

Master's degree programme in Architecture
Design Seminar SS 2016

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Contributions by international architects, urbanists, and engineers, with the engagement of regional leaders, NGOs and local communities.

Lusatia Design Seminar & Excursion



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The Climate Refuge City Studio on Lusatia will be supported by an independent weeklong design seminar and excursion to Cottbus, Jänschwalde and the International Building Exposition (IBA) in Lusatia, 130km south-east of Berlin, in the region of Brandenburg, Germany. The seminar will focus on Jänschwalde Power Station and its surrounding areas. In 2007, the station was ranked by WWF as the fourth most dirty power plant in Europe. With the closure of the plant by 2024, the communities of the region are now facing the challenge of restoring scarred landscapes, rebuilding towns lost to mining activities, regenerating regional economies that are no longer fossil-fuel based, and rehonouring regional cultures fragmented by rapid territorial change. *The communities have contacted us and are looking for ideas to address these challenges.*

OUR MISSION: a five-day/six-night program, featuring hosted excursions, expert presentations, community-oriented seminars and urban design studio sessions. Specialised visits to local communities and tours of IBA-Fürst-Pückler will serve to inform design programs, planning and building approaches for the Lusatia Studio. Discussions with key experts will ground designs to real-world issues and solutions. Intensive studio charrettes will inspire the creation of first design strategies through mixed-media, to be presented at the Cottbus Kraftwerk Museum by the end of the seminar week. The base cost for travel and accommodations range from €300-500, depending on actual conditions, support and quotes.