Open call for mentors

Gdansk University of Technology,
Faculty of Architecture,
Gdańsk, 20st October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the name of The Mentor & Student Research Lab’s team, we are very pleased to invite you to participate in the third edition of The Mentor & Student Research Lab (MSRL) titled "The Public Spaces of Tomorrow" and answer this call. MSRL is organized jointly by the Faculty of Architecture at Gdansk University of Technology, the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISOCARP) and Brygada Urbanistyczno-Architektoniczna (BUA). As an established educational and research project (we invite you to read more on our website and attached brochure), MSRL will allow you to lead a dedicated team of students, in a research of your own design with the cooperation of a mentor.

The main aim of MSRL is to create a space for collaboration between professionals and students in the field of urban studies. MSRL aims to provide a framework for the exchange of experience of the mentors with the initiative and creative energy of young designers and researchers. For the student participants, MSRL gives a good chance to gain research experience in an international work environment with the mentor's support; and the PhD students lead and supervision. For the participating mentors, the project creates an opportunity to conduct research in their field of expertise with the cooperation of a dedicated and enthusiastic team of local participants. The quality of the work is ensured through the supervision of the academic partners from the Gdansk University of Technology.

The project opens up during workshop taking place 5th - 7th December 2019 during which the students and mentors primary "match making" workshop in Gdansk, Poland. The meeting ends up with work objectives and topics and the online cooperation begins. Detailed topics are crafted together by each mentor and their research teams at the beginning of the project and will be developed in the following months. Results will be presented at the conference on the 24 - 25th April 2020 in Gdansk, and published in the form of a scientific paper. All scientific papers will be additionally distributed by ISOCARP in the form of a report. This year's edition focuses on the public spaces, and their role as key elements of future cities.
Each of this edition’s teams will consist of 1 international Mentor, PhD student and 5-6 students. The time frame for the research is from the 5th of December 2019 to the 25th of April 2020. This project will be conducted entirely in English. Your commitment as a mentor will consist of:

- Coming to Poland for the first workshop in December 2019 to meet your team and start your research.
- Virtual supervision and engagement in the research and the final paper/presentation.
- Joining for the presentation during the student conference.

The local organizing committee can cover the following expenses:

- Mentors' flights for the first workshop.
- Mentors' accommodation during the first workshop.
- Mentors' accommodation during the conference

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us directly by writing to msrl3.0.org@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer all your queries.

If you are interested in this initiative please kindly send your application to msrl3.0.org@gmail.com including brief information on the general research areas you would be interested in and CV (Resume) by the 4th November. A more defined research topic would be helpful, but is not necessary at this stage. This call for Mentors is for ISOCARP Members only.

The students from Gdansk want to create an excellent initiative that gives a chance for personal development for both students-participants and mentors therefore I count on you and your commitment.

Yours sincerely,

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