

WORKSHOP: LORIS ROSSI AND JASON PAYNE

TIRANA INTERRUPTED

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4 This workshop draws inspiration and structure from the 1978 exhibition *Rome Interrupted: 12 Interventions on the Nolli Plan of Rome*. That project imagined a renewed sense of faith in the urban plan as a site of coherence, a document that would promote, once again, some form of contractual obligation between design, politic, and form. Its visionary approach to urban design - a constellation of 12 works by key theorists of the city and its future - establishes it as a model to follow for current speculation on how designers might think through current problems and opportunities of the metropolis, and make new plans.

The city of Tirana, capital of Albania, is now positioned to benefit from a similar effort toward organizational redefinition after its 70 year-long meander through Cold War strangeness. In its current form the city barely holds together, a loose amalgamation of pre-Modern settlement, Italian city planning, communist-era discipline, and latter-day informal growth. This project speculates upon whatever coherence might be found across such disparate planimetric regimes and seeks to render it visible. Tirana, likely the most obscure (geographically and otherwise) European capital city finds itself free, finally, of past moorings and in a position to find its shape. A negotiation of current reality and possible new form, this workshop imagines how Tirana might move forward toward a plan uniquely its own.

This workshop is open to all A.UD students (all degree programs.) Enrollment is limited to 24 students (12 teams of 2.) A design charrette, students will work every day, Friday, January 23 through Friday, January 30, with a final review and discussion of work on Friday, January 30 followed by a reception and evening lecture by Professor Loris Rossi at 6:30pm in the DeCafe.

Opening Remarks

Friday, January 23, 2pm, Perloff Hall DeCafe

Design Charette

Friday, January 23 through Friday, January 30

Review of Work

Friday, January 30, 2:00 - 6:00pm

Reception

Friday, January 30, 6:00pm

Lecture, Professor Loris Rossi

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