

Intensive Programme for Learners.

**Redesigning the medium-sized European city: the ex-market area of Bologna.**

The international Architectural Design Workshop (ADW) will be attended by 30 students of 4 different nationalities, in a project to study an area of the city of Bologna. The ADW is part of the Intensive Activities for Higher Education Learners envisaged by the ARCHEA project. This adheres to the priorities of the renewed EU Agenda for Higher Education, which, in addition to a generic improvement of students' disciplinary skills, includes a) "activities based around real-world problems"; b) an integrated educational project in which the students are involved in the research work, which is itself an "input for teaching". This means tackling a project for a specific study area which draws on real problems but at the same time assumes a more quintessential value in the approach to designing the contemporary city.

**The study area in question is that of Bologna's former fruit and vegetable market, between the Navile canal and the Bolognina district.** This area is of particular interest because of its proximity to the Old Town and the indeterminacy of its current configuration and has already been the subject of numerous studies and design reflections, starting from the 1889 masterplan, largely aimed at endowing the vast surface with the qualities and character of "a city part". The aim is to verify the possibility of readdressing critical situations, suburban environments, and the conditions of morphological characterization and liveability typical of historical urban nuclei.

At this point we might well ask ourselves: should we reconsider the suburban settlement in terms of the historical city, between density and formal divisions, or turn to other compact city models that have already been tried and realized in the experience of modernity? Or might there be a third way to marry these frequently conflicting models in a dialectical operation which also allows for each city's contextual peculiarities?



Cover: 1884-89 master plan of Bologna

**Schedule**

*SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER, Bologna*

10.00-10.30

*Participants registration*

**Opening and Introduction**

10.30-11.00

**Welcome by the UNIBO**

Andrea Boeri, Director of the Department of Architecture  
Lamberto Amistadi, Coordinator of the ARCHEA programme

**Introductory lectures**

11.00-11.30

**Bologna. Notes on the History of the City**  
Valentina Orioli, Municipality of Bologna

11.30-12.00

**The Market: a history of urban regeneration in Bologna**  
Giovanni Ginocchini, Fondazione Innovazione Urbana

12.00-12.30

**Improving building quality in Bolognina neighbourhood**  
Ernesto Antonini, Jacopo Gaspari, Università di Bologna

12.30-14.00

*lunch break*

14.00-18.30

*tour of the Historical Centre of Bologna*

18.30

*welcome aperitif*

*SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER*

10.00-13.00

*Tour of the study area in the Outboard of Bologna*

17.30-18.30

*transfer to Cesena and hotel accomodation*

*From MONDAY 25 to FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER, Cesena*

8.30-9.00

*Participants registration*

9.00-13.00

*Architectural Design Workshop*

13.00-14.00

*lunch*

14.00-22.00

*Architectural Design Workshop*

*SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER*

9.30-10.00

*Participants registration*

**Presentation of the groups' works**

10.00-13.00

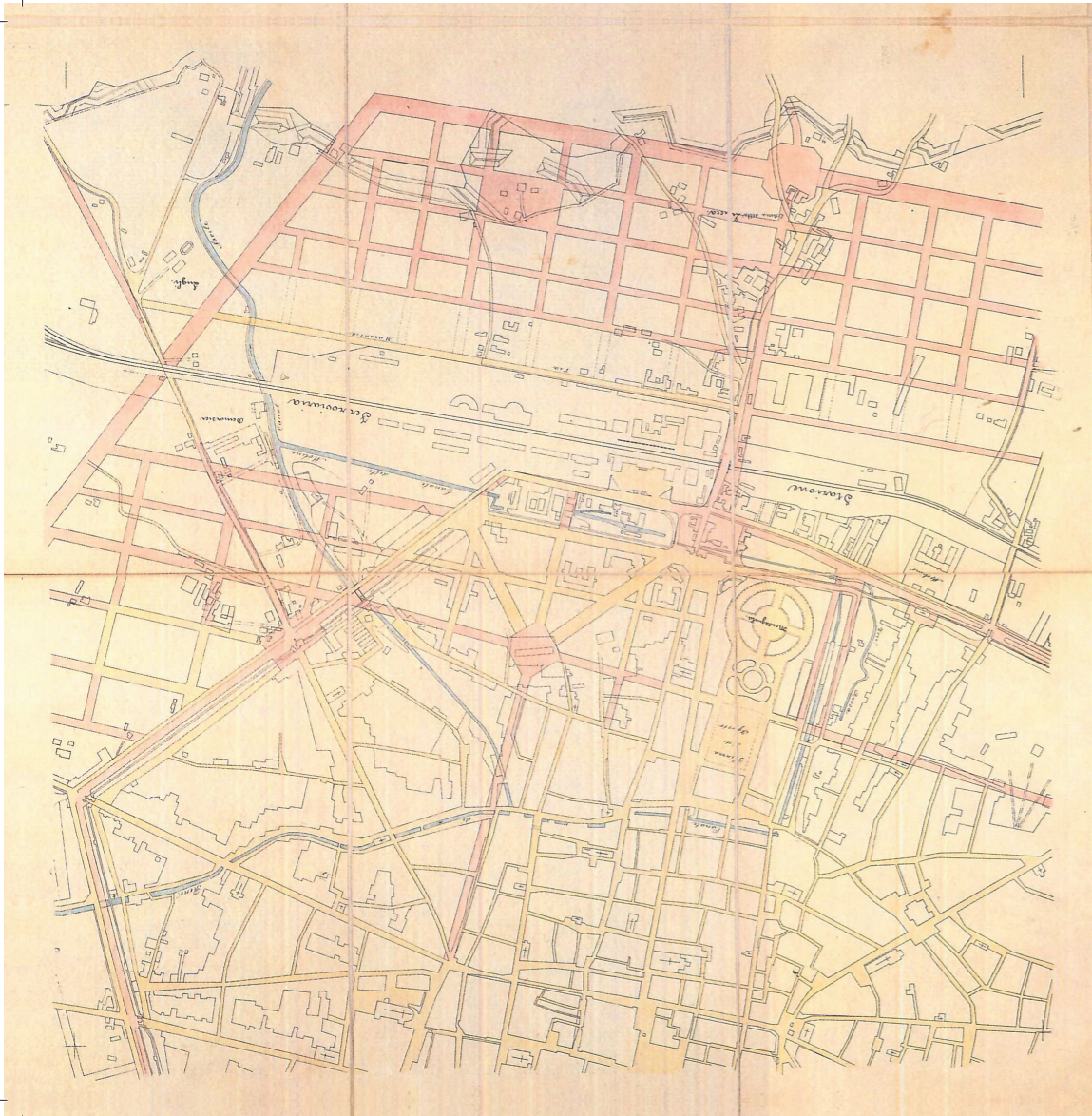
*Discussion*  
Visiting critics: Alessandro Camiz, Gino Malacarne, Raffaella Neri, Carlo Quintelli

13.00-14.00

*lunch*

20.00

*closing dinner*



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