

SELF-MADE NEIGHBORHOOD

along

BAGDAT STREET

Transformation in the Residential Area and Future-Oriented Diversity

Recently while Bagdat Street in Istanbul is very popular as a public space for shopping, resting in cafés, eating, entertaining, social, and cultural activities, its close surroundings are preferred as a residential area by middle and upper-middle income classes due to its easy access, the presence of extensive recreation areas on its coastal strip and the fact that it is a safe area.

Bagdat Street and its close surroundings are generally occupied by older structures. As opposed to its original mixed-use concept, its characteristics have transformed into a full commercial axis in the last decades. On the other hand side streets are generally residential. The building of new structures has started in recent years due to this area being declared with earthquake “risky structures” thus taking them into the process of demolition within the scope of transformation.

The aim of this studio is to experience new transformation concepts under the self-made approach while preserving the physical and social characteristics of this genuine area. Furthermore, the studio will explore original-specific-genuine life scenarios, new living typologies & the meeting of housing challenges for the future in this neighborhood.

How can we create quality lives in cities?

How can we design the housing of tomorrow?

What are people’s expectations from urban housing?

How will we live in the housing of the future?

How can we avoid being cramming in cities?

How do we deal with the scarcity of space?

What makes a neighborhood

Livable

Affordable

Social

Urban

Open

Reactive

Hybrid

Dense

Custom-fit

Sustainable

Experimental

Contributive and participative attendance is required in class during the entire process. Whole studio will be a collaboration with OIKONET network, a project co-funded by the Life Long Learning Programme of the European Union, 2013-16.

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