

SEMINAR WEEK (051-0912-19)

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Time: 17-24 March 2019

Location: Agadir, Casablanca

THE COMMONS AND THE MODERN AFROPOLIS

Agadir and Casablanca are two exceptional laboratories of modern urban architecture. Immediately after the Second World War, Casablanca planned radical expansions to become a city for millions. The historical town of Agadir, destroyed by an earthquake in 1960, rose from the ashes as a modern metropolis. In both cases, innovative buildings and infrastructures defined new common codes and conventions. In this seminar week we will explore the new-fangled typologies and morphologies that establish the commons of these two modern cities. We will pay special attention to the important, but little-known, urban project of the reconstruction of Agadir on which several international architects collaborated to construct a Modern Afropolis.

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This includes flights (Zurich-Casablanca, Casablanca-Agadir, Agadir-Zurich), transfers, accommodation in double room, lectures by local experts, entrance fees and final dinner.

All participants should hold a passport valid until at least six months after the trip. Swiss nationals do not need a visa for Morocco, but holders of other passports should check.

