

The European project **ARCHEA** has at its core the cooperation of five European universities pursuing individual research approaches to the mapping of urban space. Alongside RWTH Aachen University, the Universities of Bologna and Parma (Italy), ENSA Normandie (France) and the Politechnika Śląska (Poland) are involved in the research. As exemplary case studies, two European cities of medium size, Aachen and Bologna, are captured graphically according to the distinct approaches to mapping cities by the participating partner universities. This architectural design workshop C3, November 21 to 29, organized by RWTH, is the second of two workshops inviting students of all partner universities to get actively involved in the research work by applying the individual approaches to mapping the European Medium sized City to the design of an intervention in the proposed planning area.

The city of Aachen, situated in a natural basin and therefore reliant on notches in the landscape to provide fresh air corridors and ventilation of the city centre, is at the limits of its expansion possibilities. This is why we focus on a peripheral, yet still urban quarter located in the south-east of Aachen: the “Driescher Hof”. This “inbetween-city” (T. Sieverts) is on the edge of urbanization, layered with different approaches and solutions of city-planning over the last century. As one of the more precarious areas of Aachen it is in dire need of redevelopment and intervention.

The questions that arise from this many-faceted planning area are just as manifold: How can the ideas of loose housing settlements and urbanity be reconciled? How is the tradeoff between disorder and planned order resolved? How will the conversion of former industrial or military areas work? In what way is the existing landscape integrated into the new urban quarter? What part does the existing infrastructure play, or how must it be adapted to meet the new requirements?

online event accessible to registered participants from 21/11/20 9.00am

Schedule

SATURDAY NOV 21, AACHEN: OPENING AND INTRODUCTION

- 10.30-11.00 [Welcome by the RWTH Aachen](#)
Univ.-Prof. Uwe Schröder, Department of Spatial Design
- 11.00-11.30 [Keynote speech: On the Spatiality of the City](#)
Prof. Andreas Denk, Theory of Architecture, TH Köln UAS
- 11.30-11.45 [Questions and discussion time](#)
- 11.45-12.15 [Driescher Hof. A Multifarious Place in the Periphery of Aachen.](#)
Virtual tour, Felix Mayer, Timo Steinmann, RWTH Aachen
- 12.15-12.30 [Questions and discussion time](#)
- 12.30-14.00 *lunch break*
- 14.00-15.00 [Introduction Workshop Procedure/ Tech Check: MS Teams](#)
Felix Mayer, Timo Steinmann, RWTH Aachen
- 15.00-16.00 [Sighting and Discussion of Material \(Group Sessions\)](#)
Support: Felix Mayer, Timo Steinmann, Philipp Pelzer, Frederik Schumacher, RWTH Aachen.
[Ongoing support on demand](#)

SUNDAY NOV 22, AACHEN: FREE DAY- DISCOVER STUDY AREA DRIESCHER HOF

day at free disposal

MONDAY NOV 23, AACHEN: LECTURE

- 10.30-11.15 [Aachen. History of urban development](#)
Prof. Dr. Karsten Ley, Urban planning, Theory of Architecture and Design, Hochschule 21 UAS Buxtehude

MONDAY TO FRIDAY NOV 23-28, AACHEN: WORKSHOP

- 10.00-13.00 [Architectural Design Workshop \(Group Sessions\)](#)
- 13.00-14.00 *lunch break*
- 14.00-17.00 [Architectural Design Workshop \(Group Sessions\)](#)
- 17.00-18.00 Daily Briefing
Exchange Short Discussion of Results and Thoughts

SATURDAY NOV 29, AACHEN: CLOSING

- 10.00-13.00 [Presentation of Results and Discussion \(Plenum\)](#)
Visiting critics: Prof. Raffaella Neri, Politcnico Milano;
Prof. Andreas Denk, TH Köln - UAS
- 13.00-13.30 *closing remarks*

Cover: Driescher Hof, 1801-1828, Deutsche Grundkarte



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