

Taller Internacional de Arquitectura y Urbanismo San Pedro Tlaquepaque

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TAU 2016 - Taller Internacional de Arquitectura y Urbanismo is an international workshop that annually focuses on urban projects for different urban environments, attempting to give answer to the questions of central - south America urban development.

TAU is organized by INTHAB - Instituto Tecnológico del Hábitat, Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de la Universidad Politécnica de Valencia - Spain, in collaboration with ISUF-H International Seminar on Urban Form-Hispanic.

It took place this year from 6th to 26th June 2016, in San Pedro Tlaquepaque - Jalisco, Mexico and saw the joined work of about 60 architecture and urban planning students and academics from the following European and Mexican Universities:

Italy: Università degli Studi di Firenze, 'Sapienza' Università di Roma;

Portugal: Universidade do Porto - Portugal;

Norway: Fiuni school of architecture + design, Stavanger;

Netherlands: Delft University of Technology;

Spain: Universidad Politécnica de Valencia;

Mexico: Universidad Iberoamericana de México, Universidad de Guadalajara, Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente de Guadalajara, Universidad Autónoma de México, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Escuela de arquitectura de Guadalajara.

The workshop has the goal of contributing to the real urban planning processes, in partnership with the local and governmental authorities and proposed a wide range of project themes: from the intervention in the informal settlement's urban fabric, to the redevelopment for disused urban areas to fit the new needs of the city, to the design of urban river parks and green areas.

In an urban environment, such as the Latin American and Mexican one, suffering from the disproportionate prevalence of the horizontal city - that one of the modern suburban sprawl or at the same time that of the colonial historical centers - the response and common philosophy of the workshop is designing an urban densification that can create the conditions for urban sustainable and livable life.

Urban Morphology approach, in a so complex contest occupies a problematic position, of great potential, having the possibility to influence the development of urban environment to follow a more sustainable and durable path. A path that leads to an urban environment that grows coherently with its processual history, its identity, by updating the process to new needs of the society.

