

## DESIS Thematic Forum

### Design for Collaborative Cities / **Campus&City:** Students and teachers in the neighbourhood community

Organizer: DESIS Network members

Can students and teachers act as members of the local community, and become agents in its regeneration? And vice versa: how do these initiatives become part of their learning processes? Are there some on-going initiatives that make this possibility clearer? Which public services could support these processes?

**Campus&City** is a Seminar that aims to discuss the interactions between a design school and the neighbourhoods in which it is located. It focuses on the possibilities of social innovation driven by the interactions of students and teachers, considering them as transitory residents of that same community. In particular, it discusses how the design can help in reducing the risk of gentrification and, vice versa, regenerating both the social and the physical environment.

In this spirit the Seminar introduces a variety of meaningful experiences and, on this basis, stimulates a discussion on the previous topics.

The Seminar is organized by DESIS Network within the Design for Collaborative Cities (DXCC) program (for a brief presentation of DESIS and the DXCC program, see **Annex**).

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY 29 May 2019, 11 A.M. (for details see the conference program)**

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## **Annex** Design for Collaborative Cities: a DESIS Network Thematic Cluster

### **City making and design**

The world is changing fast. And cities are changing even faster. In this turbulent context the traditional city planning has progressively been paralleled by more flexible processes: city-making projects thanks to which different parts of the cities are conceived and realized, considering both their physical and social dimensions.

What can design do to trigger and support social innovation in the city making? And: how can it collaborate in leveraging social-innovation to orient city-making processes towards resilient, sustainable and collaborative cities?

### **Design for Collaborative Cities (DxCC)**

DxCC is an articulated design research program, self-organized by DESIS Network, which involves several design schools around the world that work at the crossroads of city making, social innovation and design.

The program is conceived as a series of specific projects developed individually by different design labs and by a series of conversations on the results and open research questions that are emerging, step by step.

### **Organization.**

The DxCC original group includes the DESIS Labs of: Elisava (Barcelona), Tongji (Shanghai), Politecnico (Milano), CSM (London), Luca (Genk), Parsons (NYC), UFRJ (Rio de Janeiro), Medea (Malmo). Around this original group, other DESIS Labs, and some DESIS Partners aiming at the same goal, will be added.