

Studio Sergison  
Autumn Semester 2019

A Plan for Zurich  
Semester 5  
Unterstrass, Wipkingen, Höngg

Over the course of the semester we will continue to work in Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland. This is the fifth 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 this instance we will focus on the Unterstrass, Wipkingen and Höngg neighbourhoods of Zurich.

Several years ago the Department of Urbanism and Architecture for 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. This was approved in a public vote. The result of this strategy will ensure that a denser, more compact urban growth is promoted. For a city that is so well served by public transport, has a refined public realm and generally 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.

We will be operating in within this context. 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 proposals, and your work will contribute to a wider discussion on the future of Zurich. The work will be undertaken in pairs.

The studio will visit Zurich between 20th-21st September and a study trip to Rome is planned between 7th-8th November.

We will meet in Mendrisio on Friday 20th September at 10:00 for the studio introduction and then travel to Zurich (individual travelling) for a site walk.

A lecture will be held on Saturday 21st September at ETH by Dr. Irina Davidovici.

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**Meeting**  
On Friday the 20th of Septemeber  
at 10:00 in AAM, we will then travel  
to Zurich.

