-creative community PB43.

Together with Strøm and PB43, we have designed a unique programme that allows students to explore and discuss critical issues such as the right to the city, gentrification and urban inequality, instrumental (ab)use of art in urban development, spaces for creativity in times of austerity, and the relationship between politics and urban culture.

During workshops, students can try their hands at open source urbanism, city hacking, social design and free-build experimentation, while the Strøm music festival's many activities provide a field for urban ethnography.



In keeping with the summer school's do-it-yourself philosophy, students are paired in groups to develop their own ideas for social, creative or regenerative use of urban space.

Working in teams and assisted by teachers and coaches, the students develop concrete or hypothetical project proposals. The final pitch, plan or prototype can be used to inspire new entrepreneurship and innovation in the students' home cities.



Enrollment and more information

MA students from all universities and all disciplines can apply. The summer school is equivalent of 7,5 ECTS.

Deadline for submitting the application form is generally beginning of April, but please refer to our website for up-to-date information.

To learn more about this and other summer schools on offer at the MA Elective in Global Urban Studies, University of Copenhagen, please visit : <http://urban.tors.ku.dk>
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