

CHALLENGING THE FLEXIBILITY

Brno's White House



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Built in 1976 as the administrative building of the Municipal Committee of the Communist Party, this excellent building at the Žerotínovo square lost its original purpose during the 1989's Velvet Revolution, when the communist regime in Czechoslovakia collapsed. In the following decades, various services and companies moved in.



Source: <https://www.bam.brno.cz/en/object/d112-administrative-building-of-the-municipal-committee-of-the-communist-party-in-brno>

However, the building will likely remain vacant in the future and efforts by the municipality to sell it to a private owner have already emerged, which means a high probability for the building to be demolished and replaced by a new profit-oriented development. We appreciate the architectural value of the existing building and consider that its current vacantness entails a huge potential for the future development of urban life and society on this site. In addition, by reusing existing architectural resources we can sharply reduce both emissions and resource consumption, making the reconversion of existing buildings a key skill for future architects.

Students will develop architectural strategies for the creative reuse, reconversion and extension of the building. Their task will be to implement a hybrid-program that inclusively mixes Brno's wide spectrum of social groups (locals, students, visitors, refugees etc.) and strengthens its vibrant city life architecturally.

STUDIO

Working language will be English.

Our working space will be the west studio room on the roof floor of the main building (ATDG092), so you will have 24/7 access to your working space and facilities.

Study trip to Brno:

arrival: 17.10.2023 | activities: 18. - 20.10.2023 | departure: 21.10.2023
estimated cost (travel, accommodation, tours): 250-300 €
eventually supported by the AKTION program (up to 270 € per student)