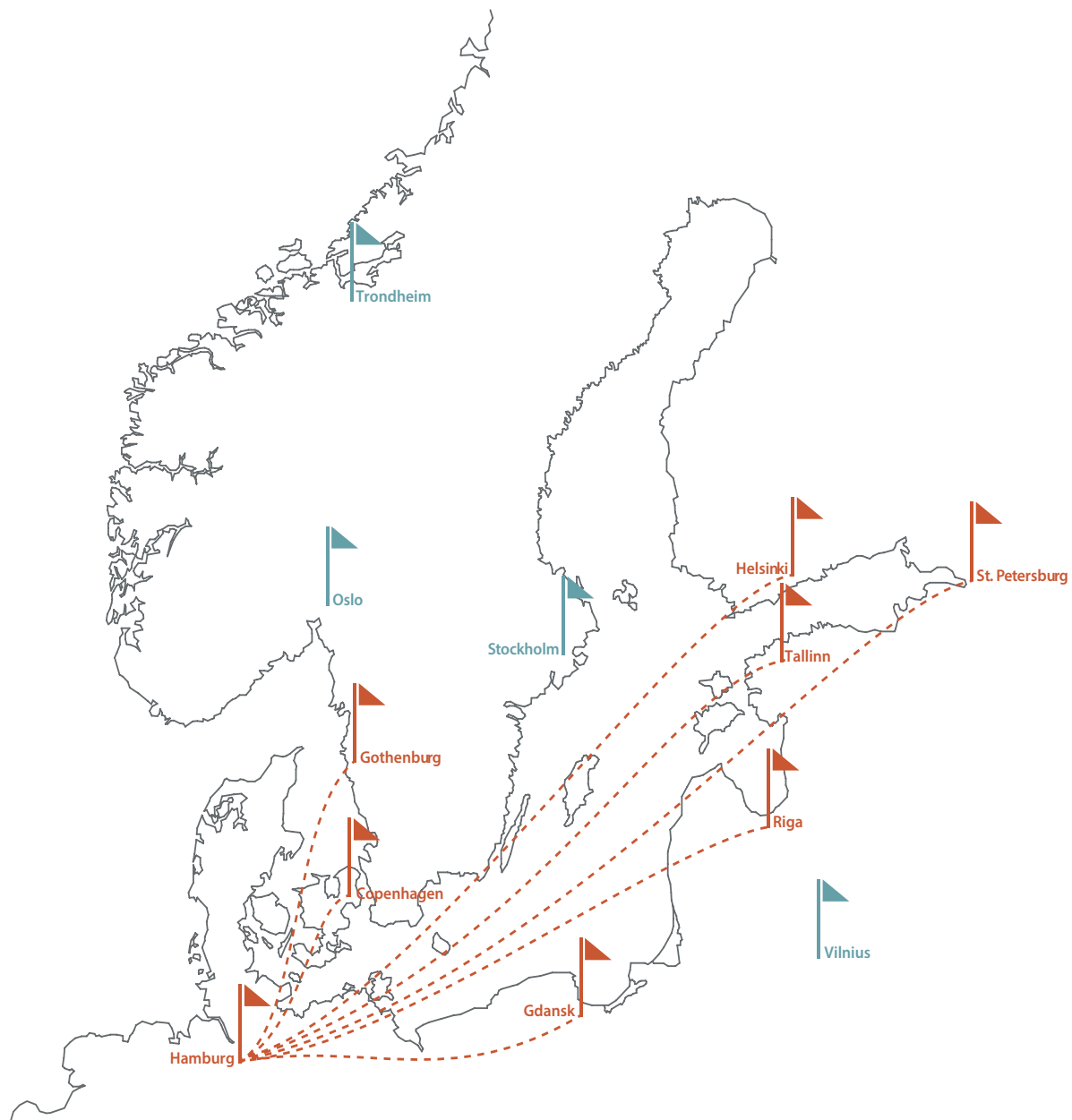


GOAL

The Fourth Baltic International Summer School 2018 (B.I.S.S.) at the HCU in Hamburg takes part in a continuous academic exchange between disciplines of the built environment and presents a broader perspective on education and practice in the context of interdisciplinarity and interculturality.

The B.I.S.S. focuses on the collaboration between architects and engineers and related disciplines as urban design, urban planning, metropolitan culture and performing arts. In addition to the work in small interdisciplinary and internationally mixed groups, several public lectures and discussions with well-known experts, as well as guests from politics and public will take place during the nine-day workshop.

The summer school has been taking place at the HCU for the last three years bringing together participants from the leading universities in the Baltic Sea Region: from Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Russia and Germany. This year's edition of the B.I.S.S. is the final one to be organized in Hamburg and it is going to be documented as a short film.



