

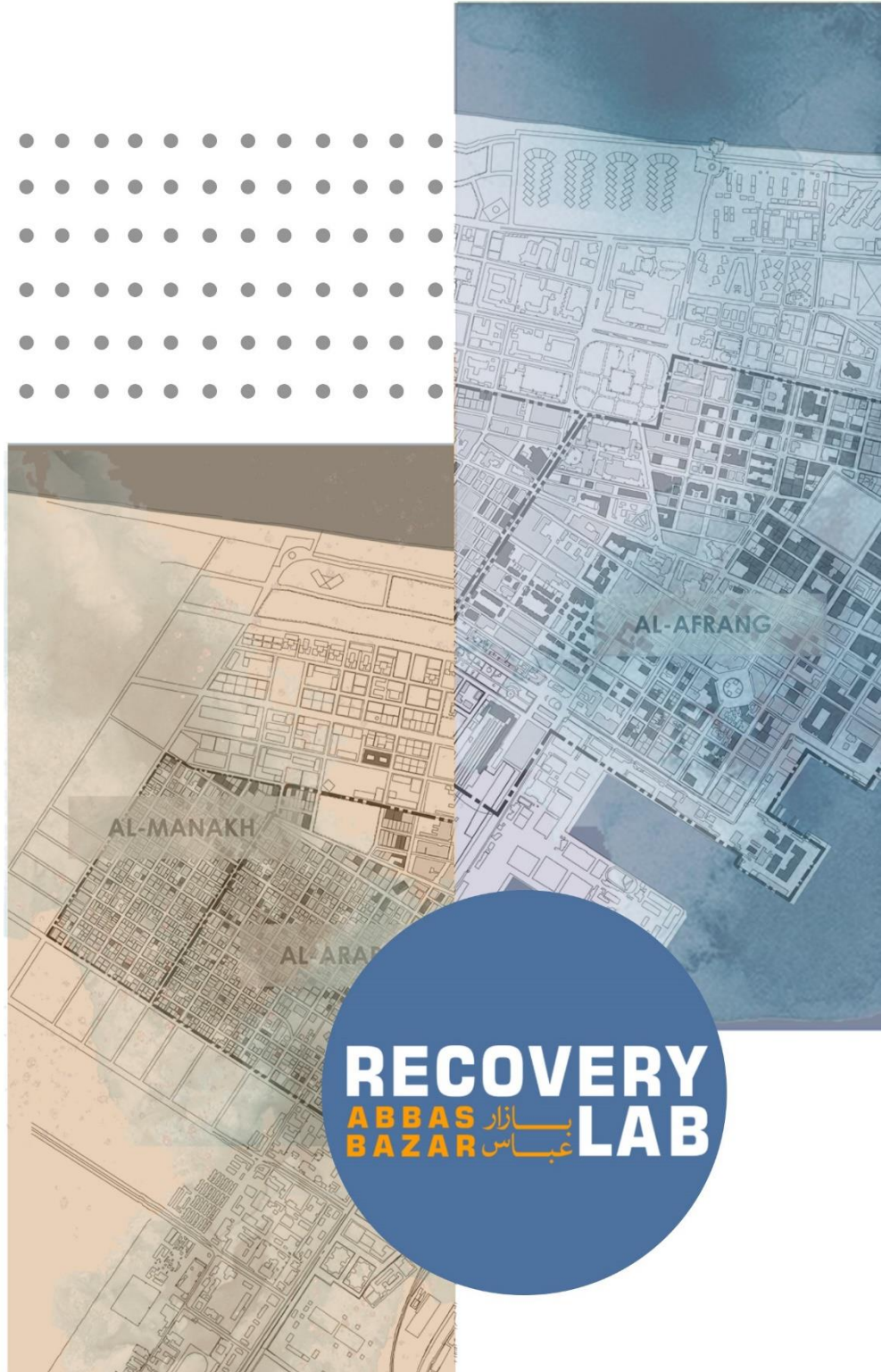
Reimagining Bazar Abbas

Workshop on Exploring Urban Recovery Scenarios

Cairo & Port Said, Egypt – 05th to 14th of September 2023



WORKSHOP PROGRAMME



BACKGROUND

▪ Introduction to the Project

This workshop is planned as the second event of the "Bazar Abbas: Recovery Lab of Port Said" project, aiming to enhance capacity for the urban recovery of Port Said. This project is a two-year initiative led by BTU in partnership with Galala University, Al Yakaniya for Heritage and Arts, Port Said Ala Ademo and Alliance française de port-saïd. It is funded by the British Council's Cultural Protection Fund in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

