

# THE URBAN WILD

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What is our current perspective on a permanently transforming city? Which aspects do we notice when looking around, what remains invisible to us? The chair of Stadt Raum Entwerfen (Urban and Regional Design) is interested in identifying the common and unusual potentials of urban settings, understanding the habits of users and the programs of the public realm as well as left over spaces and in working together with other disciplines on sustainable transformation processes.

This winter term we looked at the interdependencies of inner-city water, a city's economy, ecology and society. More and more we can watch rivers in cities transform from hardly accessible, highly efficient infrastructures (transportation, effluence, power) to integrated green blue infrastructures that support a city's ecology, leisure activities, public health issues and cultural offerings. Rivers are hotspots of contact and that makes them hotspots of control. The value of riverbanks needs to be discussed, but what would be the currency? Money, taxes, property value, health, inclusiveness or our ecological footprint ...?

Thinking about the future of the urban, encountering urban transformation processes and finding innovative solutions for urban settings is a joint venture. This means: close interdisciplinary collaboration, continuous exchange of knowledge and mutual understanding and inspiration. For these reasons (and because it's more fun!) this seminar featured an active learning exchange with students of the Urban Greening Lab of New York University.

We looked at 5 different river banks (neckar, spree, Chemnitz and Rhein) and visualized the results in mappings and text.

During the semester we got input from Dr. Moritz Ahlert (Habitat Unit /TU Berlin) about mapping methods, Dr. Mario Brauns (Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research) about the ecosystem riverbank and from Ph.D. Anne Rademacher (NYUrban Greening Lab) about urban ecology.

EXHIBITION

IN COOPERATION WITH  
URBAN GREENING LAB NYU

HALLWAY 1ST FLOOR  
MAIN BUILDING  
DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTURE

THURSDAY. 09 FEB 2023  
TO  
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# INNER CITY RIVERS - ZONES OF CONTACT AND CONTROL FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY