



The seminar *Urbanization of Vaduz* explores the multifaceted meanings of "urban" by engaging with the specific case of Liechtenstein's capital. Through a critical examination of Vaduz's development, students will elaborate and discuss how urbanity is defined, constructed, and experienced—particularly in its interrelation with the rural. The seminar questions whether the rural represents a fading past while the urban points toward the future, or whether both remain interwoven in the socio-economic and cultural fabric of places like Vaduz. Emphasis will be placed on the unique circumstances of Vaduz, while drawing connections to broader debates in contemporary urban scholarship.

Students will actively contribute to the seminar by conducting individual or group-based research on selected neighborhoods or individual buildings, using methods such as mapping exercises, field observations, interviews and archival analysis. These investigations will serve as a basis for reflecting on the spatial, social, economic and historical dynamics shaping urbanization in Vaduz. The seminar draws on current academic research at the Urbanism, Architecture & Society Research Group to contextualize local developments within global urban transformations, encouraging students to critically assess how urban futures are imagined and negotiated in a place where the urban and rural continue to converge.

WHEN Classes will take place on six Friday afternoon sessions:

05 & 19 September: Intro, guest speakers & group work

10 & 24 October: Excursions and fieldwork

7 November: Mapping Workshop

21 November: Oral presentation

ASSESSMENT Oral presentation and paper submission

CREDITS 2 ECTS

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