



The City of the Future, Revealing the potential of action sites.

50 Years after 1968 it is time for a new revolution in urban politics. It is urgent to address the quality of urban environments, and focus on the coherence of their economy, ecology, and social dimension. This means a major shift in the attitude of planning approaches. Top down governance and urban planning models are now contested and seen as a bygone era. They are increasingly proving incapable of ensuring the social, cultural and democratic foundation for which European Cities are known. There is a need establish new urban politics, revealing the potential of territories as action sites.

Motivated by this urgent issue, the design study *The City of the Future* will be presented and tested during a Biennale Session at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice. *The City of the Future* investigates new ways to design in an integrated way an inner city transformation, using five test locations of 1 x 1 km in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, Utrecht and Eindhoven.

In a one day workshop directed by Prof. Roberto Cavallo, different scenarios will be explored on the *City of Future* actions sites, with the participation of more than 50 students from TU Delft, the Istituto Universitario di Architettura di Venezia (IUAV), the Politecnico di Milano and the Università della Calabria. They will address the Biennale entrees relevant to their research. Also a meeting with the French Pavilion Curators Encore Heureux in dialogue with a representative of the City of Paris about political experimentations in Paris Metropole will precede the workshop. A round table

with the professors and invited experts will focus on draft recommendations for the Urban Agenda.

The Biennale Session will question in an intense discussion the workshop and meeting outcomes on the political conditions for the quality of urban environments in a critical review by European experts, policy makers, academics and public.

The results will be addressed to the European Authorities and territorial Authorities during the European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels, (8-11 October 2018), organized by the European Committee of the Regions and the European Commission, providing possible insights contributing to the policy of local and European urban Agenda.

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