A Plan for Zurich Semester I Albisrieden and Altstetten

This semester we will turn our attention to Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland. This will be the first part of a six-semester research project that aims to produce an urban plan for Zurich as the cumulative result of six separate area studies . In the course of this semester, we will focus on the Altstetten / Albisrieden area of Zurich.

Several years ago the Department of Urbanism and Achitecture of the municipality of Zurich announced that the future development of the city would prioritise densification within the existing urban area and limit the expansion of building on agricultural land. In other words, denser, more compact urban growth would be promoted. For a city that is so well served by public transport, had a refined public realm and generally had well planned urban growth in the past, this ambition seems a logical response to the need for the city to absorb a growing population and deal with the pressures this exerts on housing and other public services.

This is the context we will be operating in. Concrete proposals should be developed for sites that will in future be considered for densification and development. Projects should offer tangible possibilities for various sites and will take the form of realistic proposals based on current buildings regulations.

A commission of experts has been assembled to support you in developing project proposals and your work will contribute to a wider discussion on the future of Zurich.

The studio will visit Zurich on 22 September and a study trip to Trieste and Ljubljana is planned from 9 to 12 November.

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