The project's objective is to address the effect of wars and conflicts in Port Said over the past decades and activate the recovery process of the downtown area through the implementation of small-scale, people-centred strategies for urban conservation and development. Given the intricate nature of the urban context, the project focuses on Bazar Abbas as an entry point. This building holds significant architectural heritage, intertwined with the historic development of the city, and plays a crucial role in the collective memory and identity of Port Said residents, symbolizing resistance, displacement, and daily practices.

The project involves a series of training and workshops that build upon each other. The first workshop, held in March 2023, conducted site-specific studies in the Arab and European neighbourhoods of Port Said, with a particular emphasis on understanding the impact of war and conflict on local urban narratives and heritage interpretations. The timber veranda or *Taracina*, as a key component of Port Said's architecture, played a central role in the workshop. The findings and outputs from this workshop are shared with the participants of the second workshop to provide them with a better understanding of the context (See Preparation Package). Likewise, the findings and outputs from the second workshop will inform the third workshop, which is scheduled for next year and will focus on sustainable tourism. Additionally, a training program on the restoration of *Taracina* and the rehabilitation of Bazar Abbas is scheduled for autumn 2023.



Fig 1. View to Entrance of Bazar Abbas – 19.12.2022 © Sepideh Zarrin Ghalam

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▪ Introduction to Port Said

Port Said is a city located in north-eastern Egypt, strategically positioned at the entrance of the Suez Canal, which greatly influenced its historic development. Founded in 1859, it was envisioned as a vital trade hub connecting Europe, Asia and Africa. The city flourished as an international port, attracting diverse communities and cultures and displaying a distinctive architecture that reflects a blend of European and Egyptian influences. While Port Said is often celebrated for its cosmopolitan era and the cultural exchange between Europeans and Arabs, it is essential to acknowledge that the colonial nature of Port Said's urban planning and the enforced segregation between Arabs and Europeans have significantly shaped the city's urban landscape, leading to persistent and recurring urban complications that have not adequately addressed nor fully resolved.

The historic core of Port Said was divided into two distinct neighbourhoods. Al-Afrang, designed for the European population with wide boulevards, elegant buildings, and spacious garden. Conversely, Al-Arab was planned for the local Arab population, with a simpler gridiron structure, narrow streets, small building plots and lacking public spaces. This division between European and Arab districts epitomized the social and cultural divisions of the colonial period, with Europeans enjoying greater privileges and resources. However, despite urban limitation, the lively and vibrant Arab quarter never stropped to express its identity through cultural, religious, and political means.

