

Territorial cohesion & heritage

This module is about the division - conflict even - between architectural design and heritage, about identification of the monument and the necessary territorial cohesion. At the same time, building in an existing environment requires a specific dialogue, taking into account context and history.

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Revitalisation of existing situations - sometimes in conflict with non-architectural problems - and restoration occupies a dominant role in the present and future society. How can and should we deal with the past? History combined with present and future, history restored to its original boundaries, current and future necessities must be taken into account in a "building-on" society.

The constructed part and its inscription in an urban context, between boundaries and limits, districts, area, local and regional functions, urban infrastructures, ages and periods… The transfer of property limits (for example, harbours, railroads but also large industrial properties and even recent highroads and other modern infrastructures). All of them can be places of limits, fences, hindrances and obstacles. These elements also have a hold on future functions, global urban definition which will decide further global spatial organisation. Thinking a new urban composition has to do with changing limits, boundaries and making them more pervious than in their initial situation.

KEYWORDS:

- building with the existing
- integration of new functions
- official and non official patrimony
- urban renewal/re-actualization
- adaptive re-use/ re design
- revitalize
- Restoration
- "building on"
- Regeneration
- palimpsest
- post war housing

KEY QUESTION:

Limits and boundaries, functions and history must be taken account for possible projects in urban areas. Architectural design on specific issues in complicated sites, spaces of several dimensions and profiles that go beyond individual building, a simple space to urbanize.