

* THINK THE LINK": BALTIC INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The motto "think the link" indicates the interdisciplinary approach searching for ties and correlation between experiences, cultures, cities and objects of the built environment. Joint identification of the existing problems, examination of various methods and elaboration of possible solutions will strengthen the cross-functional competences of protagonists of the Built Environment referring to their different academic and cultural background.

Under the patronage of **B.I.S.S. patroness Katharina Fegebank**, Second Mayor of the City of Hamburg and Senator for Science, Research and Equalities, **65 students from eight renowned universities** create social and urban links of two of Hamburg's most **developing districts - HafenCity and Rothenburgsort**. The area east of Hamburg's city center, in particular around the infrastructural joint "Elbbrücken" will be the stage for the **topic 2015 "at – over – on the water"**. The interdisciplinary and internationally mixed project groups are asked to deal with water as both junction and quality as well as barrier and separation. Hereby the B.I.S.S. wants to address not simply a typical problem of Hamburg, but one that is characteristic for most harbor cities and thus the participants of the BISS. The results range from artistic to architectural and engineering concepts for the development of metropolis. **Links** will not only emerge between districts and cities but also between countries and cultures in the **Baltic Sea Region**.

GOAL: CREATE LINKS

The First Baltic International Summer School 2015 (B.I.S.S.) at the HCU in Hamburg will open up a continuous academic network between all disciplines of the Built Environment as architects, engineers, urban planners and other related professions.

By using common resources in the Baltic Sea Region profit will be gained on several levels:

- academic benefit by exchange of knowledge
- **cultural benefit** by social and intellectual exchange
- personnel benefit by communication
- spatial benefit by using "short cuts" over the Baltic Sea
- economic benefit by developing synergies

► TARGET GROUP: LINKING PROTAGONISTS

About 65 students accompanied by professors, teachers and researchers from **8 universities and 6 countries** will participate in the first B.I.S.S. 2015. The first Baltic International Summer School fucuses on the intersection between architects and engineers.

- High potential: planners from renowned universities of the Baltic region
- **Exclusivity**: patronage Katharina Fegebank, Second Mayor of the City of Hamburg and Senator for Science, Research and Equalities as well as publicity in politics and press
- **Relevance**: solutions for HafenCity as one of the largest urban construction site and transferability to other harbor cities
- **Publicity**: keynote lectures by leading protagonists of the Built Environment, engagement of renowned professors, teachers and researchers
- Network: researchers, teachers and students
 with joint research projects, teaching and learning formats

DATES AND DATA

The duration of the Summer School is 10 days.

Friday 21. 08. - Sunday 30. 08. 2015

The workshop will manly take place in the premises of the HCU. The framework will provide three exclusive keynote lectures as well as a big public final presentation and finissage for an invited audience on Saturday the 29th.



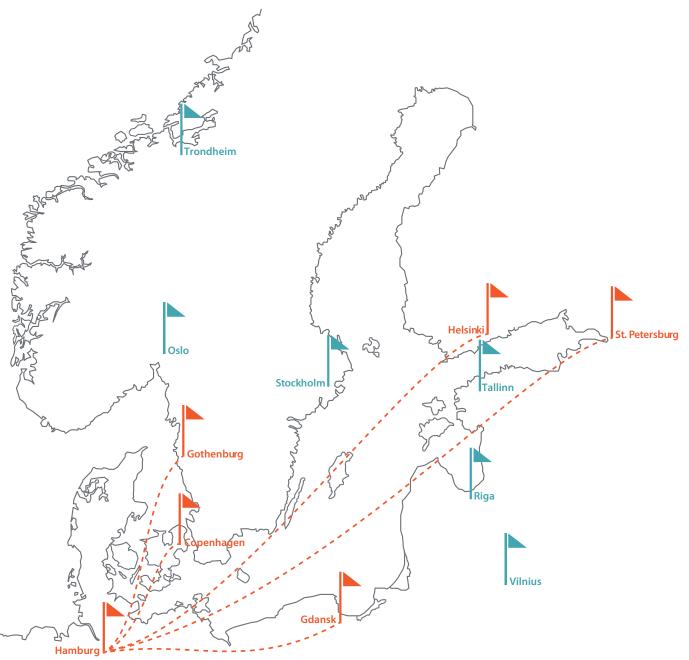
PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES



HCU HafenCity Universität Hamburg

- Aalto University, Helsinki, Finland
- Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden
- Royal Academy of Fine Arts Copenhagen, Denmark
- Technical University of Denmark, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Gdansk University of Technology, Gdansk, Poland
- Saint Petersburg State University of Architecture and Civil Engineering, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- ITMO University, Saint Petersburg, Russia
- HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany

Prospectively more universities from the Baltic Sea Region will join the annual B.I.S.S. in the future.





PROGRAMME: METHODS AND TOOLS

A continuous scientific, organizational and cultural exchange will be ensured by working in small interdisciplinary and international teams. Discovery and trial of methodology of the participating disciplines in their creative work will be background and source of the Summer School.

Several formats are going to be applied:

- **keynotes:** Thematic impulses will be given by a number of renowned experts.
- **mentoring system:** The whole group of students will be divided in work groups of 8-10 students each guided by one B.I.S.S. mentor.
- **input:** Regular inputs by one of the participating professors will open up a work day.
- **group work:** Students work on their project in groups of 4 following their own thematic focus. Small excursions will complement the studies.
- presentation: Presentations will be commented by a number of present experts.
- guest critics: Critics by external experts from different disciplines will promote the work flow.
- **final public presentation:** Guest from the press, the politics and local and international experts as well as participating teachers will comment the projects on Saturday the 29th. It will be open to an invited audience.
- **finissage:** in presence of the B.I.S.S. patroness Katharina Fegebank, Second Mayor of the City of Hamburg and Senator for Science, Research and Equalities the results of the first B.I.S.S. will be reviewed and commented by a distinguished jury.

INFORMATION



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