

URBAN PLANNING STUDIO – 095990

Second semester, first year

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2. Reading the city- the city as a process

In room workshop 2

March, 31st 2015

The aim of the second module workshop activities is to learn how to explore the relationship between space and society.

The object of the second module workshop activities is the **Central Station of Milan building and main related open spaces**.

The second module workshop activities will be run by students in small groups, but in a cooperative and collaborative way: each group will address a specific analytical question and provide the results of its work to the other group, in order to produce a final common product.

These are three main families of analytical questions:

- 1.1 How does the central station work as a building dedicated to mobility functions?
- 1.2 How does the central station work as a system of built and open space dedicated to mobility functions?

- 2.1 Who uses the spaces and how? Are different kind of uses, related to different kind of functions?
- 2.2 Can we distinguish between spaces to stay and spaces to go? Do they work together?

- 3.1 Can we distinguish among different kind of users? Who and how “lives” the built and open spaces?
- 3.2 What are the different maps of mobility of people using the central station building and open spaces?

In order to address these three different families of questions, groups will have to:

- a. Draw maps of the built spaces at different levels.
- b. Draw basic sections of the building, including underground metro stations
- c. Draw maps of the underground level of the metro stations and the connections with the Central Station building and the surrounding areas.

- d. Draw a functional map of the built and open spaces.
- e. Distinguish between spaces of circulation and spaces to stay and verify coherences
- f. Observe the uses of spaces by people and identify problems and characteristics
- g. Take pictures/videos and represent spaces and their uses

- h. Interview people and their uses of spaces: ask them what the reasons are for using those spaces, how long for, how many times a day, a week...
- i. Interview people about their maps of mobility: ask them where they come from and go; how long does it take, how many times a day, a month... what kind of transportation they use to get there and to move from there (train, bus, car, taxi, coach, bike...)

Each group will select an area of those visited during the field trip on March 31st and will work at the above mentioned products. Basic materials will be uploaded on BEEP, in the folder dedicated to the second workshop.

By Friday 3rd of April, students will send an e-mail to prof. Fedeli, announcing which area they have selected; they will receive feedbacks and suggestions by Tuesday 7th of April. During the next weeks, before April 17th please, plan and implement interviews and observation of the selected areas.

Students will work at these drawings on April, 17th and present them on April, 21th 2015 during students' presentations.