

LONDON GOING EAST URBAN DESIGN STUDIO

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Summary

The Urban Design Studio will focus on the Royal Docks in East London, one of the fastest changing areas in Europe's most cosmopolitan city currently undergoing a period of sustained growth. Taking the global centre-stage as the location of the 2012 Olympics (bringing with it over \$15 billion of public investment), East London has concentrated the capital's most deprived neighbourhoods and stimulated the imagination of planners, architects and policymakers. It has been the subject of waves of migration, policy initiatives and investment for the last four decades, since the closure of the docks in the 1970s.

The neo-liberal 1980s led to the creation, decline and rebirth of market-driven Canary Wharf. The New Labour government and Mayor Ken Livingstone spearheaded an integrated, publically funded regeneration effort from 2000 onwards that led to the implementation of the Olympic Games and the ambitious legacy plans for the area surrounding Stratford. Now, the focus is on the last largest remaining stretch of brownfield land in the London Borough of Newham known as the Royal Docks, encompassing London City Airport and the major redevelopment sites of Silvertown Quays and Royal Albert Dock. These sites have been identified as one of central government's special 'Enterprise Zones'.

The Urban Design Studio will provide an opportunity for students to analyse the spatial, social, economic and planning context of the wider area and develop proposals for its future as a strategic site in London for new housing, entertainment, retail and jobs. Working in groups, students will be asked to develop new spatial and institutional models that respond to London's demographic and economic change. After the market-driven 1980s and the highly interventionist decade of Olympic investment, what is the most sustainable planning and urban design model for London and the Royal Docks?

The studio will take place at Tisch Hall Room LC-7 from 18-21 March 2013. Lectures and group discussions will take place from 9.00am-12.00pm on 18th, 19th and 20th March with a final review session from 9.00am-12.00pm on Thursday 21st March. Students will be expected to work outside seminar hours to complete the reading, get access to relevant policy documents, maps and diagrams, and develop proposals for the Royal Docks site for the final review session on 21st March.

Monday 18 March, Tisch Hall Room LC-7

9.00am -9.30am	London Going East: Introduction
9.30am-10.30am	Lecture 1: The urban metabolism of London
10.30am	Break
11.00am-12.00pm	Class discussion
	Group formation for Urban Design studio
	Agree tasks and program

Tuesday 19 March, Tisch Hall Room LC-7

9.00am -9.45am	Lecture 2: The London Olympics and its Legacy
9.45am -10.30am	Class discussion
10.30am	Break
11.00am-11.30am	Lecture 3: The Royal Docks – London’s urban challenge
11.30am-12.00pm	Class discussion and group tasks

Wednesday 20 March, Tisch Hall Room LC-7

9.00am -9.45am	Group 1: discussion
9.45am -10.30am	Group 2: discussion
10.30am-11.15am	Group 3: discussion
11.15am-12.00pm	Group 4: discussion

Thursday 21 March, Tisch Hall Room LC-7

9.00am -9.45am	Group 1: presentation and comment from jury
9.45am -10.30am	Group 2: presentation and comment from jury
10.30am-11.15am	Group 3: presentation and comment from jury
11.15am-12.00pm	Group 4: presentation and comment from jury
12.00pm-1.00pm	Final comments and lunch