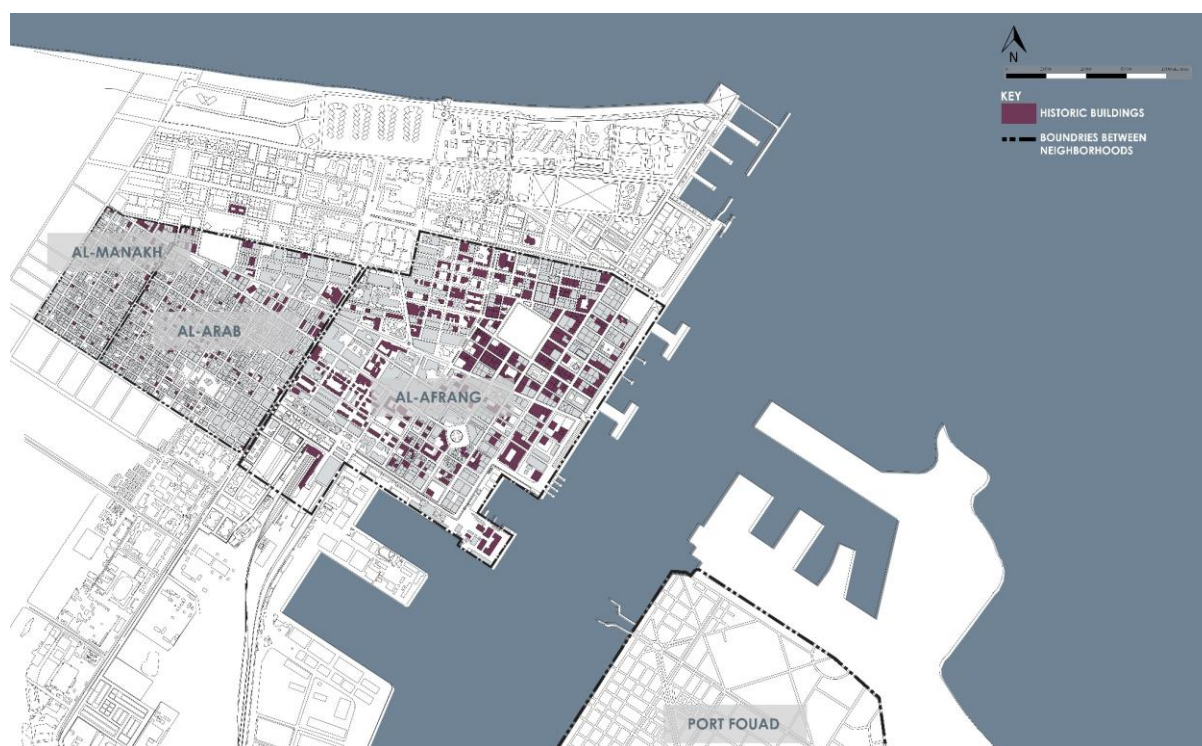


Fig 2. Heritage areas, buildings and boundaries © Samar Abdelaal

Throughout its history, Port Said faced challenging political and economic circumstances, including two World Wars, the Suez Crisis in 1956, the Six-Day War in 1967, the October War in 1973, the declaration of a free zone, and the 2011 revolution. While the city's urban structure and street patterns have remained unchanged, the social fabric and economic conditions have undergone significant transformations. Presently, Port Said is predominantly inhabited by a Muslim majority of Egyptian descent, political conflicts have diminished and social divisions have started to mend.

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Nonetheless, the memories of segregation, anti-colonial sentiments, and a lingering sense of resentment towards foreign influence remain deeply ingrained in the collective memory of the city's residents.

Port Said's architectural and urban heritage is currently facing significant challenges due to a lack of effective conservation measures. The modern architectural heritage of the city stands as a testament to its complex history, reflecting both prosperity and cosmopolitanism, as well as the deep-seated issues of segregation and oppression. To address these aspects, it is crucial to implement community-led and integrated urban conservation measures that align with the city's sustainable development goals. Without such measures in place, the existing limited protection laws prove inadequate in the face of mounting developmental pressures, exacerbated by real estate investments.

The importance of community-led development is further underscored by the presence of Port Said's robust intangible heritage, which has endured throughout its history. While tangible heritage represents the physical remnants of the city's past, it is the intangible heritage that animates the community, fostering a sense of belonging and continuity. Therefore, comprehensive efforts towards the recovery and eventual regeneration of Port Said should encompass a holistic understanding of both the tangible and intangible heritage, recognizing their interrelation with the city's spatial configuration.

▪ Introduction to Bazar Abbas

Bazar Abbas is an outstanding example of a hybrid between local architecture and European modernism. This architectural typology can be seen in various shapes and forms throughout the city of Port Said. Like many other structures of the same period, Bazar Abbas suffers from absence of protective measures and is under pressure from incompatible development forces. Bazar Abbas has been striving to establish its identity since the decline of Port Said's cosmopolitan culture and the socio-economic turbulences that followed. After the Arab-Israeli war, Bazar Abbas lost its main users, the international inhabitants. In 1956, the triple aggression in Port Said created an anti-colonization atmosphere that had a negative impact on its modern heritage. The turning point for Bazar Abbas occurred in the post-1976-war period when the urgent needs of newcomers led to the overpopulation of its first floor. The excessive use resulted in significant deterioration of the Bazar, which continued until 1980 when the government evacuated the building due to safety concerns. Since then, no protective measures have been implemented, leaving Bazar Abbas in a critical state. Today, the ground floor continues to be used as a marketplace and holds high importance for the local community.

