

Invites to the
**International Architectural – Urban – Landscape
Workshop**
**“Connecting City Spaces.
Kwiatkowskiego Route in Gdynia”**
27.06 – 01.07.2014 r.

The topic of the workshop will refer to a problem of dividing the city by new roads and to the need of connecting the city spaces. **The main task** will be to create - in multicultural groups of students - the vision of sustainable development of the area surrounding the Kwiatkowskiego Route in the context of architecture, urban and landscape design, with the special attention to the environmental, social, spatial and transportation circumstances.

The general aims of the workshop are:

- to present the **threats** to the city structure, which may be caused by new roads
- to stress the necessity of looking for **alternatives** in the process of road planning
- to present the possibilities of **avoiding and minimizing the negative impacts**, leading to disintegration, aesthetic disturbance and ugliness
- to look for **mitigation measures** - to implement urban, architecture and landscape planning to **connect the divided city spaces**, to harmonize them and make them attractive for different uses.

Kwiatkowskiego Route in Gdynia crosses 3 types of land use:

- chaotic industrial areas
- chaotic mix use areas: residential, services, industry
- the forested hills of environmental and landscape values, partly destroyed by the road - popular place of recreation for habitants of Gdynia.

Chaotic development, accidental mixture of different functions (mix land use) and forms, architectural banality, those that can be observed around the Kwiatkowskiego Route in Gdynia, are becoming a serious threat to a city image and its functioning. In all these areas there is a need to implement urban, architecture and landscape architecture planning and design to improve the quality of space.

The need of complexity of planning, long-term thinking about the city environment and considering urban context in design and decision making – as a key element of designing all infrastructural objects - will be presented.



Therefore our specific tasks would be:

- to identify the existing environmental, social, spatial and transport circumstances and threats
- to assess the values and potential of the different fragments of the area
- to create the vision of connecting the separated areas
- to design some urban / architectural / landscape objects.



The questions we should answer are:

- What are the main problems of the study area?
- Where are the most important places in the study area, critical for the functioning of the wider city structure?
- What land use is the best for different fragments of the area?
- How to connect the city structure, which has been separated by new road?
- How should we design these areas?
- What is the role of public space in contemporary urban planning and how should we treat and plan public spaces?
- Why the problem of connecting spaces is so important for habitants?
- How to plan and design new roads in the city structure to balance the new roads and the existing values to create better cities?
- Where and how to build new roads to fulfill the social needs and to avoid fragmentation of space in the same time?

The results of the workshop will be presented during the 50th ISOCARP Congress in Gdynia, in Poland, 2014.

SCHEDULE

27 June, Friday

9.00 – introduction at GUT (the idea of the workshop – A. Sas-Bojarska),
9.15 – trip to Gdynia (bus)
10-11 - Sea Towers – panorama of Gdynia

Introductory lectures

Strategy of Gdynia development (area surrounding Port Zachodni)
History of Gdynia and strategy of port development
History of Kwiatkowskiego Route in Gdynia, and temporary problems and challenges
13.00-14.00 lunch
site visit (wider Urban context and area along Kwiatkowskiego Route) – till the evening
way back by bus through Kwiatkowskiego Route and Tricity Bybass

28 June, Saturday

10.00 – 11.00 – lecture GUT, Creation of the Modernistic City Core of Gdynia
11.00 – 18.00 – studio at GUT

29 June, Sunday

10.00 – 18.00 – studio at GUT

30 June, Monday

10.00 – 18.00 – studio at GUT

1 July, Tuesday

10.00 – 13.00 – studio, GUT - closing session

Accommodation

We are not able to finance any accommodation or transport costs of foreign Students and Teachers. Although, we will be able to cover other local costs, including workshop materials and cite visit. Therefore, there will be no participation fee, but each participating school has to cover the costs of accommodation and transportation to Poland for their teachers and students. If necessary, we will assist You in providing ERAZMUS invitation, which could help in covering most of these costs for the teachers.

