

Erasmus Final Report

host institution: Technical University Munich(TUM)

student:

Why I decided to go to Munich?

TUM is one of the best architecture school in Germany. It is a huge university with many possibilities. Since I am planning to stay and work in the alpine German speaking area I took this opportunity to study in perfect academic conditions with German as the main language.

First days.

I used to live in Bayern, working in architectural office in Regensburg, so finding myself in Munich was not an big issue. Much more problematic, but also not impossible, was finding suitable(cost, location) accommodation. It is a common problem of big cities. It is quite hard to find a room only via internet or phone. Usually personal contact was necessary which might be problematic if you are from another country.

I had also some problems with finding my ways in the campus of TUM which is couple times bigger than our little Uni in Vaduz. I managed it thanks to other students and university stuff. Everyone was helpful and patient. Also amount and variety of courses available was something new in comparison with Liechtenstein were the selection is understandably limited.

Description of Courses I took.

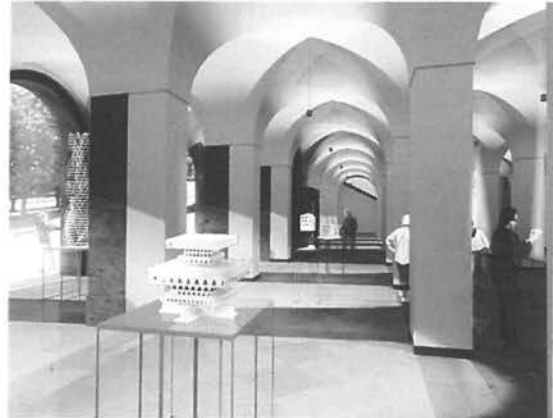
Design Studio "Munich Solo"

Under Prof. Jacob van Rijs from MVRDV Rotterdam we were investigating a problem of rising amount of singles in Munich and their needs. Starting with designs of single units from 15sqm up to 55sqm, through analyze of the Munich developments and locations, to final architectural housing projects. Part of the course was a study trip to Amsterdam and Rotterdam.



Emerging technologies I

One week long, intensive workshops. The task was an idea for a "forgotten part" of the campus which was supposed to be a place where the work of architecture students at TUM meets the public.

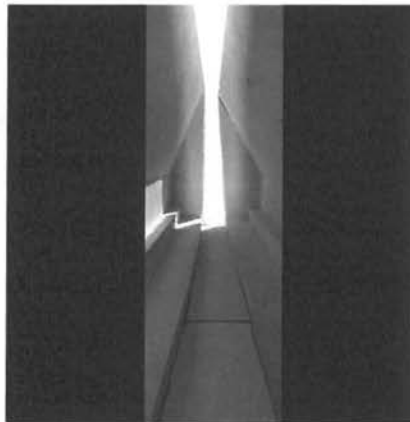
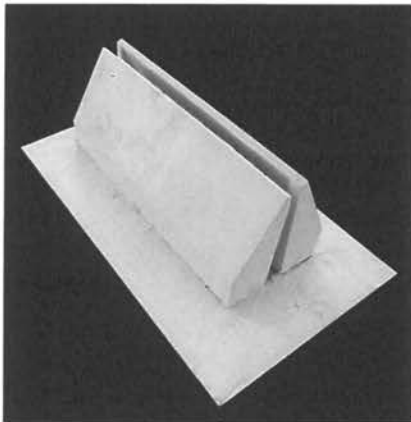


Emerging technologies II

Designing and building an exhibition of MVRDV works in Munich Architektur Galerie.

1:1 Laboratory

We were supposed to design three small project in short 2weeks time periods distributed along the semester. Thomas Mann reading space, Cheese Factory and Meditation space in an old wooden barn. It is a subject I would introduce at Uni Liechtenstein because it was a great opportunity to test our efficiency and effectiveness of our work.



Architecture in Extreme Environments and Industry

Lecture about architecture in uncommon environments: space, water, arctic...

Design Methods - Terminology

Based on literature and build examples of buildings we were investigating terminology we use to describe and talk about architecture. The final product was a series of short book which will be later put together in one research project.

Final comment

One can say that TUM is a total opposite of Uni Liechtenstein. Huge, placed

in the middle of the city but I noticed some similarities which definitely helped me to do my best. Close relation to the Alps(1hour drive), international character of the courses and focus on sustainability. However I did not have to work as hard as in Liechtenstein, I achieved my main goal of improving my professional German and with this knowledge I am happy to come back to Vaduz.