



Call for application

Brussels Urban Production MasterClass

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In 2020, **Metrolab Brussels** will organise a MasterClass, a biennial two-week workshop. After a first MasterClass experience on [Urban Inclusion](#) organised by Metrolab in 2017 and a second one on [Brussels Ecosystems](#), this 2020 edition will explore Urban Production. The MasterClass will be held from 27th January to 7th February 2020.

Among the participants of the MasterClass, we have the possibility to invite some Master students or graduates and PhD candidates. Among the participants of this event are students from: 4Cities European network of Masters in Urban Studies, Master in Transition Urbanism of ULB-Brussels, Doctoral school of LOCI-UCL and others.

Brussels Urban Production is centred on a common goal: to better understand how the interactions between production in the city (productive activities in urban areas) and production of the city (the day-to-day making of the urban fabric and its functions/uses) are actually carried out in Brussels. In concrete terms, this will lead to questions about the diversity of urban productive activities, their organisation and spatialisation, the jobs they generate and their integration into the urban economy and urban morphology.

The MasterClass will also address the opportunities and constraints that urban location continues to offer for certain productive activities. Finally, the MasterClass will be an opportunity to question the cohabitation and/or conflicts between the productive activities and other urban functions, in a context of land pressure, transition of mobility and support for the extension of spaces dedicated to medium or luxury housing.

A preliminary conference was held on 14th and 15th November 2019 to contribute to an interdisciplinary approach to these issues, exploring three aspects of the interaction between the productive city and the production of the city: the scope of productive activities, productive citizenship and makers, and production in the city. You can find on Metrolab Youtube channel (Metrolab Brussels) all the presentations.

Following this event, the "Brussels Urban Production" MasterClass intends to provide an interdisciplinary exploration of urban production in Brussels in collaboration with local stakeholders. Its specific goals will be to:

- describe and understand the spatial and economic context of specific productive activities located in Brussels;
- analyse the social, economic and spatial characteristics of these productive activities;
- propose new configurations for productive activities in strategic sites of Brussels

Conditions

For a valid application, the candidate must:

- be, either already holder of a Master degree, or currently enrolled in a Master program / a PhD program
- have a fluent English level and good knowledge of French
- assure his/her continuous presence during the two weeks of the MasterClass.

Metrolab Brussels will provide:

- Accommodation in a hostel for the two weeks of workshop (15 days according to the dates indicated above). Breakfast will be provided every morning.
- Lunches during the two weeks of workshop
- Public transport tickets

Please note that the participation to the preliminary conference is not compulsory for the admission to the MasterClass.

To apply, the candidate must write a motivation letter (max. 400 words), join his/her CV and a short file of his/her significant works (abstracts, cover pages, posters, summaries, portfolios etc. / max. 5 pages).

All the documents have to be submitted in English to Geoffrey Grulois (g.grulois@metrolab.brussels) et Louise Prouteau (l.prouteau@metrolab.brussels). Apply before 3rd January 2020 at 10 am.

Candidates will be informed of the acceptance by 6th January 2020.