

## Mentor and Student Research Lab in 2016 (second edition)

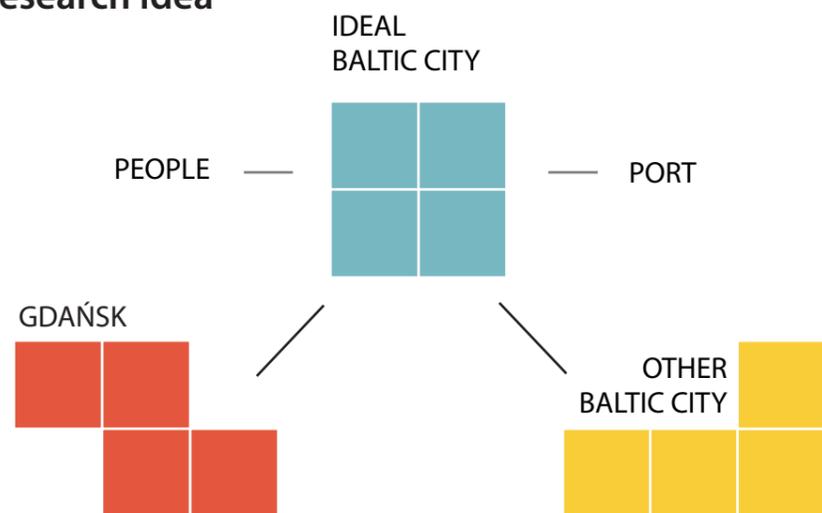
### The idea

The MSRL research is focused on the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) as a multidimensional urban phenomenon with Gdansk acting as a hub for the research teams. The idea of the MSRL is to promote the collaboration of professionals and graduate and PhD students by bringing together the mentor(s) with a local research team sharing experiences and proposing strategic recommendations to strengthen sustainable urban development initiatives for BSR at the international, regional and local levels.

### The research

1. Finding multifunctional spatial solutions to render Baltic cities and communities more sustainable through the concept of **ecosystem services** – theory and methodology
2. Baltic Sea climate fever. Creative solutions for waterfront cities in the context of **climate change**
3. **Cities rising from the ashes.** The identity of baltic region cities destroyed during II world war in context of process of rebuild, architecture and urban design, guidelines for middle east cities wounded during the war
4. Re-articulation of Baltic coastal **districts' identities from perception to practice.** The case of the northern urban edge of Gdansk
5. Multicultural coastal cities: what are the **differences in culture of urban planning management?** Comparison analysis of Gdansk and Gdynia

## Research Idea



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## Mentor and Student Research Lab in 2014 (first edition)

- \* The idea to organise workshops, in which there is a close cooperation of mentors and students was a great success. Each group conducted numerous studies.
- \* Valuable final projects and reviewed publications were the results of three months of hard work.
- \* Workshops were a unique opportunity to express everyone's opinions and sharing ideas. Creating interdisciplinary teams showed a brand new quality.
- \* Perfectly conducted collective works proved the concept of globalisation as a process of international integration.

### Effects:

- \* 5 international working groups
- \* 5 mentors (design planners, professors from all over the world)
- \* 5 scientific projects
- \* 3 publications
- \* 1 conference

## Project recommendations

Ric Stephens, President, ISOCARP and former MSRL mentor  
'The Mentor&Student Research Lab is an extraordinary programme that combines research, field work and collaborative design. This integrated approach yields a variety of innovative findings, recommendations, as well as planning and design solutions. For everyone involved, it is a meaningful and memorable experience.'

Markus Appenzeller (Netherlands China), mentor  
'The MSRL program is a very good way for students to understand research and what it could mean. It was both inspiring and fun to work with motivated people on a subject for a limited amount of time and it would be great if there was an opportunity to expand that further.'

Christian Horn (France, Germany), mentor  
'A rare occasion for interested students to think out of the box and see the big picture. And a challenging initiative based on the strong commitment of all participants and organisers.'

Oscar Bragos (Argentina), mentor  
'The program has designed and implemented an innovative modality, while attractive, agile and dynamic, to produce studies on the contemporary city in a relatively short time. A pattern of work that gets to bring students of different disciplines related to the study of the organisation of cities. And along with those students achieve an interesting final product. It is a form of work that immediately puts students in contact with a particular problem, analyse it and interpret it. A new modality that should continue and be replicated elsewhere since it manages to interest students in the exciting topic of the management of cities.'

\* from the MSRL publication Urban transformations. Towards wiser cities and better living edited by Sławomir Ledwoń & Hanna Obracht-Prondzyńska

