The workshop “Encounters and conflicts in the city” was created by a group of doctoral candidates at the Department of Architecture (School of Engineering, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) with the aim to open up a space for public discussions, lectures and presentations on the city in the age of global crisis. Our common ground is the dialectical critical approach to the concept of space and the transgression of disciplinary boundaries.

Topics

THE CITY
The city is a locus of transformations and political struggles understood as a dialectics of public/private and common space.

THE CRISIS
In what ways does the city project and is moulded by the current environment of the crisis?

SUBJECTS
What kinds of subjects emerge out of the city in crisis? We discuss immigration, mobility, processes of subjectivity formation, politics of identity, as well as the concepts of class, nation, ethnicity and gender.

ENCOUNTERS/CONFLICTS
In the changing space of the city in the age of global crisis, what kinds of relationships and ways of communication are being forged by the emerging social subjects? How do cultural and political actions give rise to social movements, collectivities, networks, riots, and how do we define the “right to the city” today?
What are the new meanings of nature, what is the function of contemporary urban policies, of gentrification and of developmental projects, and what is the role of new enclosures?

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8 April Monday 18:00
THESSALONIKI IN THE TIMES OF CRISIS
coordinated by Haris Tsavdaroglou (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Evi Athanasiou (Assistant Professor, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Public space transformations in Thessaloniki, in the times of crisis

Interventions
On the engendered, class, national, cultural dimensions of the city

15 April Monday 18:00
GENDERED APPROACHES OF SPACE
coordinated by Sasa Lada (Professor, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Fotini Mamali (Architect)
Transcending normativity/Queer space in a Victorian cemetery
Eleni Kiratsou (Doctor of the Department of Social Anthropology &History, University of the Aegean)
Meanings of a meaningless space. Spatialization of social relations in the non domestic toilets of Thessaloniki
Katerina Chatzikonstantinou (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
[Em]body-ing tuberculosis
The sanatoria: the body, social hygiene and eugenic architecture

13 May Monday 18:00
SPACE, IMMIGRATION, MOBILITY
coordinated by Vaso Makrygianni (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Chrysa Giannopoulou (PhD candidate, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki)
Postmodern heterotopias. The Case of the reception centres for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers.
Dimitris Balampanidis (PhD Candidate on Urban Social Geography, Harokopio University, Athens)
Geographies of immigrants’ settlement in urban space. Access to housing and interethnic coexistence in the neighborhoods of Athens.
Panos Arion Hatziprokopiou (Assistant Professor, school of Urban-Regional Planning and Development Engineering AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Migrants, everyday life and the right to the city

20 May Monday 18:00
SPACE AND POLITICAL POWER
coordinated by Orestis Pagalos (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Eirini Iliopoulou (PhD candidate, Habitat Unit Technical University, Berlin)
«Cypriot problem No.2»: Visible and invisible Walls in space and mind in times of crisis
Kostas Athanasiou (Doctor of school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)
The exploration of the heterarchical structures and the transition to the hierarchical ones: the case of minoan towns
Lia Yoka (Assistant Professor of Art History and Theory, school of Architecture, AUTh, Thessaloniki)
Contemporary mnemonic practices and the new split in political space
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| 27 May     | 18:00 | CULTURAL APPROACHES TO SPACE                    | Lia Yoka (Assistant Professor of Art History and Theory at the School of Architecture, AUTh, Thessaloniki) | Orestis Pagalos (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
Encounters and conflicts: Youth culture, counter-culture, subcultures from the 1950s onwards  
Nikos Souzas (PhD candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)  
The role of cultural practices in social movements  
Christina Grammatikopoulou (Doctor of Universitat de Barcelona)  
Pixel, body and space: new definitions of the personal and the collective in the digital era |
| 30 May     | 18:00 | SPACE, POWER, POLITICS AND THE STATE             | Kostas Athanasiou (Doctor of school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki) | Georgia Alexandri (PhD candidate, Harokopio University, Athens)  
Zooming in a contested space in the centre of Athens; living amongst hype and fear  
Antigoni Geronta (PhD candidate, UPC Barcelona)  
Design practices of spacial contention. Time, presence and the experience of public space  
Paraskevi Kourtí (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
Yannis Stavrakakis (Professor, School of Political Sciences AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
Expectations of Space*: A discussion about formal policies, informal practices and aspirations generated by space. |
| 3 June     | 18:00 | THE PRODUCTION OF SPACE IN GREECE IN THE ERA OF CRISIS | Dimitris Kotsakis (Assistant Professor, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki) | Maria Efthimiou (Architect)  
Gold investments: private interests and public space in Northeast Chalkidiki  
Vaso Makrygianni (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
Haris Tsavdaroglou (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
The permanence of the so-called primitive accumulation and arbitrary buildings in Greece in the era of Crisis  
Costis Hadjimichalis (Professor Emeritus, Harokopio University, Athens)  
Notes on land dispossession during the crisis in Greece |
| 10 June    | 18:00 | THE SOCIAL SPACE OF THE CITY                     | Vaso Makrygianni (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki) | Antonis Vradis (PhD candidate, LSE London)  
Rewriting the spatial contract: everyday contention and transformations in Athens during the crisis  
Haris Tsavdaroglou (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
Dialectics of urban commons and enclosures in Greece in times of crisis  
Stavros Stavrides (Assistant Professor, School of Architecture of National Technical University of Athens)  
Space of common and new forms of political subjectification: learning from the squares |
| 17 June    | 18:00 | THE SPACE OF COMMONS, THE SPACE OF CRISIS        | Haris Tsavdaroglou (PhD candidate, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki) | Massimo de Angelis (Professor, School of Law and Social Sciences, University of East London)  
Commons, enclosures and crisis  
Dimitris Kotsakis (Assistant Professor, school of Architecture AUTh, Thessaloniki)  
The concept of common: social space and mode of communication |