



Kunsthögskolan i Stockholm, institute 3 'Planning'

Reconsidering Urbanity (Urbanity 2004)

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The course presents a new theory on urbanity (city-ness) for architects, urban designers and planners developed within a research project on 'The Informational City and the Street as urban form'. Included in the presentation are a number of examples of new city districts in Denmark and abroad seen in the perspective of the theory. The new perspective on urbanity includes 'the city of people', 'the city of works' and 'the city as a spatial network'. It also deals with e.g. the question of what makes city experiences exiting. It will look at urban design ideals, development processes and the urban results.

The course is a continuation with concrete examples of the problematic of course 3.308 on "New urban theory - developed by 'non-architects and seen an architectural perspective", but participation in the former course is not mandatory to benefit from 3.311.

NB! The course is in the same week and of the same length as announced earlier in the 'Undervisningsplan' or course list, but is now 2 full days Wednesday and Friday instead of 4 half days - to avoid conflict with the methods course Environmental Research.

Minimum number of students: 10

Advertised: 02.02

Deadline for signing: 17.02

Wednesday 3. March in auditorium 3

9.15-10.30 Lecture **New urban design ideals** - density and powerful implementation. The urban question: City and urbanity is not the same. The concept of urbanity in a cross-disciplinary perspective - a summary. Architects' theories on 'city-ness'. New urban design ideals from the 1970's onwards - examples from Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland; Amsterdam and Almere, Holland; Poundbury, UK and new urbanism projects in the US. Planning for urbanity vs. market forces and single buildings. Can we find urbanity in new projects anywhere?

10.45-12.00 Lecture **The new urban districts in the Copenhagen area** - multiple and varied initiatives. On Ballerup, Høje Tåstrup, Tre Kroner by Roskilde and Ørestad - an introduction to the planning and urban design of the new urban districts.

12.00-16.00 **Excursion** by bus to Ballerup, Høje Tåstrup and Tre Kroner, Roskilde with walks in the areas and some observation studies. (Bring your own food and drink from home for lunch or buy it in the bus - we will be back in time for Jan Gehl's lecture 'Life between buildings' at 16.00)

Friday 5. March in auditorium 5

9.15 - 9.40 **Discussion** of experiences from the excursion Wednesday

9.40-11.00 Lecture **New urban districts in Stockholm and Copenhagen analysed for urbanity in a systematic way** - people, spatial structure, services, works of interest

11.00-14.00 **Excursion** to Ørestad - walks and observation studies (the Fields Shopping Mall will be almost finished - it opens March 9)

15.00-15.45 **Discussion** about observations in Ørestad

15.45-16.30 Lecture and discussion **Urbanity 2004 - focus on fundamentals**. The thinning of the city - what to do with it? The question of threshold quantities of urbanity. The city of difference and the exciting city. Is there a future for public space and public life outside of the central city district?

More info at http://homepage.mac.com/bogronlund/Urbanity_3_311.pdf