

COASTS

the Mediterranean Coast: a dynamic context

Coastal Domains is an on-going initiative at the University of Patras with the primary goal to comprehend the North-Eastern Mediterranean Coast as a point of interaction, a superimposition of pressures, a synthetic product of natural and environmental processes and pressures in tandem with the ever on-going human appropriations. Coastal Domains envisions and designs forward thinking and sustainable frameworks for resilient communities in the dynamic context.

researching context

Since Spring 2016, five option studios, twelve theses and over fifty four projects, explore the North-Eastern Mediterranean coastal landscape as a critical subject of architecture. The initiative introduces innovative methods of recording, evaluating, and representing the Mediterranean coastal territories, conditions and phenomena. Through rigorous mapping, field analysis, interviews, drawing, and other means, participants develop their ability to deduce, question, speculate, and test speculations about how the coastal environment is developed, used and valued. Coastal Domains is developing a typological understanding on coastal landscapes and has defined the following 7 typologies: Soft Coastlines, Reclaimed Landscapes, Infra-Coasts, Tourism Landscapes, Insular Inertia, Hard Coastlines and Landscapes of Recovery.

communicating research

From the outset of the Coastal Domains initiative, the online platform www.coastaldomains.org has served as a tool instrument for archival, communication and networking purposes. As the design research is a dynamic process, the platform is live and open source, continuously updating and expanding. In parallel, each Coastal Domains project has been compiled and delivered in the form of a Domain Atlas a cartographic, drawing and data archive of conditions but also of design speculations.

COASTS publication

The independent study 'Coasts' will run during Fall 18-19 and Spring 19 semesters and is addressed to fourth, fifth and graduating architecture students with a strong interest on the Coast as landscape, image and mostly as a critical subject of architecture.

The study is intended as a collective, editorial and curatorial initiative. The participants through archiving and collecting, classification and typological ordering, drawing and designing, editing and curating will collectively work on the Atlas of Coasts' publication. The Coasts' publication will codify, systematize and make public, mappings, data and references, design projects, alongside theoretical texts of invited contributors. It is intended as an innovative, prototypical and thorough educational and research tool for comparative and typological analysis of coastal territories and strategies.

Together with a public event, the publication is planned to be launched in early Fall 2019.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

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