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# THE SYMPOIETIC ISLAND

## RE-THINKING ARCHITECTURE FOR MORE-THAN-HUMAN NEIGHBORHOODS ON IBIZA

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For this semester our testing ground is a place on the island of Ibiza, where we will envision architectures that propose communal living in newly reimagined socio-ecological practices. The island is challenged by economic dependence on monocultural tourism, seasonal population fluctuation, depletion of natural resources and rapidly decreasing biodiversity. This context presents itself as an opportunity to rethink, how to architecturally address our living and acting together within the planetary entanglements; thus, how to think sympoietic-ally.

Sympoietic systems are complex, self-organized, collectively produced, boundaryless, and adaptive ecologies. The notion of sympoiesis points to the fact that nothing creates itself on its own – every process of creation is dependent on a whole set of conditions and interdependent “others.” Sympoiesis thus describes the idea that no living being can survive in complete isolation from one another. This is true for humans, more-than-human agencies, and geological land masses, surrounded by

water, supposedly isolated, such as islands.

In cooperation with local partners and activists from the island, we will investigate the natural, social, economic, and ecological landscapes of Ibiza. Our goal is to explore the ecosystemic agencies of Ibiza and to invent architectural typologies that put these agencies at the forefront, thus allowing new forms of social ecologies to emerge.

Our project site – Cala d'en Serra – is a special place, as here the famous Spanish architect Josep Lluís Sert designed a building that was never completed to build. In these abandoned and rewilded spaces and structures of Sert's building and beyond we will develop individual but communicating designs, testing and improving them for their neighborly exchange. These architectural prototypes of co-habitation for local residents, temporary guests, and more-than-human agencies will form sustainable and resourceful neighborhoods thus giving new identity to the island.

**COURSE** Projektübung (153.777)  
LandLab: CASE (153.804)

**WHERE** Seminar Room ia&I and Online

**ENROLL** 01.03.2022, 2 pm, TUGRAZonline

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**COURSE** Entwerfen 4 (153.507)

**WHERE** Seminar Room ia&I

**ENROLL** 03.3.2022, 9 am on TUGRAZonline

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