▶ MOTTO “THINK THE LINK”

The motto „think the link“ indicates the interdisciplinary approach searching for ties and correlation between experiences, cultures, cities and objects of the built environment. The area east of Hamburg’s city center, in particular around the high-speed infrastructural joint „Billhorner Brückenstraße / Billhorner Röhrendamm“ will be the stage for the topic 2018 „**Beyond Urban Flows - Architecture and Engineering for Transition Places**“.

The project groups are asked to deal with the development of this specific area with a high importance for Hamburg: entrance to the city and at the same time a high density of major infrastructural elements. The main question to be addressed here are how such transition places can be re-shaped, in a mid and long-term perspective, in order to bring to them more inner-city life qualities; how this area can become more attractive to pedestrians; how borders and limitations can be overcome? Within the workshop potentials and effects will be explored on all four levels: technical, functional, aesthetical and social. Thus, not only challenges typical for Hamburg will be addressed, but also parallels and the transferability of solutions to the other harbor cities from the Baltic Sea Region will be sought.

Within the project a wide range of disciplinary and thematic focusses shall be possible. Discovery and trial of methodology of the participating disciplines in their creative work will be background and source of the Summer School.

Joint identification of the existing problems, examination of various methods and elaboration of possible solutions and present it as potential concept will strengthen the cross-functional competences of the participants referring to their different academic and cultural background.

▶ DATES AND DATA

The duration of the Summer School is 9 days.

Friday 10.08. – Saturday 18.08.2018

The workshop will mainly take place in the premises of the HCU. The framework will provide keynote lectures on Friday the 10th, Sunday the 12th and Tuesday the 14th of August as well as a big public final presentation and party on Saturday the 18th of August.

▶ PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

- Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland
- Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Royal Academy of Fine Arts Copenhagen, Denmark
- Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Tallinn University of Technology, Tallinn, Estonia
- Gdansk University of Technology, Gdansk, Poland
- Riga Technical University, Riga, Latvia
- ITMO University, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- GASU University,
- ▶ HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany

TARGET GROUP

About 65 students, 7-8 students per university will participate in the Third B.I.S.S., so that both the disciplines and the participating universities are equally represented.

The Baltic International Summer School focusses on the interface of disciplines of the built environment as architecture, civil and structural engineering, urban planning and design and other related disciplines.

The B.I.S.S. is designed for students preferably at Master’s level. Nevertheless students at Bachelor’s and PhD level can also submit their applications.

In order to follow the lectures, work in multinational groups and participate actively in the discussions, students should have a good command of the English language.

PROGRAM

A continuous scientific, organizational and cultural exchange will be ensured by working in small interdisciplinary and international teams. Several formats are going to be applied:

- **keynotes:** Thematic impulses will be given by a number of well-known experts.
- **mentoring system:** The whole group of students will be divided in smaller working groups each guided by one mentor.
- **input:** Regular inputs by one of the participating professors will open up a work day.
- **group work:** Students work on their project in groups of 4 following their own thematic focus. Small excursions will complement the studies.
- **presentation:** Presentations will be commented by a number of present experts.
- **guest critics:** Critics by external experts from different disciplines will promote the work flow.
- **final public presentation:** Guest from the press, the politics and local and international experts as well as participating teachers will comment the projects on Saturday the 18th. It will be open to the public and followed by a farewell party.

Furthermore a special social program will be organized, where participants from different countries and disciplines can meet and have a great time together. Including welcome reception, thematic city walk with a picnic on HCU's terrace at the start and a farewell party at the end. The city tour will show the City, remarkable buildings and structures and give a good overview about Hamburg, the HafenCity and the University itself.

COSTS

The participation at the Baltic International Summer School has a registration cost of 50€ for the students of the BelInterBaltic partner universities. Students from invited guest universities pay a participation fee of 450€ (to be confirmed).

The workshop includes accommodation for ten nights, one daily meal as well as the workshop with guest lectures, course material and access to IT facilities and the HCU workshop. Furthermore, we will cover the costs of public transportation in Hamburg and a number of social activities during the whole Summer School. A contingency of rooms is reserved at the youth hostel.

APPLICATION

All partner universities will be responsible for the selection of participants. Please find your contact person as well as the application requirements online: www.hcu-hamburg.de/biss

March: Submissions AND application through ahoi-platform (only for HCU students)

April: Notification of selected participants.

CREDITS AND CERTIFICATE

Student workload at the B.I.S.S. including the preparation and documentation of the Summer School will be expressed in 5 ECTS credits. The workload will be ensured by the workshop in addition with preparation and postprocessing at the home universities. Besides the ECTS credits, students will be awarded a certificate of attendance for actively participating and successfully completing all assignments during the Baltic International Summer School.

INFORMATION

For further information: www.hcu-hamburg.de/biss

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