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Seminar Week | Spring '25

Medellín, Colombia

13. - 23. March, 2025

Urban Culture Medellín

Urbanization, Digitalization, Ecologization

La Grandeza es un Proceso / Greatness is a Process *

Medellín, a city known for its resilience and urban innovation, carries a legacy of extreme vulnerability and conflict. Now, the city is shaped by rising inequalities, evident in sprawling gated communities and informal settlements. At the same time, it has been influenced by *Urbanismo Social*—an alternative design movement led by visionary mayors and a new generation of architects and urban designers. What are the places and people behind this remarkable architectural revolution, which integrates cultural and social infrastructure, services, and public spaces into the city's rapidly growing built environment?

During this seminar week, we will explore Medellín's innovative architecture and landscape projects and meet the designers behind them. We will immerse ourselves in architecture of Giancarlo Mazzanti's Biblioteca España and Plan B and JPRCR Architects' Jardín Botánico de Medellín. Urban-scale projects include visit to Moravia, a former landfill turned sustainable cultural center, and Comuna 13, a transformative neighborhood. Lastly, we will experience Medellín's revolutionary Metrocable public transport system, by visiting some of the most remarkable Cable car stations.

Travel dates:

Departure from Zurich: Thursday, 13th of March, 2025

Departure from Medellín: Sunday, 23rd of March, 2025

Arrival in Zurich: Monday, 24th of March, 2025

Cost range F:

The fee includes economy flights (Zurich–Medellín–Zurich), hotel accommodation with breakfast and city tax, local transport, museum tickets, and one group dinner. Participants are responsible for arranging their travel documents (passport, visa, vaccinations) and insurance.

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Organization:

ECTS Credits – 2
Min. 10 Students
Max. 16 Students



* Quote by 574Lab, a creative collective and music label based in Medellín, Colombia.