

Heritage & Architecture

MSc 3/4 - Revitalising Heritage: Maritime Heritage



industrial warehouse located in the 'Waterdriehoek' (Hermkens, 2023)

Tutors

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Code	AR3AH115
Credits	55 ECTS
Location	Waterdriehoek
Excursion	Yes
Costs	train ticket

Maritime heritage is part of the Dutch cultural historical identity, which has played a significant role in shaping the country's relationship with water. Waterways existed in our lands before passable roads. However, the industrial heritage on the riverbanks has gradually evolved over time, due to changes in socio-economic and cultural significance. The collection of landscape structures and buildings, such as dykes and canals, harbours and quays, shipyards, wharfs, storage and trade facilities, reflect the history and current state of affairs. The province of South Holland has initiated a survey into the value of this collection, especially in the 'Waterdriehoek' region that lies East of Rotterdam between Gorinchem, Biesbosch, and Kinderdijk. The preservation and reuse of these structures are important for future generations to understand and appreciate the regional maritime past and is regarded as an opportunity for novel developments in the area. What is the future of Maritime Heritage? What are the values of these built structures, what is the significance for the stakeholders and for the industrial landscapes and urban life? What are future needs for the redesign of this collection?

In this studio we will study the revitalisation of the built structures of Maritime Heritage in the 'Waterdriehoek'. The project includes historical research of typologies, research intervention methods, studying new programs and scenarios, and redesigning a maritime complex in its urban context and landscape setting. Students make a quick scan of building complexes and structures, their values and potential, identifying the opportunities and dilemmas when lending them a second lease of life. In case of sufficient interest the HA studio will be linked to a graduation programme in Landscape design

Based on theory of reuse, students will identify intervention methods that deal with existing structures in various ways. Then students will work on a redesign case individually, applying and testing intervention concepts. Various cases and relevant stakeholders will be involved in the studio and the redesign process. If you want to explore new futures for the collection of Maritime Heritage of the 'Waterdriehoek', sign up for this Heritage studio.