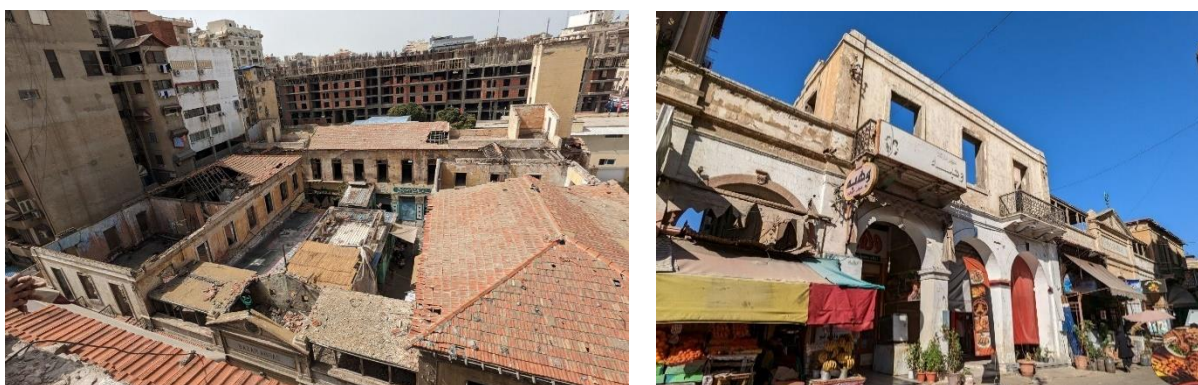


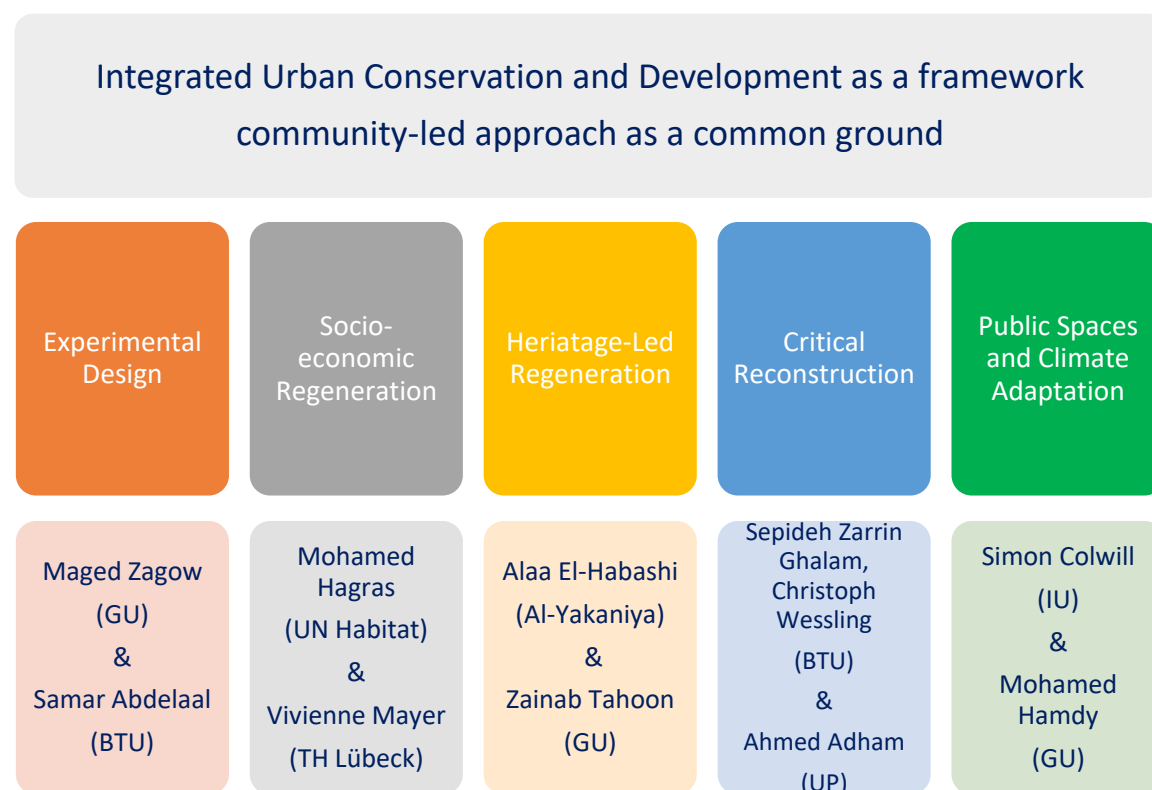
Fig 3. Left: Bazar Abbas from above, 19.12.2022, Right: Street view to Bazar Abbas -13.03. 023. © Sepideh Zarrin Ghalam

