



The Great City of Tenochtitlan
Mural by Diego Rivera, 1945

Urban Design Seminar: Diversity

Tutor: Gyler Mydyti, Core Elective, 2 ECTS, in English, 24 LE (+ 42 h private study time), Friday 13:30 to 16:45, S1 (12.09./17.10./31.10./14.11./28.11./05.12.2025), min. enrolment: 5 students, assessment: minimum 75% compulsory attendance and continuous assessment. The final grade is calculated according to the weighting of the following components: final submission (80%) and oral presentation (20%). Relevant reading will be made available at the beginning of the course. A list of recommended literature will be announced in the course and updated on an ongoing basis. Contact: gyler.mydyti@uni.li

The Urban Design Seminar explores contemporary urban design principles and challenges, focusing on their implications for architects and urban designers. Central to this series is Diversity, encompassing cultural plurality, social equity, inclusive design, and the representation of multiple voices in urban spaces. Through historical and current debates and projects, the seminar examines how diversity can be fostered under today's conditions, shaped by globalisation, gentrification, climate justice, migration, and social change. It also reviews tools and strategies for designing diverse, inclusive, and equitable environments. The seminar enables students to critically discuss principles that prioritize inclusive, accessible spaces, accommodating varied social, cultural, and economic groups. Lectures feature visual and conceptual exercises, supported by readings of seminal texts and case studies. The goal is to provide students with foundational knowledge to evaluate theoretical frameworks that integrate diversity into urban design.