

## Invitation to Summer School – Copenhagen, 22–30 August 2015

Crime prevention and the feeling of safety is of increasing concern in Europe. The EU COST Action on *Crime Prevention through Urban Design & Planning* (CP-UDP) has a unique international and up-to-date competence in its field and has already produced several important European reports (see <http://costtu1203.eu/>). The focus is on situational crime prevention primarily through the built environment or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) as it is called in the USA. The relations between architecture and human actions are most clear where the usual norms are broken, as they are with crime and other uncivilized behaviour. Here is an extraordinary possibility to get interesting evidence on how urban planning and design effects daily life. Crime prevention through the built environment has proven to have a great effect in reducing crime and improving the feeling of safety — if carried out in the right way in relation to the specific context.

The Copenhagen Summer School will train young academics from all over Europe in the theory and practice of crime prevention through urban design and planning through a one week intense course with a specific case study, the Nørrebro district in central Copenhagen. The purpose is to produce concrete analyses and proposals for improvements in the district with the best methods available. A further goal is to use the results of the summer school to advance interest and knowledge about *Crime Prevention through Urban Design & Planning* in each of the participating countries, and to produce an exhibition for the final conference of the COST Action in November 2016.

### The Case Study - Inner Nørrebro in Copenhagen, Denmark



The Inner Nørrebro district in Copenhagen is an urban improvement area, built since 1870 just outside downtown Copenhagen. It has recently been allocated significant public funding for the improvement of both social housing and other dwelling complexes, as well as improvement of public spaces over the next

couple of years. From a Danish perspective, the area has a rather high crime rate—about 2000 crimes/year/square kilometre—although the risk for the person of being a victim in public space is quite low, as there are many people and many travelling through.

The district has a People's Committee<sup>1</sup>, which cooperates with the Municipality, the City of Copenhagen, as well as a special professional office<sup>2</sup> run by the City for the improvement of the district. Some improvement plans already exists but the district is interested in more ideas about what to do. There are also a lot of existing analyses of social issues, crime and the environment, so the summer school does not have to start from scratch.

The participants in the summer school shall investigate which places need to be improved and how. For example, the improvement of public squares, improvement of streets and paths, improvements of courtyards, improvements of lighting, and improvement of safety in relation to nightlife. The methodology will take the European CEN/TR 14383-2 report as a starting point combined with the 'Planning, Urban Design and Management for Crime Prevention - Handbook', including up to date knowledge.<sup>3</sup>

The studies will be carried out in student groups of 5 to 7 students plus assisting instructors.

Maps, satellite photos and data for the case study area will be prepared in advance and the introduction to the case study area will be given by local experts.

### **Instructors**

The instructors for the summer school will be:

- Professor Clara Cardia, Politecnico di Milano – <http://costtu1203.eu/work/clara-cardia>
- Associate Professor Emeritus Bo Grönlund, School of Architecture in Copenhagen, KADK – <http://costtu1203.eu/work/bo-gronlund>
- Paul van Soomeren, CEO, DSP-Groep, Amsterdam – <http://costtu1203.eu/work/paul-van-soomeren>

The teachers will be supported by some of the junior members of the COST Action as well as extra supporting guest lecturers and critics.

### **Student profile and admission process**

Around 25 students will be admitted onto the summer school. Students need to have a masters degree in architecture, urban design, urban planning, landscape architecture or in one of the social sciences (sociology, geography, criminology, etc.). A maximum of one student per COST Action member state will be eligible—to be selected upon proposals from Action Members of each country. If less than 25 students in total apply, one or more member state may send additional student(s). The selection of students shall be made by the middle of April 2015, after consultation between the COST Action member states. About half of the student participants shall be architects/planners and there shall also be a gender balance in the cohort. Besides the quota of one student per member state, there will be additional students from Copenhagen / Denmark to help facilitate the work of the groups.

Students will be expected to make a minimal contribution to supporting the summer school through some practical tasks during the stay, if this is deemed necessary (for example, helping cleaning up or assisting with meals). The summer school will be intensive (approximately 12 hours per day) but rewarding to the dedicated student. Students must bring with them their own computer and digital camera.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.noerrebrolokaludvalg.kk.dk/> (in Danish)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.kk.dk/da/borger/byggeri/byfornelse/omraadefornyelser/indre-noerrebro> (in Danish)

<sup>3</sup> See <http://costtu1203.eu/downloads/cost-tu1203s-results/> and <http://costtu1203.eu/downloads/other-documents/>. The Handbook is available in English, Spanish, French and Italian.

## Venue

The summer school venue will be located in or close to the case study area (to be decided). Some summer school events may take place elsewhere in Copenhagen (for example public lectures (to be decided)).

## Programme

- Saturday 22:* Arrival and meeting with presentation of participants, plus a short lecture on the development of Copenhagen
- Sunday 23:* Sightseeing tour and introductory lectures on CP-UDP in Europe and Denmark
- Monday 24:* Introduction and visit to the Case Study site plus introduction to case study methodology tools.
- Tuesday 25:* Analysis of Case Study site: making maps, photo documentation, listing of problems, etc.
- Wednesday 26:* Presentation and discussion of the case study analyses. Presentation of relevant existing European cases with interesting CP-UDP solutions. Introduction of tools for CP-UDP problem solving, planning and design.
- Thursday 27:* Designing solutions for CP-UDP in the Case Study area. Intermediary presentation of proposals in the evening
- Friday 28:* Continued design and refinement of solutions in the Case Study area. Preparing the final presentation.
- Saturday 29:* Final presentation of analyses and design proposals for the Case Study area. Discussion of what has been learned during the week. Final lecture(s) on the problems and perspectives for CP-UDP in Europe. Official dinner.
- Sunday 30:* Departure

There will be instructor supervision and assistance every day during the programme.

## Student diploma

Attendance will be rewarded by a course diploma signed by the teachers.

## Student expenditures

There is no fee for participation in the Summer School. Furthermore, the cost of return travel to Copenhagen (budget and low cost airlines) and accommodation will be met by the COST Action.<sup>4</sup>

### **Travel**

Refund of travel expenditure to students is contingent on full time attendance. Maximum flight costs for each student to be decided on the basis of cheapest prices listed on <http://www.momondo.dk> in mid-April 2015.

### **Accommodation**

Free budget hotel accommodation (Cabinn<sup>5</sup>, or equivalent) will be provided for students, on the basis of two students per room.

### **Food and subsistence**

Students will pay for their own meals, with low cost meals to be organised by the Summer School. At least one dinner will be paid for by the Summer School, on Saturday 29 August.

### **Local travel**

One urban planning and design sightseeing bus tour of Copenhagen and the region will be provided, paid for by the Summer School. Other local travel will be paid for by the students.

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<sup>4</sup> Note that the normal COST travel reimbursement system and levels will not apply to Summer School students.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cabinn.com/en/>