WORKSHOP CONCEPT

The workshop is dedicated to exploring various scenarios for the urban recovery of Port Said' urban core with attention to the **relation between the Arab and European districts** and a particular focus on **rehabilitation of Bazar Abbas** and its immediate surrounding.

We will tackle the task of **spatial planning** following the framework of **integrated urban conservation and development**. This framework offers a holistic approach that seeks to balance the preservation of urban heritage, enhancement of socio-economic conditions and adaptation to climate challenges in a sustainable and inclusive manner. In our training session, participants will be divided into five groups, each focusing on a specific aspect of this framework. However, in all groups, we prioritize a **community-led approach** to integrated urban conservation and development. We would like to pay attention to the importance of engaging and empowering local communities as key stakeholders in shaping their urban environment. The aim is to propose sustainable and inclusive urban scenarios that reflect the needs and values of the people who live and work in the neighbourhood.

The five groups and the instructors are as follows:



While all groups should propose guidelines for recovery and regeneration of the inner city, each will focus on one aspect more than the others and hence their outputs might differ or overlap accordingly. We promote a collaborative atmosphere by encouraging groups to work as one team rather than in competition with each other. We encourage groups to share and discuss the results of their work with each other throughout the process. In the end, our aim is to synergize all outputs together into one cohesive product.

The tasks are briefly addressed in the following diagram.

WORKSHOP TASKS

Experimental Design

- This group will explore innovative and experimental design strategies to address urban challenges. Their main task is to propose and ideally test temporary or tactical interventions, such as interactive installation or temporary urban furniture, etc. They will analyse the impact of such interventions on urban spaces, engage with community to gather feedback and propose new ideas and approaches for sustainable urban development.

Socio-economic Regeneration

- This group will focus on promoting inclusive and equitable urban regeneration. Their main task is to understand urban management in the area, identify areas of social disparity, develop strategies for promoting economic empowerment, ensuring access to essential services, and fostering community participation. They will work on designing mixed-use neighbourhoods, promoting social entrepreneurship and circular economies, enhancing educational and healthcare facilities, and facilitating the integration of marginalized communities. Their efforts will aim to create vibrant and cohesive urban environments where all residents can thrive.

Heritage-Led Regeneration

- This group will prioritize the preservation of cultural heritage within the urban context. Their main task is to identify heritage properties, including both tangible and intangible elements, and study their values from the perspective of the community. They will develop conservation guidelines, propose adaptive reuse strategies, and integrate heritage properties and their associated architectural and spatial representations into urban design and planning. Their efforts will focus on preserving cultural identity and fostering a sense of place, while ensuring sustainable development and community engagement.

Critical Reconstruction

- This group will address post-conflict urban transformations and challenges and aim to rebuild and restructure affected areas in a contextual manner. Their main task is to analyse the socio-morphological characteristics of the area, identify and assess the extent of damages, develop comprehensive reconstruction plans, and propose strategies that critically address the social, economic, and environmental requirements of the affected communities. Additionally, the group can further enhance their work by proposing contextual urban and architectural typologies that ensures a harmonious integration to the surrounding environment.

