# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Research and design online workshop** CITY UPGRADE 27 September - 2 October

## WHAT IS IT

# CITY UPGRADE IS THE FIRST EDITION OF AN INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND DESIGN ONLINE WORKSHOP

# WHO ORGANIZE IT

#### CITY UPGRADE IS ORGANIZED BY:

Universidad UTE, Ecuador Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina

#### Partner Universities:

Faculty of Architecture, Ss Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia Politecnico di Milano, Italy Università di Roma La Sapienza Universidad de Sevilla, España Università di Pavia, Italy Prince Sultan University, Saudi Arabia

### WHAT IS THE TOPIC

The need to establish a relationship with the memory of places highlights the need for a paradigm shift in urban development choices. It is precisely the condition of fragility that allows opening innovative scenarios of regeneration in which the presence of the quebradas system is not a marginal reality, but a fundamental component of the transformative project on the city. The fragility of this system guides the architectural project towards new integrated strategies. Its revealing repercussions also demonstrate that ravines are not isolated and fragmented elements but part of a system able to establish a relation between the urban space, as a whole, and the surrounding Andean landscape. In this sense the natural context, now considered as something separated from the city, will be reintroduced inside the urban fabric with an environmental role. This new blue-green infrastructure system will be able to face the detected morphoclimatic risks.

This innovative change overturns the current concept by ensuring that such fragments inserted in the complex system of the quebradas take protagonist role in the future rethinking of Quito.

This new urban system not as something fixed but as open to changes over time. This is the result of a system based on a dynamic interaction between the original geomorphological traces and the ones related to the city in expansion.

# WHAT IS THE OUTCOME

General strategy for rethinking and redesign the 24 de Mayo Boulevard. The actual fragmented system will be considered as a palimpsest of a new urban transformation in which experiment innovative ways to apply the concept of active memory as a possible project tool, rediscovering the ravine system traces. Local architectural design concept and strategy. Using the general strategy as new urban narration background, design groups will apply the global vision on a new space of memory definition, multifunctional and both public and private. How can it be a contemporary space of memory? A new museum concept involving public spaces and landscape elements?

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The call is open for students with completed 3rd year of their studies at the Faculty of Architecture, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

# **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Apply with Portfolio /pdf file, max 5 projects, A4 format/

not later than July 25 at bajkovski.blagoja@arh.ukim.edu.mk

The selected students will be informed no later than July 31

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

>> The workshop will be online
>> Official language of the workshop is English
>> No participation fee

For more information visit: https://cup-cityupgrade.com