CORE THEME
Within this edition the MSRL 3.0. research will focus on the public spaces of tomorrow. Taking as reference the Public Space Manual created during the first MSRL edition, young researchers will seek for answers to which elements are the key for achieving liveability for everyone and what challenges they present, in order to update the manual. The Manual is a practical guidebook for designers, which we aim to test through real study cases and a research by design approach, taking into consideration new and emerging aspects of public space design; as well as technological advances from other disciplines. The public spaces of tomorrow seek to build a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, bringing together professionals, (PhD) students and an international research team formed by students working both remotely and from Gdansk University of Technology.

JOIN THE MSRL FAMILY
Behind the Mentor & Student Research Lab concept, the idea of promoting the collaboration of both professionals and experienced researchers with (PhD) students continues to be applied as in previous editions. A local research team selected through open call will be working both in Gdansk and remotely with the support of PhD students and young professionals, to find and test through design, innovative solutions that can help us shape the public spaces of tomorrow.

SUGGESTED TOPICS
Using the Public Space Manual, we invite mentors and PhD students to review it and find the topics that need to be updated; or that should be added in order to address the new challenges that the public spaces of tomorrow represent for designers and planners. A list of suggested topics is presented, we are looking forward to hear and work with your own ideas and topics, interdisciplinary topics are welcome also.

GOAL
Publication of a design manual with strategies that can be implemented as a result of research by design methods.

PREVIOUS EDITIONS
2014 & 2016 (FIRST AND SECOND EDITIONS)
* The idea of organizing such 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.
* These 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 globalization as a process of international integration.
* The success of the idea was confirmed by the second edition which has brought more attention of professionals and researchers from all over the world.

Effects so far:
* 10 international working groups
* 10 mentors (design planners, professors from all over the world)
* 4 conferences organized to present the effects
* over 100 students
* 10 PhD students
* 10 scientific projects
* 5 publications

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BIG DATA
CO-CREATION
NEO-LOCALISM VS NEO-GLOBALIZATION
INFLUENCE OF WATER AND EXTREME WEATHER
MANAGEMENT OF THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF PUBLIC SPACES
GENDERED NATURE OF PUBLIC SPACES AND IMMIGRATION ENGAGEMENT
**Five Research Teams!**

**Responsibilities**
- Provide the research proposal & methodology which will fulfill suggested topics and will help to update the Public Space manual.
- Preparation of the research case study (location which will be the base for developing the Manual).
- Supervision of your own young researchers team.
- Support the (PhD) student team with your skills and knowledge.
- Familiarity with the Public Space - Planning and Design Manual.

**Gains**
- Chance to lead and shape an urban focused research under your guidance and your own design.
- Opportunity to lead a dedicated team of PhD candidates and students who value your academic and professional input.
- Cooperate with the mentor to decide on the research topic and methodology as well as on preparation of materials. Most likely each PhD student will also support the foreign PhD partnership.
- Support of the team with your own ideas and expertise.
- Leadership of the group of students.
- Effective cooperative learning.
- Familiarity with the Public Space - Planning and Design Manual.
- Ability to determine it's applicability for the case study of choice.

**Time Frame**

**Recruitment**
- Mentors: 21st October to 4th November
- Students: 21st October to 4th November

**Think about New Topics & Get to Know the Manual**
- 1st Meeting: 5th - 7th December

**Know Your Team & Other Researchers**
- 2nd Meeting: 1st February

**Preparation of the Research Case**
- Work on Research and Final Results
- Have Fun
- Draft the Publication Contents

**Conference**
- 24th - 25th April

**Present Your Work**
- Publish Your Results

**How to Apply?**

**Mentors**
- Professionals
- PhD Students

**Students**
- Enrolled in PhD studies
- Enrolled in MSc Studies
- Enrolled in BSc Studies with a strong interest in Urban Research

**Application**
- CV & Proposal for research
- CV & Area of Interest
- CV & Letter of Intent

**We Are Looking Forward to Meeting You!**

**Who Are We?**

**Coordinators and organizing team**
- Magdalena Draheim
- Hanna Obracht-Prondzyńska

**Project supervisors**
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- Zeynep Gunay

**Collaborators**
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- Ilirjana Haxhiaj
- Marta Rusin
- Łukasz Pancewicz

**A Few Words from Us...**

"Since I started studying architecture I seek something more. I found new activities and joined scientific clubs, but after two years, I still wanted something more. Then I decided that I want to organize workshops for students. Why? In the third year of studying I have more experience as I've organized lots of contests and events at my university. MSRL is an opportunity for students to have not only an experience in urban planning but to meet experts and other students from around world. I want to find new opportunities for students development and make an amazing project with passion."

-Hanna Obracht-Prondzyńska

"One could also say that MSRL is a meeting of individuals fascinated with contemporary cities (...) to some extent, MSRL project is also a response towards challenges that are faced by current academic schooling. It provides a possibility of contacting researchers from all over the world, and integrating local scientific community."

*From the MSRL publication: Vibrant urban solutions for Baltic Cities. Edited by Sławomir Ledwoń & Hanna Obracht-Prondzyńska

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