

NIT URBAN HERITAGE LAB

Archaeological Heritage and Liveable Cities

A graduate course organized by the Netherlands Institute in Turkey (NIT), in collaboration with Middle East Technical University (METU), Cultural Heritage Agency of the Netherlands (RCE), LDE Centre for Global Heritage and Development, and with the support of the Netherlands Consulate-General in Istanbul

Online Lectures & Classes

Fridays in September, October, November, December 2023

Ankara 3-days Field Trip

19, 20, 21 October 2023

APPLY BY 13 AUGUST 2023

The third edition of the Urban Heritage Lab Autumn Course will focus on archaeological heritage in urban contexts. Archaeological remains in multi-layered historical cities have the power to connect today's inhabitants with their predecessors of centuries or even millennia ago. However, integrating archaeological remains into the urban fabric, and enabling them to present narratives of past urban life poses significant challenges to archaeologists, heritage managers, urban planners and designers.

During the course, 20 selected graduate students and junior professionals from universities and institutions in the Netherlands and Turkey will learn from international experts and will conduct a research-by-design assignment on a current case study. The course has a hybrid format, with weekly online meetings and three days of in-person site visits in October. Applications are welcomed from any discipline, including archaeology, urban history and geography, (conservation) architecture, city planning, landscape design, governance etc.

In 2021 and 2022, the UHL Autumn Course looked at industrial heritage and water heritage, and the possibilities and challenges were investigated to transform and use the remains of former industrial complexes and historical installations, such as aqueducts, for the supply of water to the city to address contemporary urban challenges.

APPLY BY 13 AUGUST 2023, SUNDAY.

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Location

Online [lectures and discussions],
Selected archaeological heritage sites in Ankara [field trip and survey]

Course Description and Background

Historical cities hide much of their tangible heritage underneath their present-day buildings, streets and pavements. Largely invisible and often poorly known and documented, this archaeological heritage typically contains the earliest traces of a city's history, more so than standing monuments. It holds information on continuities and hiatuses, crises and resilience. This value notwithstanding, urban archaeological heritage often suffers from a lack of integration with contemporary life, planning and development, making it vulnerable to neglect and disappearance.

The 2023 NIT Urban Heritage Lab Autumn Course will put the spotlight on archaeological heritage in urban contexts and explore a series of topical issues, including: How can archaeological heritage in urban settings contribute to presenting the stories of a city and its inhabitants? Given the nature of archaeological remains (often underfoot, fragmented, limited to small exposures, disconnected from present-day communities, obstructing rather than enabling present-day urban movement), what are the specific challenges of archaeological heritage in this respect? What are the best strategies for preservation, display and public engagement? Can archaeological heritage be a driver for sustainable urban development in a time of climate crisis?

Focusing on experiences, practices and debates in the Netherlands and Turkey, the course will investigate governance frameworks, urban planning and landscape design, tools for documentation, visualization and public engagement, community engagement. The course includes lectures and presentations by an international and interdisciplinary group of scholars and professionals, representing academia, governmental and non-governmental organizations and practitioners. Through a research-by-design team assignment on an actual case study, participants in the course develop the skills to combine theory with practice.

Case study: multi-layered Ankara



Augustus Temple (right) and Hacı Bayram Mosque (left)
Source: A. Güliz Bilgin Altınöz Archive

As one of the representatives of multi-layered cities in Anatolia, NIT Urban Heritage Lab focuses on Ankara this year. Ankara, the capital of modern Turkey, named Ankyra in antiquity, has been inhabited from the prehistoric period onwards. Today's Ankara includes diverse archaeological remains from the Iron Age (Phrygian, Galatian), and Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman periods. An important monument from the Roman Period is the Temple of Augustus and Rome, with its *Res Gestae* inscription. The multi-layered site where the Temple of Augustus from the Roman Period and the Hacı Bayram Mosque from Ottoman Period co-exist is enlisted in World Heritage Tentative List. The ruins of the temple, as well as other archaeological remains are confronted with various urban challenges such as neglect, disputed restoration interventions, uncontrolled development and vandalism. Course participants will develop proposals for the presentation and integration of Ankara's archaeological heritage in today's urban fabric.

