

## **Thematic Studio 1a**

### Urban regeneration and coastal areas

This post-graduate course examines contemporary strategies for the regeneration of the coastal areas of the Mediterranean that are challenged by the contemporary condition of littoralization combined with the phenomenon of mass tourism. The course aims to facilitate awareness of the specific intervention strategies as well as to explore design parameters of coastal areas so that students can manage both the development of the built environment and the preservation of cultural heritage.

Great emphasis is given on the decoding of the urban dynamics in order to find intervention strategies aimed at reconfiguring degraded and weak urban areas or enhancing the coherence of urban tissue. Issues regarding both mobility and public space networks for the creation of «place» are stressed. These strategies seek to integrate cultural heritage within a wider context of policies capable of playing the role of leveraging healthy touristic development, through punctual intervention-based networks (urban acupuncture) as integrated strategies aiming at the activation of both urban connections and social/functional complexity. The semester project consists of a Masterplan with volumetric details in a scale range from 1:5000 to 1:500.