



# Bachelor / winter term 23/24

## KUP 4 | short project / workshop

### “urban space - street furniture”

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The International Workshop Kurzprojekt| KUP 4 was hosted on the premises of HFT-Hochschule für Technik, Studiengang Innenarchitektur, Stuttgart. It took place in the frame of an international programme of exchange of teaching and research experience between the Architectural Schools of the following universities:

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece,
- Karadeniz Technical University - Trabzon, Turkey
- HFT- Hochschule für Technik - Stuttgart, Germany

The programme includes, among others, intensive workshops hosted alternately by the three universities. Three workshops have already been completed with great success, the first in Stuttgart (March 2019), the second in Trabzon and Akçaabat (October 2019) and the third in Thessaloniki, Greece with the participation of 36 students, twelve from each university. The organizers and teachers were: Prof. Dr. Sonay Çevik from Karadeniz Technical University Trabzon, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Styliani Lefaki and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vanessa Tsakalidou, both from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Prof. Karsten Weigel from HFT Stuttgart.

The title of the 4<sup>th</sup> workshop KUP 4 was: “urban space- street furniture”. On the occasion of the ongoing redesign of a large part of Stuttgart's urban center, known as 'Project Stuttgart 21' and in combination with the strong and particularly important presence of museums in the urban space, the international workshop focused on the functional enrichment of the city's public space. Workshop activities began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023, including a museum visit to the Mercedes-Benz Museum on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

The participating students -12 from the HFT-Stuttgart, 13 from Karadeniz Technical University and 13 from the School of Architecture of the Aristotle University- worked together in 6 international groups, with equal participation in each group from the 3 universities. The proposals of each group were publicly

presented with sketches, drawings and models, demonstrating interesting and innovative architectural proposals based on the analysis of the selected area of intervention.

Alongside with the works of the workshop, a series of guided tours and visits to important urban and architectural landmarks of Stuttgart took place, so that the students could form a comprehensive view of the architectural heritage of the city and understand more fully the area concerning their intervention. Students had the opportunity to get to know different ways of education and understanding of design through teaching and cooperation with the universities of other countries and to improve their intercultural skills. The focus of the workshop was the exchange of experience, collaboration and understanding between young people from different cultural backgrounds.

The workshop and its goals were highly supported by the Turkish General Consul in Stuttgart Makbule Koçak Kaçar, who organized a reception for all the workshop participants. The reception was honored by the new Consul General of Greece in Stuttgart Maria Kechri and the initiators of university cooperation between Turkey, Germany and Greece, architect engineer Mr. Ersin Uğursal, honored by the Verdienstkreuz am Bande and architect engineer Mr. Anastasios Vasileiadis, founding member and President of the Global Cultural Community of Hellenism e.V. Mr. Anastasios Vasileiadis and the members of the Global Cultural Community of Hellenism (G.C.C.H.) highly supported and helped financially conducting the workshop, giving also the possibility to the students of the Aristotle University to travel to Stuttgart and participate. The School of Architecture - Faculty of Engineering of the Aristotle University Thessaloniki expressed officially its gratitude by awarding a medal and a letter of appreciation from the Head of School, professor Anastasios Tellios to the board of directors of the G.C.C.H., during a ceremony at the offices of the Community.

The organizers and professors of the workshop would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to:

- the hosts of the workshop, representatives of HFT, especially Mrs. Barbara Rosenhart who was responsible for the workshop programme and museum visits,
- the General Consul of Türkiye Mrs. Makbule Koçak Kaçar for her kind and warm invitation that was very important for the mutual communication and understanding between all participants and created a climate of friendship and togetherness among them,
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With great gratitude and honour,

The organizers and teachers of KUP 4

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06.10.2023 KUP 4 Reception at the residence of the Türkiye General Consul in Stuttgart Makbule Koçak Kaçar



03.10.2023 KUP 4 welcoming of students by GCCH



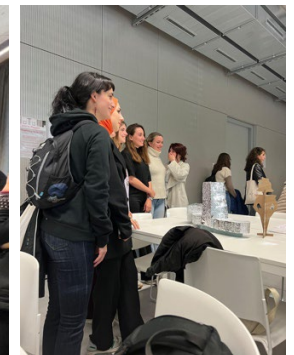
05.10.2023 AUTH's gratitude to GCCH

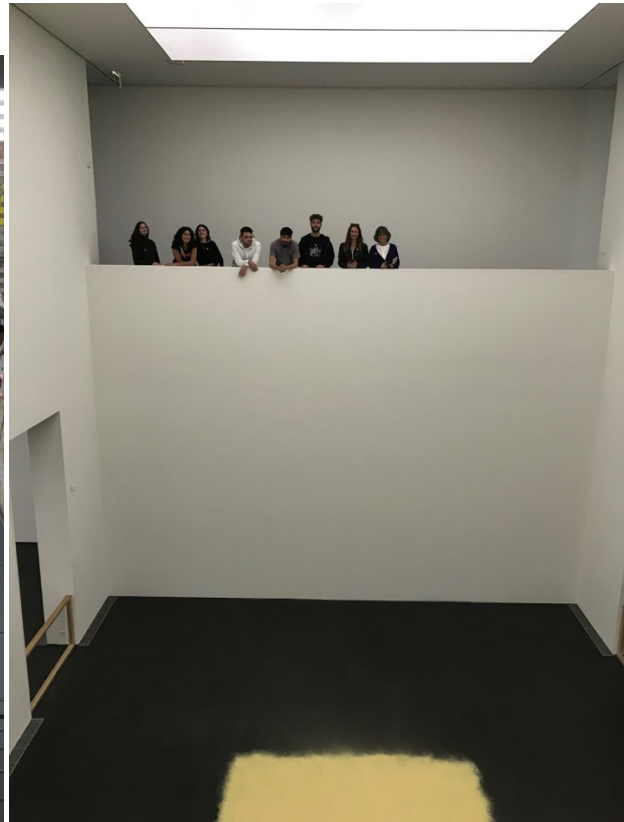


04.10.2023 KUP 4 Students working in international groups at HFT Stuttgart



06.10.2023 KUP 4 at HFT Stuttgart





03.10-07.10.2023 KUP4 museums visits





08.10.2023 KUP 4 Visit at Mercedes-Benz Museum

