

## **ARCH 9000 – Studio 9: Special Topics**

### **New Life for the Old Maritime Shipyards in East Boston**

#### **Special Topics Studio: BARCELONA/GIRONA–Fall 2019–Professor Manuel Delgado**



Maritime Museum, Barcelona

### **STATEMENT**

For the second consecutive year, we are organizing a MArch joint studio with the 5-year students from the University of Girona (UdG), about old industrial buildings transformed into contemporary uses. The Girona team is guided by Professor Josep Fuses, Chair of the Girona Architectural program. The two classes will meet in Barcelona the third week of September to visit a few precedents, especially the old shipyards in the Barcelona harbor, transformed into the Maritime Museum and the Caixa Forum, an old textile factory transformed into a cultural center (See reverse).

Travel Studios are important for the opportunity to visit different places, making contact with local communities and potential clients, but also for the experience of sharing a one-to-one relationship with architecture students from other schools. Working with peers brings the potential for partnership, horizontal learning and meaningful long term professional and personal relations.

Since 2011, We have maintained a productive academic exchange with the UdG through the Escola Politecnica Superior (EPS), a very similar school to our College of ADCM, with an equivalent curriculum.

Last year we started a new mode of collaboration that allowed our students to meet and work in partnership with students of the same level addressing complex urban design topics, the way contemporary architects' offices do international competitions and interdisciplinary work.

In 2018, as a Special Topics studio, we visited Girona and developed a master plan for an industrial district in Barcelona. This year, we are proposing to continue investigating industrial buildings in Barcelona, as precedents and selected a site in East Boston, where both studios will work.

Based on the city plans for East Boston, the studio will examine the historic and contemporary significance of this part of the city and the systems that shape their urban design. The studio will focus on the East Boston Shipyard Marina, located south of Piers Park and south of the district that is currently undergoing rapid housing development. Located directly across Boston Harbor from downtown, this site has a great potential. Influenced by the presence of Logan International Airport, East Boston occupies territory that has been dramatically reshaped and expanded through a series of landfill projects that transformed it from a few small islands to a broad land mass that incorporates a diverse residential, commercial, and maritime community as well city-wide transit infrastructures.

### **TRAVEL ITINERARY**

The group will depart Thurs, Sep. 12, and return Sunday, Sep. 22.

### **PROGRAM COST**

The airfare cost is \$716, payable directly on-line to Student Universe travel agency. The estimated program cost is \$1,307, payable to the Department of Architecture. The total cost is \$2023, and includes accommodations, all local transportation, at least one group dinner and entry fees. It does not include visa fees, transit to and from Logan airport, entertainment, shopping, or personal excursions or expenses. Students will be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas if required per your nationality. A visa is not required for U.S. citizens.