

AA/SAKIA Daejeon Summer Workshop

The Rebirth of the River

In August 2009 the Architectural Association, London will join forces with both SAKIA and Daejeon University School of Architecture as part of the global AA visiting programme to launch the second successive AA collaborative summer school in Korea.

How topography and human inhabitation coexists is a key to understating Korea's complex history and culture. The role of the river and water networks that permeate the Korean peninsula has in recent years been neglected disconnecting the nation from the influence of architectural and urban practise.

In the light of South Korean government's recent decision to reconstruct 4 main rivers throughout the peninsula, including the river Han (Seoul), this workshop will focus on new experimental strategies for engaging the river network and urban environment, by looking at new urban conditions for engaging with water fronts.

In the workshop students will explore how architectural thinking can be stimulated by design activities. Students will investigate alternative architectures and critical ways of working across new design platforms, collaborative media and materials systems in order to visualize proposals and ideas that in turn are intended to energize larger political, professional and public discussions about the future of the river.

Course Organization

The course will be jointly taught by AA and SAKIA tutors, with participants working in groups in a studio environment. The workshop will be split into 6 units each headed by AA and SAKIA tutor with a specific brief responding to the workshops theme. After a day of introductory workshops the units will work separately in developing design responses via an array of media ranging from physical installations to digital media. Alongside the studio-based design workshop a public forum of events including lectures and film screening will be in place addressing related architectural issues complemented by a number of guest speakers.

Eligibility

The intensive 8-day studio based design workshop is open to current architectural students, recent graduates, young designers, as well as young professionals and others from related fields interested in exploring the conditions

of contemporary architecture and urbanism. Space is limited, and applicants are encouraged to apply early, with a copy of their CV and AA application form.

Venue

The venue for the workshop will be Daejeon University School of Architecture, Daejeon (1hrs KTX, south of Seoul, Korea).

Schedule & Application

The workshop dates are 11-18 August, 2009.

The workshop is a studio-based design workshop requiring full-time participation each day of the workshop, leading to a final presentation on the 18th August. The deadline for application is 1st August 2008. Applications after this date will be considered only if space is available.

Application forms and additional information are available online at www.aaschool.net/visitingschool/seoul. All participants are responsible for securing any travel visa for entry into South Korea and are advised to contact their home embassy early. After payment of fees the AA School can provide a letter confirming participation in the workshop.

Applicants are advised to contact the AA as soon as possible in order to apply and confirm a place, as space is limited. Places can only be reserved upon receipt of fees and a completed Application Form, sent to Sandra Sanna, Administrative Coordinator of the Visiting School. Please contact Sandra for any additional information.

Participants will have access to a studio facility, and are advised to bring their own laptops, digital cameras, model making materials or any other design tools they wish to use to create a nation.

Accommodation & Costs

The workshop is FREE for all international students. Accommodation and meals during the workshop are provided at an additional cost of 100 GBP per student.

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AA Visiting School

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If your school or organisation is interested in hosting a future AA Visiting School programme, please contact Brett Steele, AA School Director, for further information.

More information about the AA School can be found online at aa.school.net.