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extending urban boundaries for self-sustaining communities

At the dawn of the 21st century, the megacity has become the source of critical problems and challenges. As we face rapidly growing social, environmental and economic problems within the city, the need for better and livable spaces is the key concern for **resilient communities fostering progression and societal success**.

The studio will tackle this problem from a proactive design standpoint and use such extended urban domains for design experiments through a counter position to conventional urban dynamics. Students will **provide a diverse set of architectural, spatial, socio-economic, technological, cultural and environmental strategies** in support of the proposed programs and activities for achieving self-sustaining communities. Mixed functions can be listed as smart housing units+community based SME's, public learning and lifelong education, exhibition and performance spaces and indoor/outdoor social activities.

The studio will examine precedents, urban information, explore innovative design strategies/production methods, and the design process will emphasize digital/physical models—both conceptual, representational and analytical—to critically develop, interpret and present ideas.

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