

**The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Department of Architecture**

is offering an intensive, 4 week long design course open to students of architecture, urbanism and other related design fields from around the world.

This year the theme is....

Programme

Hong Kong and its region, the Pearl River Delta exhibits many extreme border situations. These boundary relationships create polarities of development and dramatic variations in urban conditions. Cities within the Pearl River Delta each characterise different types of border condition whether they are social or cultural (Hong Kong Island), political (Macao), economic (Shenzhen) or programmatic (Dongguan).

Some deal with large scale political issues such as the Special Administrative Regions of Macao and Hong Kong whilst others address the effect of physical boundaries caused by nature or infrastructure such as topography or super-highways. At a micro scale more implicit borders exist between public and private ownership that govern the use of public space in the city.

**City Borders:
Border Cities**

In each situation the boundary creates a unique relationship and inherent tension between one side and the other. This has resulted in specific and emergent urban typologies such as the urban, walled villages of migrant workers found in Dongguan and Shenzhen.

The intention of the summer school is to explore, document and design new architectural projects that originate from these specific urban conditions. The exploration will operate at different scales moving from the macro, geo-political scale to the scale of human occupation.

The course will start with a 3 day fieldtrip to explore these border conditions in the Pearl River Delta.

Course Information

The four week course will be taught in design studios led by internationally experienced design tutors:

Joshua Bolchover (CUHK, UK)
Esther Lorenz (CUHK, Austria)
Peter Hasdell (UK)
Sandra Parvu (Switzerland)
Eunate Torres (Spain)

The teams will explore techniques of mapping, and recording urban space using drawings, models, photography and video.

Alongside the studio teaching a separate lecture course entitled **HKSAR-SZSEZ Urbanisms** led by **Laurence Liauw** will also be available, bringing together leading experts on urbanism in China to provide specialist knowledge on the Pearl River Delta's unique context.

Both courses are open to all design students from around the world.

Details of the course and the application procedures can be found at:

www.cuhk.edu.hk/osp

Information on the Department of Architecture at CUHK can be found at:

www.arch.cuhk.edu.hk