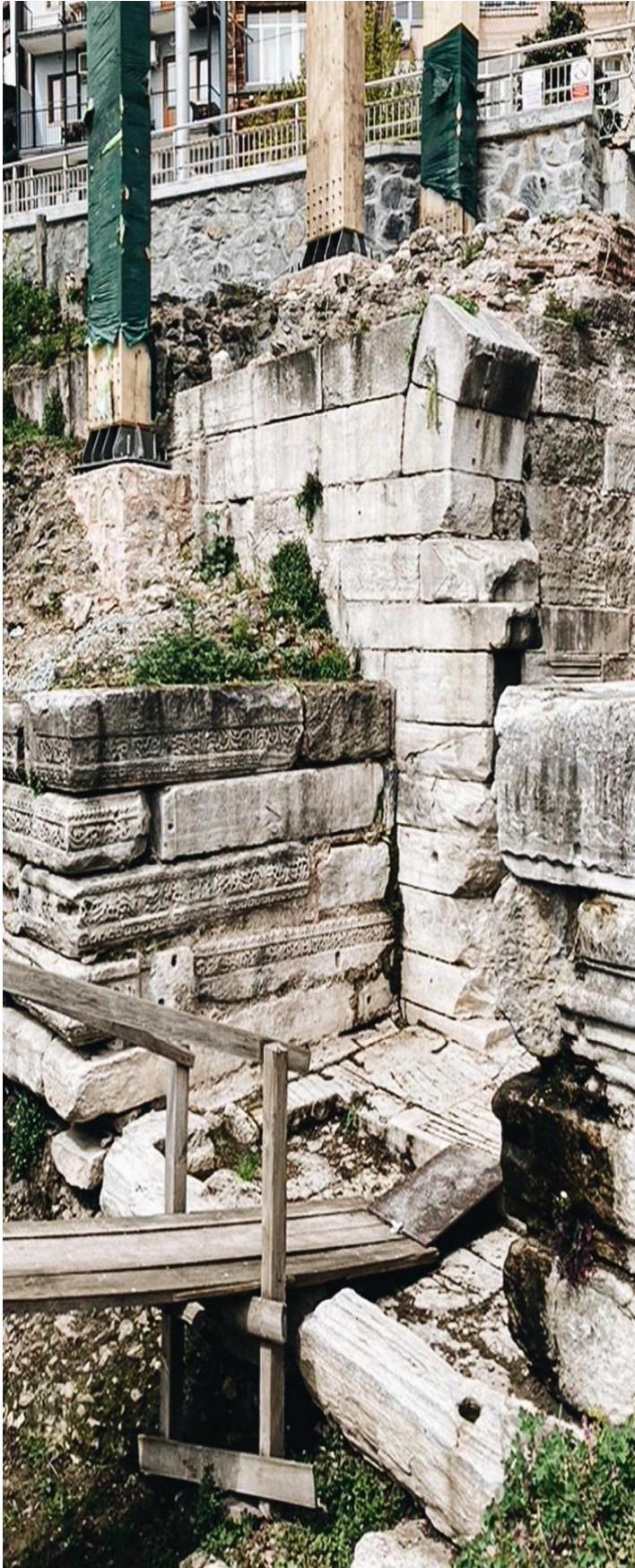


AAA Study Trip Fall 2024 / September 29-October 5, 2024

DELAMINATING ISTANBUL



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AAA Study trip for "Transformation, Cities and Buildings"

The city's rich and extensive history offers a unique opportunity to delve into the intricate and interconnected urban and architectural developments across various eras, including the Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and Turkish periods. During this trip, participants will learn to identify and analyze the interwoven layers of this complex city and to distinguish – and delaminate – them at both urban and building scales. The aim is to experience and document the transformation of a very complex and unfamiliar place by collecting and organizing relevant data. Moreover, we will gain insights into Europe's largest and rapidly evolving metropolis.



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Focus

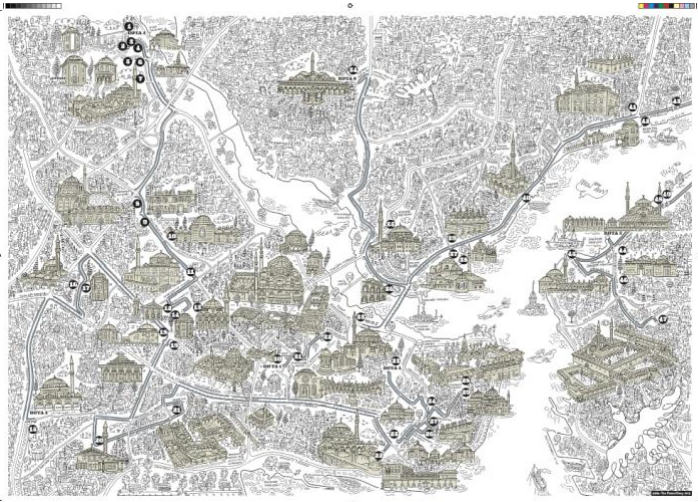
We will focus on the historical peninsula, recognized as an UNESCO World Heritage Site and an archeological site, which will allow us to thoroughly examine the multifaceted and layered characteristics of architecture built upon the remains from different historical periods that continue to influence the city's landscape. We will observe functional layers such as water, creed, trade, defense and housing systems in connection with the historical layers of Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, and Republican eras. By zooming in on the Bucoleon Palace, a unique site from Roman that has not yet been opened to visitors, we will have the opportunity to see the transformation at the **building scale**. We will rethink the spatial, material, technical and ecological characteristics by experiencing the traces of the past and phenomena of the now. The **urban scale** transformation will be experienced through exploration of the area bordered by the Bucoleon Palace and the Hippodrome. We will create exciting routes with traces of different times in relation to everyday life.



