

## Seminar & Workshop

### PROMOTING URBAN REHABILITATION WITH THE NEIGHBOURHOOD: FROM VARIED EXPERIENCES TO COMMON SOLUTIONS

#### A Pilot Participatory Experience in Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood

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- **Sarıyer Municipality**, İstanbul

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#### THE THEME

Participation is usually discussed in the political sphere. However, it is crucial that it also takes its role in the training process of young professionals and researchers. Working on popular and vulnerable sites is another vital dimension of architecture, urbanism and sociology particularly in fast growing metropolitan areas. When these works are carried on together with the people of those sites, they are more valuable. Thus, participatory processes in popular and vulnerable areas are required to become a more common practice.

This seminar-workshop challenges these issues in bringing together an interdisciplinary group of students, researchers, artists, young professionals and academicians from Egypt, France and Turkey. More important is the participation of the people of the selected neighbourhood at Sarıyer to all stages of the event –from developing the issues to organisation- actively.

The event is organized on three main stages: visits and conferences bringing together various specialists of Istanbul urbanization, regeneration and right to the city issues; on-site intensive analysis; studio work and public discussion in the neighbourhood.

Different traditions for participation -from institutionalized to bottom-up- are going to be experienced during the workshop on the site chosen (neighbourhood: Kazım Karabekir) because of its organisational capacity to fulfil the need for collective and multi-disciplinary work and their open local demand to cooperate with specialised people to fulfil their urgent needs.

It is one of many popular neighbourhoods in Istanbul where regeneration is expected to take place soon. The neighbourhood had developed as a “gecekondu” area since 1960s and experiencing most of the characteristics of vulnerable areas. There is a developing neighbourhood association of local dwellers and this studio is also expected to assist this development. Some past work on urban and regeneration issues was carried on by the organisation together with Dayanışmacı Atölye (DA), a popular civil initiative, a university based movement focusing mainly on increasing organisational capacity of neighbourhoods and on advocacy planning, constituted of students, academics, professionals, artists and etc. since 2004.

Sarıyer is located along the Bosphorus. It is a rapidly growing district with the neighbouring projects at the new CBD at Levent and Maslak. This rapid growth puts high pressure on the gecekondu neighbourhoods that almost half of the district is constituted of. Local elections in 2009 presented that popular neighbourhoods of the district oppose the idea of regeneration without their consent and changed their local government. Since then there is a developing partnership between the neighbourhood organisations and the municipality for on-site rehabilitation and fulfilling local demands. The most material manifestation of this partnership is the “neighbourhood house” built last year to host the neighbourhood organisation’s activities including this event.

There are two aims of the workshop that are linked to each other:

1. The workshop will attempt to read the neighbourhood from the experiences and observations of the community groups and develop on site solutions together with them. The community groups will be selected –by the neighbourhood organisation- among the different groups of the community such as women, men, youngsters, children, elders and etc in order to present their differences in their living practices.
2. The neighbourhood organisations in İstanbul are generally represented by middle aged men and it is a need to include the other groups of the community. This workshop will attempt to facilitate the inclusion of these groups that are either excluded or disinterested by involving them directly with the issues of their neighbourhood.

Expected outcomes are then:

1. Neighbourhood maps of different views on various issues.
2. Specific solutions on the prioritised problems of the community.
3. Involvement of different groups to the activities of the neighbourhood organisation.
4. Stepping forward towards the construction of the political discourse of the neighbourhood based on the popular “say” and assisted with academic and professional knowledge.

## PROGRAM

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**Note:** Public events indicated in **BLUE**

### **Saturday 16.04**

- 13:30** Lunch
- 17:00-23:00** Public meeting organized by the platform of the neighbourhood associations of Sarıyer  
Mustafa Kemal Cultural Center (Karanfilköy, Beşiktaş)

### **Sunday 17.04**

- 9.30-15.30** **Excursion around the city in transformation: Başakşehir, Kayabaşı, Maslak and Sarıyer**  
With Jean-François Pérouse (Galatasaray University), Tuna Kuyucu (Bosphorus University) and Cihan Baysal (Habitat-AGFE local expert)  
*Meeting point: Mimar Sinan University at 9.15*  
*Registration needed (limited number of participants):*  
*laclemencita@gmail.com*
- 16.00-20.00** Meeting with the local dwellers and the neighbourhood association  
Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house  
Visit of the neighbourhood
- 20.30** **Screening of the documentary film *Ecumenopolis. A City without Limits***  
Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

