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Workshop

Presentation
on Thursday
20 November ↙

h. 12:45
Room C0.61

Opening
Submission
from Thursday
20 November

h 14:00

BAAM goes to Mars

Critical-creative thinking with An+Jon

Workshop
9-13 February
2026

Lecturers
Annarita Colombo
Jonathan Padfield

MSc1-2
MSTAA 1-2

ECTS - SA 2025-2026
2.5

Max
20 students

Objective

A creative workshop to investigate contemporary critical thinking, to bring the future of art and architecture to the forefront of human civilization with BAAM on Mars.

Theory and practice involving a deeper understanding of insights, creative thinking and inspiration. With a methodology to build the new, developing ideas on the form and vision of how BAAM can exist on Mars. Man is about to build the first colony of human civilization outside this planet. Essential to the foundation of a human colony is a biblioteca. Solar radiation. Extreme temperature. No oxygen. For man to live on Mars, architecture is a need, BAAM contains a vast consciousness of art and architecture. A value and a need even on Mars. **BAAM will be the first biblioteca on Mars.**

Description

Foundations for critical-creative thinking to let inspiration flow through connections between books and consciousness.

A collection of the ideas and thinking from the workshop will become part of a book and an exhibition. **To connect the thirty year legacy of the Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio and BAAM, to the future of mankind, art and architecture in space.**

Learning methods

Critical-creative thinking lectures + discussions on the foundations and architecture of ideas.

From inspiration to conception, evolution to development, doubt to realization, to presentation to the world.

Integrated with an extraordinary in-depth experience of BAAM, Biblioteca dell'Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio, as a space to quest, to think, to create and to find inspiration. Practical guidance on realization of ideas, artistry, image making and creative writing. Creation of original concepts, plans and ideas projecting visions of BAAM on Mars, can be expressed in any form in accordance with individual preferences and the collective vision of the project.