

## Seminar Week

### Trip Dates

18 - 26 March 2017

### Urban-Think Tank, D-ARCH

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### Research Partners:

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### Organization:

ECTS Credits - 2

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Includes: Flights, accomodation,  
group transportation, entrance  
fees and guides

Open to all students. Priority given  
to those in the U-TT Design Studio.

Johannesburg's inner city today is densely populated and diverse—characterized by pockets of inclusion and exclusion, but shaped by transient migrant and immigrant communities attempting to claim a stake in sub-Saharan Africa's rapidly growing economic hub. Development of the area has often been subject to contradictory approaches evident in the coexistence of highly secured, neatly manicured banking and office compounds, and the cluttered sidewalk exchanges of the vibrant—and often illicit—informal economy. This emergent urbanism, produced at the intersection of top-down planning and bottom-up improvisation, cannot be meaningfully addressed by traditional planning models and demands critical investigations into the future vision of inner city Johannesburg.

Students will travel to Johannesburg as an extension of the Urban-Think Tank Design Studio to investigate the architecture, urbanism, culture, and social exchange in Johannesburg with a specific focus on housing. City and architectural tours, museum visits, lectures and talks from local experts will constitute the majority of the trip. With students from the University of Johannesburg Graduate School of Architecture, we will take part in a series of on-site mapping workshops to collect urban ideas and input from residents, interdisciplinary experts, community groups, NGOs, and the private sector.

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