

IP ANKARA 2013 - 2014

SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



RATIONALE AND BACKGROUND

Ankara, after its proclamation as the capital city of the Republic of Turkey in 1923, has witnessed huge transformations. The city was home to only a few thousand people when it became the capital; but gradually its population has grown at double the rate of the rest of Turkey. It received large inflows of migrants, particularly during the 1950s-60s, who illegally settled on public land.

The two case study areas –the Dikmen Valley and the Ankara Citadel– are examples of unauthorized housing and of different strategies to tackle the issue. The Dikmen Valley and Ankara Citadel redevelopment processes showcase multiple problems, which are specific to the Ankara context but are also common to many European metropolitan areas and represent, hence, major contemporary planning challenges.

CONCRETE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

In the IP, the redevelopment processes in the Dikmen Valley and Ankara Citadel will be used to discuss the above issues as well as the planning strategies to meet the challenges of sustainable urban development. A critical analysis of such redevelopment processes requires a multidisciplinary approach from the fields of city planning, architecture, economics, sociology, geography and environmental sciences.

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The main purpose of the IP is thus to enable students integrate different disciplinary perspectives, use different analytical methodologies and planning approaches. In particular, the IP aims at achieving the following objectives:

1. A broad understanding of urban redevelopment processes via a multidisciplinary analysis of the case studies;
2. Use of methods to analyze the design, socioeconomic and environmental impacts of redevelopment projects;
3. Formulation of strategies for a sustainable urban development of the case study areas.



Selection Criteria:

Good Command of English
Related Academic Qualification

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. An understanding of the different planning contexts and governance dynamics.
2. An understanding of the different dynamics, institutions and actors at work in urban transformation.
3. A grasp of tools and methods to analyze environmental, economic and social implications of urban projects.
4. The capabilities to formulate planning strategies towards sustainable cities.

