

MSc Integrated Urbanism & Sustainable Design (IUSD)

INTERNATIONAL SPRING SCHOOL TOWARDS A NEO-VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE

International Spring School in the Siwa Oasis, Egypt
for Egyptian, German and Tunisian students from 25. April - 05. May 2013



Description

The international and interdisciplinary student spring school, proposed by the IUSD Lab Stuttgart/Cairo will take place in Siwa, Egypt. The desert oasis of Siwa is still a remote and very traditional place in Egypt but under development pressure from its people, an incoming tourism and investments. Contradictions between diminishing endogenous building traditions and modern influences are extremely evident. Siwan people realize this and they are still searching for the right way to develop yet with great appreciation and respect to their culture and traditions. The situation makes the oasis town of Siwa an ideal study object for an integrated spring school with the chance to take influence of the ongoing development process. The spring school is part of a wider research program on current building practices in the MENA region.

Task

The task of the workshop is to help the Siwan people, which are looking for a new modern expression for their houses by keeping their traditional identity. How can we overcome the contradiction between the old traditional architecture and a new "foreign" architecture from concrete, lime stone or burnt brick, which is not suited for a harsh desert climate. The workshop aims to find possible ways to deal with the needs and demands of the people and to develop building practices and design solutions according to them.

Schedule

The Spring School will be held in Siwa from 25. April till 05. May 2013. The practical analysis, design and construction work (with local experts) will be mainly on site, in close interaction with the local community. The design task is thought to be completed at home universities.

Who can apply

The Spring School is open for 24 students from Egypt, Germany and Tunisia. Applicants need a min. 3rd year Bachelor/ Diploma or Master degree in Architecture, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture or Civil Engineering, the focus will be on architecture. Fluent English speaking skills are necessary, the language of communication is English.

How to apply

Submit a short CV (including level of English proficiency) and a letter of motivation with illustration of relevant work samples or description of experiences you have been involved in (one pdf in A4 portrait, max. 5 pages). Send your application via email to: iusd@eng.asu.edu.eg till the 15. March 2013 with the subject "Spring School Siwa". The selected students will be informed by email by the end of March. Join the facebook Spring School group for further updates and information: www.facebook.com/International-SpringSchoolSiwa2013

Accommodation & Fees

All costs for teaching, travelling, full accommodation and tours are covered from DAAD budget. There might be individual daily costs (food, souvenirs). This is under reservation of the final confirmation from the DAAD, which we expect soon.

Concept and Organization

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