### **Monday 18.04**

- 10-12am** Meeting with the Municipality of Sarıyer  
*Meeting point: Mimar Sinan University at 8.30*
- 13.00-15.30** Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house  
Introduction to research methods (Agnès Deboulet and Dina Shehayeb)  
Meeting with the local dwellers and neighbourhood association
- 17.30-21.00** **Conference: A glimpse on Istanbul (in English)**  
Mimar Sinan University (video-conference room)

#### **17.30-18.00 – Introduction**

*The Logic of Spatial (Re-)Production in Istanbul*  
**Erbatur Çavuşoğlu**, Mimar Sinan University

**18.00-19.30 – 1st session: From Informal Settlements to Urban Transformation**

*A Sociopolitical History of Istanbul's Informal Settlements*

**Hakan Yücel**, Galatasaray University

Socio-spatial Segregation and Gated Communities in Istanbul

**Didem Daniş**, Galatasaray University

TOKİ and Urban Transformation Projects as Mechanisms of Property Transfer

**Tuna Kuyucu**, Bosphorus University

**19.30-21.00 – 2nd session: Local Mobilizations and Urban Movements against Urban Transformation Projects**

Mobilizations, Negotiations and Participation in the Urban Policy-Making Process

**Korhan Gümüş**, Istanbul 2010 / Human Settlements Association

*From Global Urban Peripheries to Istanbul's gecekondu: Building the Right to the City*

**Cihan Baysal**, Istanbul Habitat-AGFE local expert

*Some Basic Notes on Neighbourhood Organisations*

**Murat Cemal Yalçın**, Mimar Sinan University

**Tuesday 19.04**

**9.30-12.30**      **Seminar: Searching for common grounds: Participatory Planning Practices from France, Brazil, Egypt and Turkey (in English)**  
Mimar Sinan University (video-conference room)

**9.30-10.30 – 1st session: Sharing Decisions in Development Issues**

*Researching Urban Issues with Inhabitants: From Analysis to Alternative Project. Experiences in Paris suburbs and Jericho*

**Agnès Deboulet**, Paris-La Villette National School of Architecture

*Tools and supports for a cooperative planning: from information to co-production*

**Khedidja Mamou**, Paris-La Villette NSA

*Urban Renewal and Empowerment in a Brazilian Favela: Candeal, Salvador de Bahia*

**Merril Sineus**, Paris-La Villette NSA

**10.30-11.30 – 2nd session: Planning by Informality**

*An overview of Informal Areas in Egypt*

**Dina Shehayeb**, Modern School for Arts and Sciences, Cairo

*Identity Dynamics of People and Place in Informal Areas*

**Ahmad Al-Helo**, MSA, Cairo

*Finding a Voice: Informal Areas post-25th January Revolution*

**Salma Belal**, Arab Academy for Science and Technology and Maritime Transport, Cairo

*Parallels with Tahrir Square: Self-Governance Model*

**Ahmad Borham**, MSA, Cairo

*Participatory Planning: Externalized and Internalized Practices*

**Dina Shehayeb**, MSA, Cairo

### **11.30-12.30 – 3rd session: Neighbourhood Organizations: From Advocacy to Self-Organization**

*A Self-Organisation Experience through Planning: Güleusu Neighbourhood*

**Murat Yalçın**, Mimar Sinan University

*Neither Bottom-up Mobilization nor Top-down Recognition: Participation in Sulukule?*

**Yaşar Adanalı**, University of Stuttgart / Istanbul

*The Movement against Urban Transformation in Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood*

**Gizem Aksumer**, Istanbul Technical University

**From 14.00**

#### **FIELDWORK**

Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

### **Wednesday 20.04**

**From 10.00**

#### **FIELDWORK**

Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

### **Thursday 21.04**

**From 10.00**

#### **FIELDWORK & STUDIO WORK**

Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

### **Friday 22.04**

**9.30-11.00**

Visit of Tarlabası

With Erbatur Çavuşoğlu (Mimar Sinan University)  
*Meeting point: Taksim Square at 9.15*

**13.00-18.30**                    **STUDIO WORK**  
Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

**From 19.00**                    **Presentation of the preliminary results and dinner**  
Kazım Karabekir neighbourhood house

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