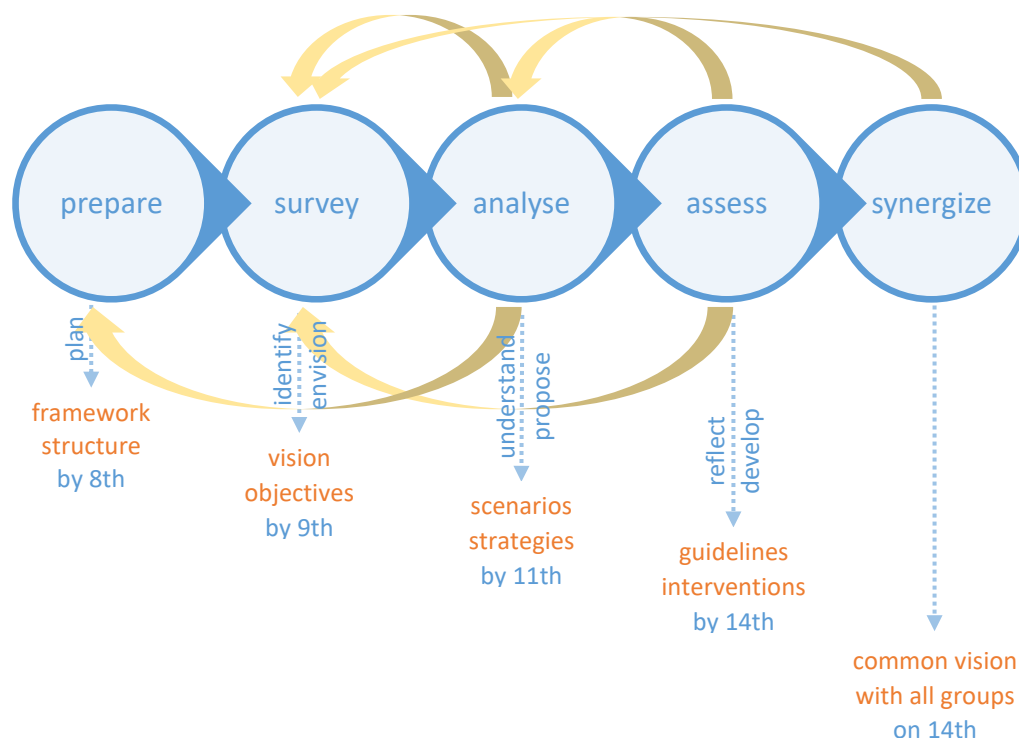
Public Space & Climate Adaptation

- This group will focus on analysing the relationship between public spaces and climate change, and develop strategies that enhance resilience and adaptability of urban environments. They will identify ways to integrate green and blue infrastructure, and design public spaces that mitigate climate risks while improving overall liveability and quality of urban areas.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

The workshop is consisted of various elements including the expert inputs, excursions, discussions and teamwork. We will spend the first three days in Cairo mainly for input sessions, excursions, discussions and group formation. Then we will spend the following seven days in Port Said mainly for site visit, surveying, intensive teamwork and engaging discussions.

Day	Date	Morning	Afternoon
Mo	04.09	Arrival and check-in	
Tue	05.09	Input sessions – Introduction to Framework and focal points	Excursion in Cairo
Wed	06.09	Input sessions – Introduction to Port Said	Excursion in Cairo
Thu	07.09	Input sessions – Follow up on focal points and team building	Transfer to Port Said
Fri	08.09	Site Visit	Start of Group work
Sat	09.09	Group discussions, on-site work, studio work	
Sun	10.09	Group discussions, on-site work, studio work	
Mo	11.09	Interim-colloquium	Excursion in Port Fuad
Tue	12.09	Group discussions, on-site work, studio work	
Wed	13.09	Group discussions, on-site work, studio work	
Thu	14.09	Final Colloquium and Round Table	
Fri	15.09	Check-out and departure	



WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Time	Program
Mo	04.09	All day	Arrival and check-in
Tue	05.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at Bayt Yakan
		09:00 to 09:15	Welcome Note Prof. Dr. Alaa El Habashi and Prof. Dr. Maged Zagow
		09:15 to 09:45	Input 1. Introduction to the workshop concept and Framework Dr. Sepideh Zarrin Ghalam
		10:00 to 10:30	Input 2. Heritage Led Regeneration Prof. Dr. Alaa El Habashi
		10:45 to 11:15	Input 3. Experimental Urban Design Prof. Dr. Madeg Zagow
		11:30 to 12:00	Input 4. Climate Adaptation and Public Spaces Prof. Dr. Simon Colwill (online)
		12:15 to 13:15	Lunch Break
		13:15 to 18:00	Excursion to Islamic Cairo Sultan Hassan El Rifai - Bab Zwaila – House of Shabshiri – Harrawi Guided by Prof. Dr. Alaa El Habashi
	19:30	Common dinner at Azhar Restaurant	
Wed	06.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at Bayt Yakan
		09:00 to 09:30	Input 5. Port Said: past, present and future Prof. Dr. Dalila Elkerdany
		09:45 to 10:15	Input 6. Perspectives from Port Said (title to be confirmed) Prof. Dr. Ashraf El Mokadem
		10:30 to 11:00	Input 7. Bazar Abbas: an “Arab Bazaar” in the European quarter (online) Claudine Piaton
		11:15 to 11:45	Input 8. Port Said: present and future development plans Prof. Dr. Shima Ali
		12:00 to 13:00	Lunch Break
		13:00 to 13:30	Input 9. Historic Buildings Rehabilitation as a Catalyst to Reconcile Urban Segregation in Port Said Historic Districts Samar Abdelaal