Academic Coordinators (in alphabetical order)

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Course Format and Tentative Schedule

The course runs from mid-September through mid-December 2023 and is set up in four parts:

PART A | Defining the Issues: Weekly Online Public Lectures by Researchers from the Netherlands and Turkey

15 September – 22 September - 29 September - 6 October - 13 October 2023 [Fridays at 16.00-18.00 / Istanbul time]

PART B | Field Survey in Ankara

19-20-21 October 2023

PART C & D | Developing a Proposal for an Archaeological Heritage Site in Ankara with Online Discussions & Online Public Presentations by Researchers and Professionals from the Netherlands and Turkey

3 November - 10 November - 17 November - 24 November - 1 December - 8 December - 15 December 2023 [Fridays at 16.00-18.00 / Istanbul time; independent and group work, 4-8 hours per week]

Admission Requirements and Selection

The course is open to graduate students and recent graduates (any discipline) from higher education institutions in the Netherlands and Turkey. Applications from other countries will also be considered for a small number of places. Junior professionals and policy-makers are also invited to apply. No prior expertise in archaeological heritage is needed. The aim is to establish a group of participants that represents the interdisciplinary character of the field, including people with backgrounds in archaeology, urban history, (conservation) architecture, city planning, landscape design, governance etc.

Participants will be selected based on their motivation, skills and expertise. The participants applying from the arts and design fields (architecture, planning, painting, sculpture, dance, etc.) are expected to submit their portfolio consisting of two or three sample works.

As the language of the instruction is English, the participants are expected to have a good proficiency in English.

Deadline for application is the 13 August 2023. A maximum of 20 participants will be selected and the results will be announced the latest on 31 August 2023. Those who want to apply should fill in the form [for application form, visit

<https://forms.gle/rBwSLXEofLDaWx1s8>] and upload the following materials. If you have any enquiries, please contact Dr. Aysel Arslan [aysel.arslan@nit-istanbul.org].

- a letter of motivation [max. 1 page]
- a CV [max. 3 pages]
- a copy of student certificate or a diploma [from the graduate students or the recent graduates who do not have regular income]
- a dossier consisting of two or three sample works. i.e. project, sketch, writing sample, ... [optional]

Costs

There are no tuition fees. Fellowships that partially cover travel and accommodation expenses (upon successful completion) will be provided for graduate students as well as recent graduates who obtained their diploma after June 2023 and do not have regular income. The amount of the fellowship is 100 Euro for applicants residing outside Ankara in Türkiye and 200 Euro for applicants residing outside Türkiye. Fellowships are not granted to participants that receive a regular income, and participants from institutions outside the Netherlands and Türkiye. Participants residing in Ankara do not qualify for the travel compensation. Participants whose financial situation does not enable them to join despite the partial compensation are invited to contact Dr. Aysel Arslan, aysel.arslan@nit-istanbul.org.

Reading List

TBD by the lecturers

Course Load

The total course load is 140 hours, which is the equivalent of 5 ECTS. See the “Please Note” section for the details.

- Weekly online lectures and discussions, self-studies for reading relevant literature – 36 hours
- Field survey (including preparations for it) – 24 hours
- Preparations for the project and presentation (including self- and group-studies) – 80 hours

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate from the Netherlands Institute in Turkey.

Assessment Methods

This course demands active participation, not only during the lectures and the field survey but also during assignments (both group and individual assignments). Through the assignments, the students will be asked to reflect on/critically review articles and to develop a project for the future of the selected industrial heritage place in İstanbul based on its values, problems and potentials.

- 20% participation assessed continually through participation during lectures and field survey
- 30% weekly student presentations
- 50% final project presentation and report

Please Note

- The course will be conducted in English. Turkish-English translations will be provided for public lectures presented in Turkish.
- Attending the field trip in Ankara is **mandatory** for participants as it significantly impacts the development of the final projects. Participants who do not join the field trip might lose the right to continue the course.
- For the Ankara field trip, participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation.
- For the Ankara field trip, participants are responsible for procuring their own travel and health insurance coverage.
- Students will be provided with a Certificate of Completion for their course if they satisfy attendance and course requirements.
- Full attendance is compulsory. A certificate will only be provided upon successful completion of all partial exams.
- NIT does not offer official university credit for the course. It is the student's responsibility to validate their course for credit at their home university.
- Under exceptional circumstances, NIT reserves the right to implement some restrictions to, postpone or completely cancel the field survey in Ankara.

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