

ASIAN COALITION OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM

2013 ACAU WORKSHOP AT UNIVERSITY OF SEOUL

# POST-APATEU



Since the first workshop in 2005, ACAU (Asian Coalition of Architecture and Urbanism) workshop has helped enhance the understanding of the architectural and urban issues of Asian cities and helped build up academic ties amongst leading institutions of major Asian cities. We plan to reconvene this winter in Seoul for a 5-day lecture and design workshop sessions to contribute more contents to the experience and discuss how we can understand the problems specific to the Asian cities and its role in the future.

The theme of the 2013 workshop is "Post-Apateu" (*Apateu: Korean expression for apartment blocks*) seeking new housing type alternatives that may replace the high rise apartment complexes in Seoul. Real-estate bubble has burst and the construction industry is slowing down since past two years in Korea. Population growth is decreasing and the over-produced housing types are rapidly turning obsolete for not meeting the changes in family size. The once hailed apartment blocks not only have become a less preferable object of investment, but also became less desirable in its sheer physical interaction with the urban environment. The vacancy rate is sharply increasing from the suburbs into the city center. The new developments can slow down, but what are we going to do with already built masses of collective housing? This is the premise of the workshop. In this 5 day workshop we plan to choose a site in one of the old apartment complexes located in downtown Seoul and work on a creative renovation strategy.

The University of Seoul will support accommodation for students and faculty members. 8 students and 1 or 2 faculty members are invited per university. 16 UOS students from architecture, urban design, and landscape will participate. The university will also provide bus transportation or fieldtrip and visit to the site. The department of Architecture will provide studio space and facilities. Welcome dinner and farewell dinners are also planned. However, plane tickets and other miscellaneous expenses are not covered.

5 days are officially scheduled from Monday Jan 20 to Friday Jan 24 of 2014, but you may choose to extend weekends to the accommodation. (additional days for accommodation can be reserved through the university at discounted rate) Faculty members are asked to participate as studio tutor, give lecture, or both. Small honorarium may be offered in such cases. Undergraduates are most welcomed since it will be mostly 3-4th year undergraduates attending from other schools as well.

## Schedule: Monday January 20, 2014 to Friday January 24, 2014

Sunday	January 19:	Check-in, Welcome Dinner
Monday	January 20:	<b>Morning:</b> Reception and Lecture, <b>Afternoon:</b> Seoul Field Trip
Tuesday	January 21:	<b>Morning:</b> Lecture, Studio orientation, <b>Afternoon:</b> Site Visit
Wednesday	January 22:	<b>All-day:</b> Collaborative Workshop at Studio
Thursday	January 23	<b>All-day:</b> Collaborative Workshop at Studio
Friday	January 24:	Final Presentation, Farewell Dinner
Saturday	January 25:	Check-out

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