Bucoleon Palace by Eugene Flandin, 1853

Trip program

The trip consists of two main segments: **1 Half-Day of Guided Compulsory Destinations:** This portion is designed to introduce participants to key historical and cultural sites. **2 Half-Day of Optional Destinations as Alternative Routes:** This segment allows for individual exploration of the city's diverse layers, enhancing participants' understanding of its complex metropolitan context in the realm of everyday life and its geographical characteristics. For instance, one alternative route might include an afternoon visit to the Süleymaniye Mosque, built in 1557 by the renowned architect Mimar Sinan. This mosque features a complex of interior and exterior spaces with multifunctional uses. Participants can also explore the interior of the Topkapi Palace, dating back to 1478, which showcases the intricate representational spaces and functions of the sultan's residence. Additionally, the Grand Bazaar, established in 1455, offers a labyrinthine network housing over 4,000 shops. Another afternoon might be reserved for a boat trip on the Bosphorus, providing views of the "yalı" residences that create a unique context.



Istanbul tracing Mimar (Architect) Sinan, Superpool and Tan Cemal Genc, 2015

The **second phase** of the study trip includes two short workshops, in addition to the city tours, focused on gathering data as the foundation of the final product that will be developed in the **third phase**. The **first phase** will equip participants with the methods and tools needed for the second phase; the trip to Istanbul. As for the final outcome, it will involve "deep mapping" as an individual expression based on data collected by the teams. We will explore mapping as a tool for architectural design from an experiential aspect, drawing on insights from Heideggerian phenomenology and the critiques of Donna Haraway and Doreen Massey. This approach is based on the idea that architects can utilize this experiential understanding shaped by the traces of time and presence in a specific place, to design spaces.



Constantinople and its sea walls, with the Hippodrome, Great Palace, and Bucoleon Palace (10th century), by Antoine Helbert www.countrycaravans.co.uk



Remains of the Great Palace of Constantinople, with the Blue Mosque and the Hürrem Sultan Turkish Bath at the background. Photograph by Ulgen Özgül, 2022

| Day | Time | Activity | Meeting point | Attendance |
|-----|-------------|--|---|------------|
| 1 | | Settling at the hotel | | Optional |
| 2 | 13:00-16:00 | Transformation/building: Bucoleon Palace Workshop: The Place | Bucoleon palace | Compulsory |
| 3 | 09:00-12:00 | Transformation/city: Topkapi palace, Grand palace, old prison, The 4 seasons hotel, Hagia Sophia, Hagia Eirene, 3rd Ahmet fountain, Haseki Hurrem Sultan bath, Million, Basilica cistern, Mese Road, Binbirdirek cistern, Hippodrome, Sultan Ahmet complex, Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Ibrahim Pasha palace, Courthouse | Topkapi palace | Compulsory |
| 4 | 09:00-12:00 | Grand palace mosaic museum, Sultan Ahmet arasta, Hamidiye trade school, Sultan Ahmet complex-imaret, Sphendone, Sultan Ahmet complex-hospital, St, Sergius church and bacchus, railway, Marmara Sea walls, Bucoleon palace, Hormisdas palace, Kennedy Street | Sultan Mosque (Blue Mosque) Ahmet (Blue Mosque) | Compulsory |
| 5 | 09:00-12:00 | Workshop: The Pathway | Bucoleon palace / Great Palace | Compulsory |
| 6 | 09:00-12:00 | Wrap-up meeting | Kadir Has University | Compulsory |
| 7 | | Departure | | Optional |

Program draft

About the competence

I have extensive experience gained from living, teaching, and conducting research in the field of architecture in Istanbul. Additionally, I possess a vast network of connections with academics and practitioners in Istanbul who are actively involved in preservation, urban planning, and research related to the city's architectural heritage and urban fabric. For this trip, we will benefit from the guidance of Prof. Dr. Fusun Alioglu, the UNESCO Chair at Kadir Has University. Additionally, Aysen Kaya, a PhD student and member of the World Heritage team at the Istanbul Grand City Municipality, will also be involved.

Budget

The program allows a shorter stay in Istanbul, in case alternative forms of travel are made. The expenses can also be reduced by staying in groups at hostels. By now the total expenses is 5850 DKK regarding the following case:

- Flight with Turkish Airlines / CPH-SAW/direct 2100 DKK two way
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- Airport shuttle to Taksim 50 DKK two way
- Single room/central location 2600 DKK 6 nights
- Food 1000 DKK 6 days
- Transportation 100 DKK 6 days

Security conditions

Istanbul is generally safe. There have been terrorist attacks in the past, but no specific threats are currently registered. Please consult the Foreign Ministry's 'Rejsevejledning' for further information:

<https://um.dk/rejse-og-ophold/rejse-til-udlandet/rejsevejledninger/tyrki>

Image on the cover: Bucoleon Palace, entrance, by Claus Peder Pedersen, 2024