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Call for application
Metrolab Brussels’ 2017 MasterClass
In / Out: Designing inclusion and hospitality
Brussels, 23rd January – 3 February 2017

The 2017 MasterClass, a biennial two-week workshop, will be organized soon by Metrolab Brussels, a trans-disciplinary and inter-university laboratory for applied and critical urban research, funded by the Brussels Capital Region through its ERDF program (2014-2020) and conducted by UCL (University of Louvain) and ULB (Free University of Brussels).

Among the forty participants of the 2017 MasterClass, we have the possibility to invite five student candidates from La Cambre-Horta. The other institutional partners for this event are: the New School (New York, USA), the University of Sheffield (UK), Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (Switzerland) and the 4Cities European network of masters in Urban Studies.

Brussels, as many other cities, experiments major issues of poverty, disenfranchisement and exclusion. What can urban designers do about it? This question will be at the heart of this MasterClass, which consists in:
- a collective, transdisciplinary exploration
- on the questions of social inclusion and urban democracy,
- taken from the perspective of space practitioners,
- using the conceptual frame of the hospitality of urban spaces
- and applied to four concrete sites / projects in Brussels.

The international master tutors mobilized for this event are: Profs. Miodrag Mitrasinovic and Maya Wiley from The New School (New York), Profs. Teddy Cruz and Fonna Forman from the University of California – San Diego (UCSD).

For a valid application, the candidate must:
- be, either already holder of a Master degree, or currently enrolled in a Master program / a PhD program,
- have a professional English level
- assure his/her continual presence during the two-week MasterClass.

For architects / urbanists: to master Autocad/Vectorworks/Archicad, Illustrator, Photoshop, Indesign, with some background in GIS.

For geographers: to master GIS environment, with some background in Illustrator.

To apply, the candidate must write a motivation letter (400 words max), join his/her CV and, for architects/urbanists, a portfolio of max. 5 pages. All the documents have to be submitted in English by December 9th, 2016 to Louise Prouteau (l.prouteau@metrolab.brussels), who will forward them to Metrolab Brussels. Candidates will be informed by December 16th.