

**COSMOPOLITAN ALEXANDRIA: WHAT FUTURE FOR ITS HERITAGE**  
**ARCHITECTURAL AND URBAN DESIGN WORKSHOP**

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Over the past twenty years the legendary history of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century cosmopolitan Alexandria has provided a common source of interest for scholars from many disciplines.

Despite this, and despite the considerable amount of building work in progress the city has only partially attracted the attention of architects and town planners.

Characterized by many buildings and districts that bear witness to its celebrated cosmopolitan past, the city of today is seeking a future role, not only within its confines but also in the influence it could exert over a much wider context.

Aimed at “designing with the aid of History,” this architectural and urban design workshop promotes cultural exchange based on a project-oriented viewpoint (exchanges of knowledge and experiences between universities, among young researchers and university professors, undergraduates and post-graduate students from different backgrounds). Projects by students assisted by their supervisors will be the main product of this workshop.

**Outline program, 10 November 2007**

<b>1st WEEK</b>				
Sat 11-10			<b>Departure from Milan</b>	Prof. V. Donato Italian tutors Italian students
Sun 11-11	2.55 AM		<b>Arrival at Alexandria</b>	
<b>Opening session</b>	3.00 PM	Delegates Hall	<b>Opening addresses:</b> M. Awad (AlexMed), V. Donato (Facoltà di Architettura Civile, Politecnico di Milano), J.-Y. Empereur (CEAlex), Gianni Martini, Italian Consul General	
<b>Opening lectures</b>	4.00 PM		M. Awad, <b>Alexandria, a history of cultural interaction and exchange</b>	
	5.15 PM		J.-Y. Empereur, <b>Delenda est Alexandria. The never-ending destruction of the city</b>	
Mon 11-12	9.00 AM		<b>Surveys, tutors and students</b> <b>Temple of Ras el Soda (Chatby),</b> <b>Stock Exchange (Manshieh)</b>	
<b>Orientation</b>	5.00 PM	Auditorium	C. Shaalan, <b>La cartographie d'Alexandrie en longue diachronie</b>	
	6.15 PM		C. Pallini, <b>Introduction to the sites: Stock Exchange (Manshieh), Canopic Way (rue Fouad), Temple of Ras el Soda (Chatby)</b>	
Tues 11-13	9.00 AM		<b>Survey, tutors and students</b> <b>Canopic Way (rue Fouad)</b>	Arrival of F. Bonfante and A. Torricelli
<b>Orientation</b>	3.00 PM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Organization of the three groups and of the cartographic materials, documentation etc.</b>	
Wed 11-14	10.00AM	Meeting Room C- BACC	A. Torricelli, <b>Archaeology and project: the Milan case-study</b>	Departure of A. Torricelli from Cairo
	11.15AM		F. Bonfante, <b>The port as a key to understand the genesis of modern cities</b>	
	12.30AM		V. Donato, <b>Space and time, city and region</b>	
	3.00 PM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	
Thur 11-15	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	
<b>International Conference</b>	9.00 to 7.00 PM			<b>International Conference:</b> <i>The Presence of Italian Architects in the Mediterranean Countries</i>
	7.00 PM	Delegates Hall	A. El Bakry, <b>Presentation and projection of the Documentary about the Greco-Roman Museum of Alexandria</b>	

Fri 11-16	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	
<i><b>International Conference</b></i>	9.00 to 7.00 PM			<i><b>International Conference:</b> The Presence of Italian Architects in the Mediterranean Countries</i>
	7.00 PM	Delegates Hall	S. Hamouda, <b>The legend of Alexandria through literature</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK</b>				
Sat 11-17	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	Departure of F. Bonfante Departure of J.Y.E.
<b>Guideness, revision, feedback</b>	6.00 PM	Meeting Room C- BACC	M. Sakka, <b>Architecture for the Greek community of Alexandria</b>	
	7.15 PM		V. Colonas, <b>Thessaloniki from the Ottoman cosmopolitan city to the modern Greek city</b>	
Sun 11-18	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Seminar: round table discussion about the projects in progress</b>	
	6.00 PM	Auditorium	P. Gallo, <b>Nelson Island: a Macedonian colony in Egypt</b>	
Mon 11-19	10.00AM	Fourth Floor Floating Room	L. Ferro, <b>Archaeology and project: the building of modern Athens</b>	
	3.00 PM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	G. Del Bene, <b>The Campi Flegrei archaeological park, Naples</b>  <b>Workshop activities</b>	
Tues 11-20	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	
Wed 11-21	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	
Thur 11-22	10.00AM	Fourth Floor Floating Room	Y. Aref, <b>Future developments around the Eastern Harbour</b>	Departure from Milan of V. Donato (?) and A. Torricelli
	3.00 PM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	I. Maaruf, <b>The Turkish Town, a heritage site with urban problems</b>  <b>Workshop activities</b>	
Fri 11-23	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	Arrival at Alexandria of V. Donato and A. Torricelli
Sat 11-24	9.00 AM	Meeting Rooms G- H, Library B1	<b>Workshop activities</b>	

<b>Closing session</b>	3.00 PM	Small Theatre	<b>Closing seminar</b> Presentation of the projects Opening of the exhibition? comments and remarks by Dr. I. Serag-El Din, Dr. M. Awad, Dr. J.-Y. Empereur, Dr. V. Donato, Dr. A. Torricelli etc.)	
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