Public Building
MSc2 Design Studio: The Baths and Bazaars of Budapest (BBB)

Course description
The Spring semester of the Public Building MSc2 studio Budapest will focus on the exploration of Budapest's Bazaars' and Baths' public realm as quintessential social territory.

Focusing on the urban phenomena of Budapest as the city of cultural cross roads between eastern and western culture, students will center their attention on the topics of everyday life: the formal and informal; the issue of constructing identity and various architectural models and strategies.

The main project aim is the urban transformation and densification of an under-used site of Budapest through the design of a hybrid building inspired by the typology of the urban baths and bazaars in the city.

The research and design brief consists of a design proposal for a contemporary ‘people’s palace’: a hybrid, multifunctional Public Building that combines themes as:
- City & Territory
- Water & (Urban) Green
- Bathing & Food Culture
- Interior & Exterior Public Realms

The design will focus on the implementation of several experimental ways of exploring, researching and designing; including materials and colours; and the use of street photography as a tool to detect the formal and informal.

Related courses
MSc2 Seminar: Architectural Composition & the Phenomenology of Perception (AR2AP041)

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Location Budapest
Excursion Yes
Costs +/- €400