

# Care.

## UNFAMILIAR DOMESTICITIES

Destination: Barcelona

Cost framework: B (251–500 CHF) including hotel, two meals, local transport and entry tickets (excluding transport to and from Barcelona).

Dates: 23.10–27.10.23

Minimum 8 participants and maximum 15 participants.

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■ In Spain, one of the most traumatic and visible effects of the worldwide economic recession of 2008 was the high rate of evictions as well as family restructuring which impacted largely on housing. This context became a fertile ground for citizens to call into question generally accepted notions of identity, family, and collectivity, as well as social needs. A cultural shift facilitated Barcelona en Comú, a new leftist political party with an agenda focused on social justice and community rights, to win the municipal elections in 2015. With many of Barcelona en Comú's founding members being active participants in former activist movements such as the Platform for People Affected by Mortgages (PAH) or the anti-austerity Indignados 15M movement, among others, the city of Barcelona rapidly became a recognized epicenter of cutting-edge domestic and caring spaces.

The policies supported by the City Council—led by the new mayor and former anti-evictions activist but also an active feminist and queer supporter, Ada Colau—have been decisive in the creation of diverse social initiatives that are at the basis of this emancipatory process, such as housing cooperatives, the domestic workers' union, farming and gastronomic associations, feminist groups, care cooperatives, service-based co-ops, and LGBTQI+ associations.

We will look at these social groups and their related architectures through site visits, and meeting with architects, activists, and political agents.

Image: Residents of La Borda preparing food in the common kitchen for a group dinner. Photo courtesy of La Borda.