## Co-organisers:



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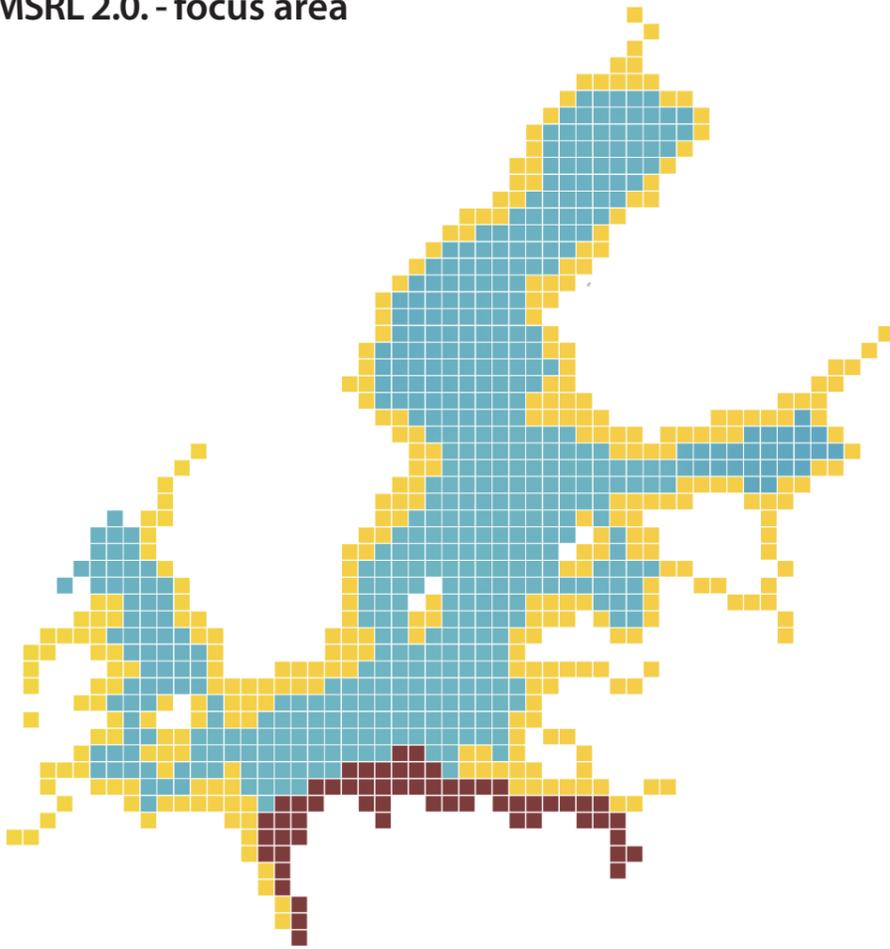


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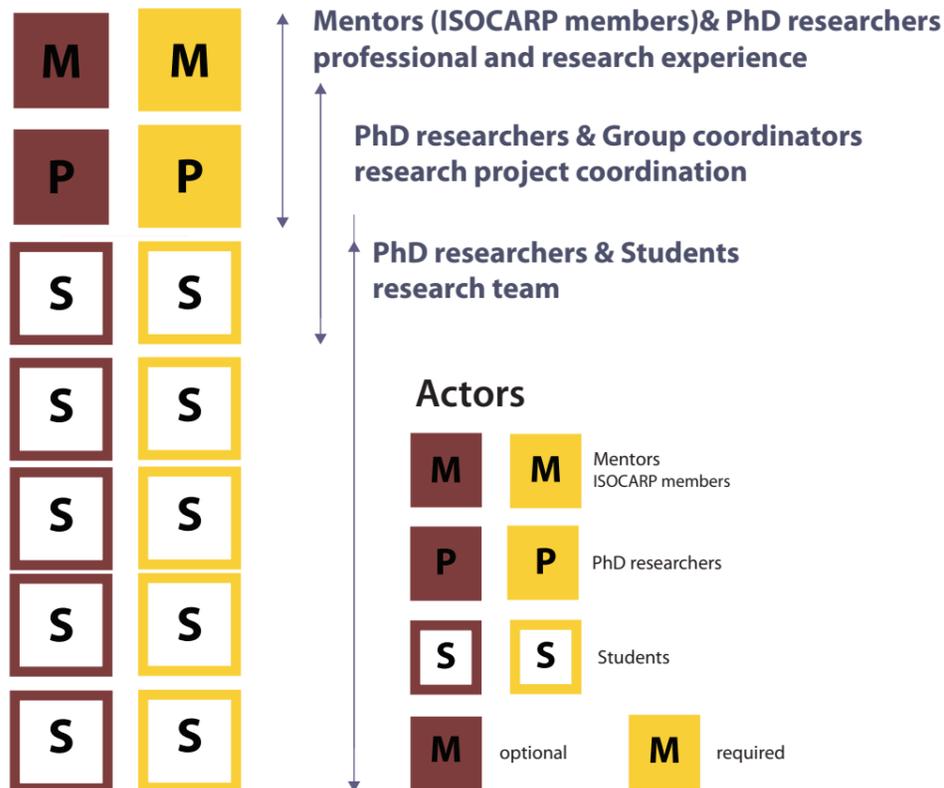

We invite Professionals  
PhD Candidates  
Students

## MSRL 2.0. - focus area



## MSRL work method

Research team



## Tasks



1. Specify your research from the proposed core themes.
  - It should be relevant to the Baltic Sea Region context but you are encouraged to bring the experience of your own city.
  - It is possible to join the research with your own team of (PhD) students or colleagues to team up with the local MSRL team.
2. Supervise a team of your own young researchers.
3. Support the (PhD) student team with your skills and knowledge.



1. Leading the group of students.
2. Managing the communication between the mentor and the research group.
3. Supporting with your knowledge and ideas.
4. Effective cooperative learning. Assist with mentors and coordinators.



1. Actively involved in international research work.
2. Actively involved in training activities and meetings.
3. Cooperation both with mentors and participants.
4. Responsibility for all work of each member of the group.

## Benefits



1. Chance to lead and shape an urban or architectural focused research under your guidance and of your own design.
2. Opportunity to guide a dedicated team of PhD candidates and students who value your academic and professional input.
3. Participate in preparation of the report that addresses the relevant issues for the host city (Gdansk) and the Baltic Region.

The first MSRL report was published and distributed online. Printed copies were published and distributed during the ISOCARP Congress in Rotterdam in 2015.



1. Conducting scientific research internationally.
2. Publication of the results.
3. Mastering methodology application.
4. Mastering teaching methods.



1. International work with support of practicing urbanists and architects.
2. Extensive knowledge of designing process with high prospect for publishing internationally.
3. Obtaining and gathering research and professional skills.

## Project timeline

