First Call for Applications

2016 Tongji CAUP International Design Summer School

Vitality and Inclusiveness: Regeneration of urban communities with a New Spatial Paradigm

August 8 -17, 2016

Shanghai, China

The pursuit of better living has never ended since human had settled on Earth. Once Edward Howard raised his Garden-City model as an urban-rural integrated ideal in 1898, every country in the world is exploring its best paradigm of living serving faithfully for the people. The differences in geographic locations, economic development levels, social institutions and culture values have led to diverse types of housing settlements. However, for a variety of reasons, none of them can be immune of social conflicts or academic critiques. Thus the efforts of improving our living environment has been carried out continuously with the hope for a better home.

How do we revitalize a place responding to different needs of people from different backgrounds? How do we create neighborhood space accommodating diverse values for everyday life? This is a challenging theme demanding great social responsibilities. More importantly, how would our design, both creative and realistic, foster such spatial change? These would be the subject of discussion in this year’s international design summer school.

The site is located in Shanghai, a capital of great social diversity and spatial variety. After years of development, the city has housed a population of more than 24 million. The rigorous production of housing on one hand has fulfilled the urban dream of millions who are migrating into the city, while on the hand also turned off many others the opportunity of being settled. The summer school will study a densely built up neighborhood in the core area of the city. Participants will work together to seek creative approaches to regenerate the heterogeneous neighborhoods in an overly crowded deteriorating environment, and to embrace its rich historical and cultural heritage. This will be an intense workshop about streets and blocks, as well as community boundaries, social network and the genius loci. The CAUP International Design Summer School has become a regular event since 2005. As one of the leading education institutions in the field of planning and design in China, we hope to encourage young minds engaging more actively in creative design thinking and international exchange through this workshop.

**I Participants**

This summer school is open to graduate students in the field of urban planning, urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and the other related disciplines in the world. The total number of participants will be about 25 to 30, in which about 15 of them from overseas.

**II Application & Admission**

Graduate students who are interesting in participating shall submit their applications before **JUNE 20, 2016** including following documents:

* CURRENT RESUME
* PORTFOLIO (include at least two piece of your work)
* TRANSCRIPTS (from universities which you are receiving credits)
* LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (submitted directly from recommender’s email address)

Please send your application package by email to the contact person listed below.

Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Students are encouraged to submit their application early.

THE DATE OF RELEASING FORMAL INVITATION: **JULY 1, 2016**

**III Tentative Schedule**

Registration: August 7 (Full Day)

Design Workshop: August 8-17

(English will be the working language.)

**IV. ACCOMODATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSE**

The summer school will provide local accommodation (double shared hotel room) for invited students and advisers during the workshop, while the travel expense for the round trip to Shanghai should be borne by participants.

All Students are obligated to buy their own travel insurance before departing to Shanghai.

**V. AWARDS**

All participants will be provide a certificate of participation after finishing the summer school. The top three design proposals will be rewarded.

**VI Contacts**

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