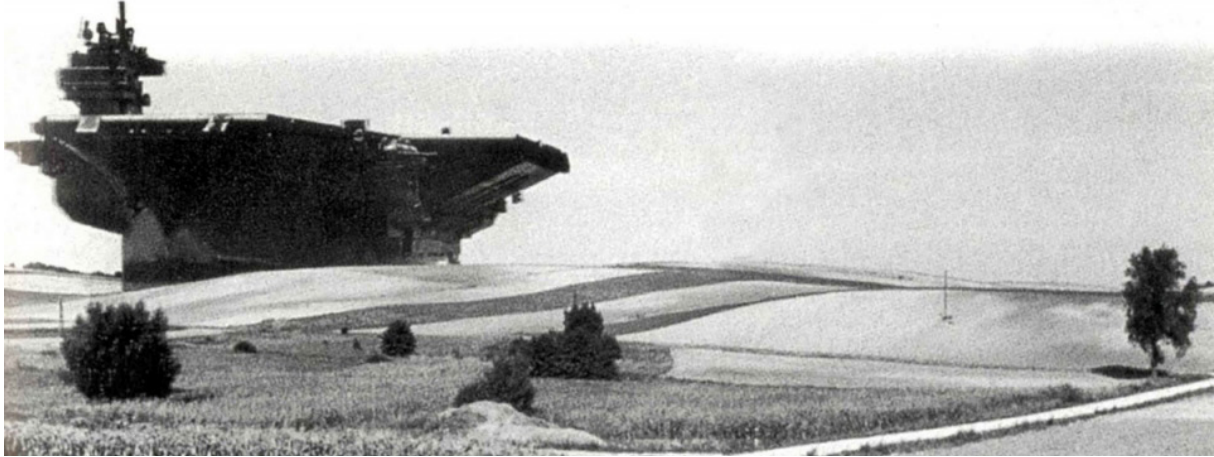


# BORDERS & TERRITORIES

MSc\_1 Design Studio – Micro States



## Tutors

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Code	AR1BO010
Credits	10 ECTS
Location	Andorra, Liechtenstein, San Marino
Excursion	Yes
Costs	Tbd

The studio deals with the city as a field of contradictory desires: the intersection of landscape, infrastructure and architecture. Rather than resolving, the studio aims to provide an opportunity to give form to contradictions. The studio invests in the city's specificity informing the design project through acts of surveying, mapping and model-making of the city's ground as integral to the design process.

The studio privileges the section as a tool for both analysis and design. The section reveals complexity; it shows the struggle with gravity above and below datum, but above all it establishes the particular relationship between the human body and architectural form: proportioning, juxtaposing, and stacking inside and outside spaces. The section tends to the human scale on one side, and on the other side of the spectrum to the dimension of the territory at large.

The studio proposes 'Micro States' as laboratories for the investigation

of contemporary territorial, spatial, and architectural practices. The small size, rather than simply being a geopolitical anomaly, conditions the project as emerging from a unique proximity between: centripetal and centrifugal processes, protrusive and intrusive forces, intra- and extra-state agents, center and periphery, ...

Students will design, for one of the micro states under consideration, this time – Andorra, Liechtenstein, or San Marino – a project based on a predetermined brief and required amount of m2.

Image: 'Aircraft Carrier City', by Hans Hollein (1964)