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		14:00 to 17:00	Excursion to El Khalifa Presentation and tour by Megawra's team: Ehsan Abushadi, Heba Negm and Maryam al-Touny
Thu	07.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at Bayt Yakan
		09:00 to 09:30	Input 9. Community-led Regeneration Karim Ibrahim (Takween)
		09:45 to 10:30	Input 10. Socio-economic Regeneration Mohamed Hagra
		10:30 to 11:15	Input 11. Exploring spatial potentials - examples of bottom-up interventions Vivienne Mayer
		11:15 to 12:00	Input 12. Climate Adaptation, Case studies in Egypt Mohamed Hamdy
		12:00 to 13:00	Lunch Break
		13:00 to 13:30	Building groups
		13:30 to 14:30	Group discussion
		15:00	Transfer to Port Said
		18:00	Check-in at Hotels in Port Said
Fri	08.09	08:30	Meeting point: Ferial Garden
		08:30 to 12:00	Site Visit – European District, Bazar Steet and Arab District Port Said Ala Ademo
		12:00 to 13:30	Friday prayer and lunch break
		13:30 to 14:30	Group meeting in Stabena: First reflections
		14:30 to 15:00	Team discussion
		15:00 to 17:00	Start of survey
Sat	09.09	09:00 to 10:00	Team discussion in StaBena
		10:00 to 17:00	Teamwork
Sun	10.09	09:00 to 10:00	Team discussion
		10:00 to 17:00	Teamwork
Mo	11.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at AAST Lecture Hall - Interim colloquium
		09:00 to 12:00	10 minutes presentation by each group followed with 15 minutes discussion

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		12:00 to 13:00	Lunch break
		13:00 to 18:00	Excursion in Port Fuad and Palestine Street Port Said Ala Ademo
		19:30	Common Dinner at Alam El Bahar Seafood Restaurant
Tue	12.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at StaBena
		09:00 to 09:45	Input 12. Critical Reconstruction (tbc) Christoph Wessling
		10:00 to 11:00	Team discussion
		11:00 to 17:00	Teamwork
Wed	13.09	09: to 10:00	Team discussion in StaBena
		10:00 to 17:00	Teamwork
Thu	14.09	08:45 to 09:00	Arrival at AAST Lecture Hall - Final colloquium
		09:00 to 12:00	15 minutes presentation by each group followed with 20 minutes discussion
		12:00 to 13:00	Lunch Break
		13:00 to 15:00	Round table Moderated by Mohamed Hagra
		15:00	Conclusion
		18:00	Semsemya Party (Abusaleh beach)
Fri	15.09	All day	Check-out and departure

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

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Criteria to build the groups:

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5
GUC Bachelor Senior	GUC Bachelor Senior	GUC Bachelor Senior	GUC Bachelor Grad.	GUC Bachelor Grad.
Alex Bachelor Grad.	Cairo Bachelor Grad.	Alex Bachelor Grad.	AAST Bachelor Grad.	Alex Bachelor Grad.
Master Grad.	AUC Master student	Cairo Master student	Cairo Master student	Cairo Master student
Intl. Master student (EGP)	Intl. Master student (EGP)	Intl. Master student (EGP)	BTU Master student (EGP)	BTU Master student (EGP)
BTU Master student (intl)	BTU Master student (intl)	BTU Master student (intl)	BTU Master student (intl)	BTU Master student (intl)

*the one Bachelor Senior Student from Port Said University and the one PhD student can choose either of the groups but not the same one.

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05.09 to 07.09

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