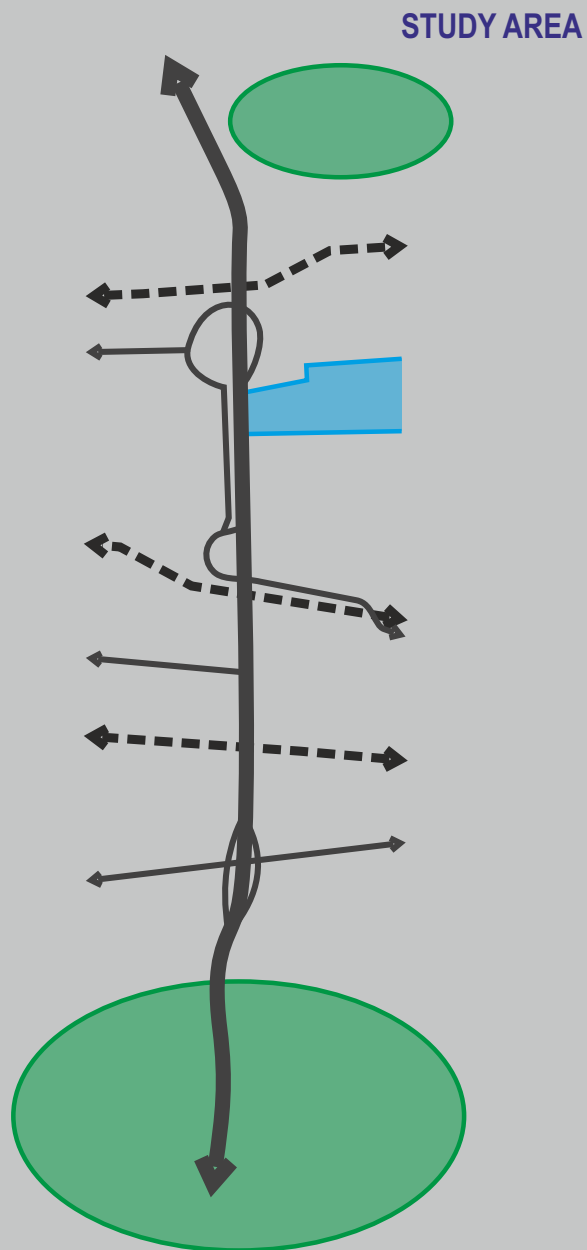
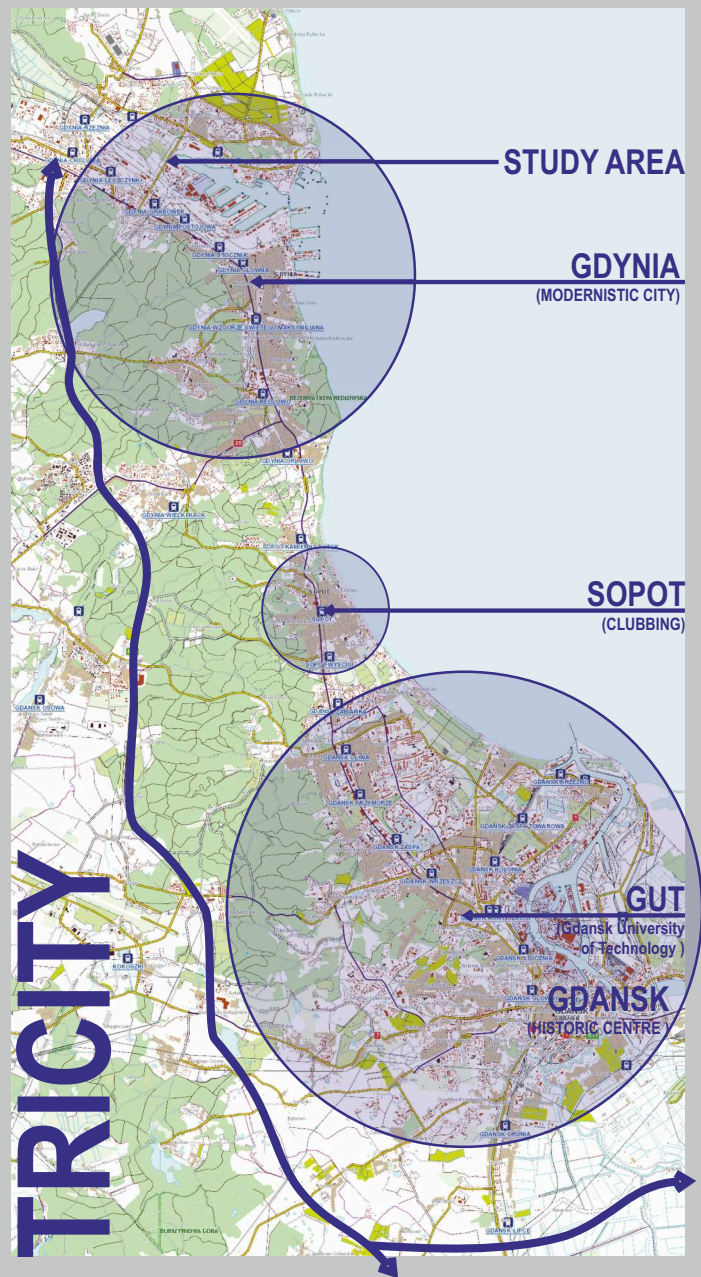
Rooms for students are available at student hostel nearby GUT at price 5 Euro/day. Rooms have different size and equipment, all have access to common kitchen.

We kindly ask interested teachers and students to contact:
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and confirm your participation in the workshop, if possible until the end of April 2014.

You will find more information about the event at:
<http://arch.pg.edu.pl/katedra-urbanistyki-i-planowania-regionalnego/realizowane-projekty>

photos by A. Sas-Bojarska





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