

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN: LEVEL 2/3

Level Two and Three Studio

4,196/0-12-9, H Level

4,132/0-12-9, U Level

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TR 2-6 pm

“Homing and Community”

Housing for the Ancient City of Sukhothai

The project for the semester is to design a demonstration project of housing for a World Heritage Site in Thailand. The intention is to counterbalance the building of high rises in Bangkok and create a new form of housing connected to the ancient city.

The project is sponsored by the Government of Thailand and the results will be published in a book.

The objectives of the project are the following:

- 1. To design more intense housing, community, educational and commercial facilities in 2 to 4 story buildings.**
- 2. To explore the “space between” buildings as a way of designing and shaping objects.**
- 3. To design at three scales - dwelling, cluster and overall.**
- 4. To design micro economic components that will provide jobs for people living in the community.**

We are using a general plan for a larger village, but taking a small area to design. The size of the project would be about 100 to 150 units, but is up to the student, although the density should be intense, but not high rise. Nor should it be one or two story buildings.

In the middle of February (date to be determined) we will travel to Thailand (all costs except food are provided) to visit Sukhothai, in the north, as well as other villages in the area.

Before this we will examine prototype housing to understand the basic issues of housing and community. We will also build an existing site

model, have lectures and coordinate with Non Arkaraprasertkul and schools in Thailand.

Other issues to be explored during the semester:

Methods of designing with “space between”...

Designing the “extraordinary and ordinary”...

Materials that fit with the condition....

New attitudes towards housing – “homing”...

The role of the architect beyond designer....

For the final review, Non as well as other architects will come to observe the work.

More on first day..... Tuesday February 5 at 2PM.