

NEGLECTED SPACE

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Aalto University / Spatial studies MA 1, Module A / Neglected Space

The task is to recognize an ordinary, forgotten space and transform it into an extraordinary spatial sensation. By applying your own design project, you can upgrade the existing place and create an interesting dialogue between urban environment and a miniature, intimate space.

The aim is to reveal architectural qualities - or even poetry - in an everyday environment. The main task now is not so much in function but in the atmospheric qualities of the space. The chosen environment can be a “non-space”, un-used plot or a left over space for example in conjunction to the Aalto Campus or you home environment. The scale is not determined, but the human body is in the focus.

task 1 (first week, 14.9 – 21.9):

Three spaces / three concepts

In this phase your task is to find and define three existing neglected spaces - interior or outdoor spaces somewhere in Helsinki or Espoo. It's important that you believe there is some hidden potentiality in each of them. Every place should be different in character offering optimum conditions according the following conceptual approaches / design strategies for your Urban Observatory:

1. Infill (Interstice)
2. Free standing structure
3. Parasite

Execution in the task 1:

- this task will be a group work. The teams should be consisting of about 2 students each.
- find and define your spaces by analysing, photographing, sketching, modelling etc. and prepare a Powerpoint, PDF etc. presentation to clarify the situation.
- list and present preliminary thoughts about manipulating and nourishing the space and its ambience, in order to create emotionally and functionally an inspiring new condition. The preliminary ideas of the programme should be included.
- the outcome will be shown in 15 minutes (max.) presentations after one week (**21.9. at 12.15->**)

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