

# UW Interdisciplinary Study Trip | Copenhagen, August 30 - September 15, 2013

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## URBAN PLAY in Denmark and Sweden

Breakfast will be on your own in your apartments.

### **30 Friday Welcome to Copenhagen**

**Fredag**

Check in at 2:00 and after  
Flensborggade 39, 1669 København, Denmark  
Check in with Vera to receive room assignments.

[20:00-21:30] Orientation: Meet in Nancy and Jim's living room for an overview of city structure, review of our schedule etc., and to meet everyone.

[prior: optional,  
on your own]

Visit the Danish Design Center, now aligned with the Design Society, free admission. Open until 17:00, 27 H.C. Andersens Boulevard. Swim at the Harbor Baths (closed after Saturday).

### **31 Saturday Copenhagen: the Once and Future City**

**Lørdag**

A walking tour that serves as an orientation to the structure and development of Copenhagen. Along the way we will pause to allow for sketched impressions / live mapping / notational scores. Bring your lunch or plan to buy on the way.

[9:00] Meet in front of the apartment. Walk together to take #1A bus to Christiansborg. Walking tour of Copenhagen's structure and features with Nancy: Christiansborg, National Library, Parliament, Stock Exchange, Rundtaarn, Kulturvet and new playpark over the city's cleaning center, King's Garden (with Index Award Design to Improve Life Exhibition), Nyboder housing, [Kastellet if time], Kvaesthus exhibit, Nyhavn, Havnegade to boat landing at Holmen's church.

[14:55 or  
15:40] Boat Tour Orientation Trip, Netto Dock, Holmens Kanal. Bus #1A or #14 home, or free time until dinner.

[19:00] Group dinner at RizRaz, Kompagnistræde 20. Bus 1A or 14 or walk.

Led by: Nancy

### **1 Sunday Copenhagen: Beyond the City Gates**

**Søndag**

A train trip to the rich landscape to the north, with a visit to Helsingør, with its new Culturehouse/Library and castle, and the Louisiana Museum. Pack lunch or plan on purchasing in Helsingør or at the Museum.

[9:00] Meet in front of the apartment, bus #10 or #14 to Central Station

[9:37] Travel by train to Helsingør. Catch the 9:37.

Spatial diagramming and sketching of Helsingør town center, the Kulturhuset/Bibliotek (AART Architects), castle and possibly Maritime Museum (BIG) and Index Award pop-up at the waterfront. Observe and sketch town streets and site relationships. What invites interactions with the environment?

[1:00] Meet at Helsingør Train to Louisiana Museum; use 2-zone punch card back to Humlebaek. Sketching and independent exploration at the Louisiana Museum, with Yoko Ono Retrospective. The museum is open until 18:00. Return on your own using your 24-hour ticket.

Led by: Nancy & Jim

**2 Monday Gehl Architects: History, Public Space Network and Working Methods**  
**Mandag**

Copenhagen's spatial history, an introduction to Gehl Architects' research methods on pedestrian cities, and a walking tour of inner city public space.

[8:30] Meet outside apartment, walk to Gehl Architects.

[9:00 – 12.30] Lectures at Gehl Architects: Gl. Kongevej 1, 4

[9:00-10:00] Lars Gemzøe: Copenhagen City History, establishment to present

[10:15-11:00] Camilla van Deurs: Gehl Architect's approach,

[11:15-12:30] Laerke Jul Gagner– working method: Quality Criteria

[12:30] Lunch in the Gehl office.

[13:00 – 17:00] Public space network tour with sketching and diagramming in the medieval city center with Bianca Hermansen/Gehl Architects. Sketches and diagrams measuring / sections; movement and staying patterns in public space; Apply15 Quality Criteria to plazas and compare results. End at Charlotte Amundsens Plads for an exercise.

[17:00] Norreport Station Catch Line C S-Tog Train towards Ballerup/ Frederikssund. Get off at Dybbølsbro.

Pick up bikes @ Baisikeli, Ingerslevsgade 80, next to Dybbølsbro Station.

Led by: Gehl Architects, Bianca Hermansen, Nancy Rottle, Laerke Jul Gagner

**3 Tuesday Urban Play and Copenhagen's Inner Harbor**  
**Tirsdag**

Considering the city as a playground, followed by a Copenhagen harbor bike trip with Lars Gemzøe and Bianca Hermansen/Gehl Architects.

[8:30] Meet in front of the apartments. Bike together to Gehl, Gl. Kongevej 1, floor 4.

[9:00] Lecture by Vannesa Ahuactzin on Curating Curiosity

[9:30] Lecture by Lars Gemzøe on Changing policy to promote play in the city

[11:00 ] Bicycle tour with Lars on the Copenhagen harbor front; projects include Kalvebod Brygge, Sluseholmen, Teglnholmen, Evolution Graffiti Wall, Havnestad, Islands Brygge, and Lars's Allotment Garden.

Lunch at Sluseholmen -- bring yours, or at the café or buy at Irma.

[about 17:00] End in Christiania

Free exploration of Christiania

[optional activity] Go to the Spiseloppen, Månefiskeren, or other restaurants and stalls in Christiania for dinner.

Led by: Bianca Hermansen and Lars Gemzøe of Gehl Architects / Citytek

#### **4 Wednesday Playing on the Coast**

- Onsdag** Exploring Copenhagen's cultural, recreational and biological relationship with the Øresund Sound, stopping on the way at neighborhood "lifting" projects in Amagerbro, and ending with an evening picnic and swim. Bring a lunch, something for shared afternoon snacks, and your swimming suit!
- [9:00] Meet in front by 9:00. Bike by the Amager Children's House (Oresundsveg 6) to Holmbladsgade/Prags Blvd
- [10:00] Holmbladsgade Tour and lecture on Body Culture from Bianca Hermansen in the Prismen. Meet Bianca at the intersection of Prags Blvd and Amagerbrogade.
- Visit Prag's Boulevard, Community Center and Meeting Room, and Prismen Gym.
- [12:00] Bike to Maritime Youth House, and Amager Strand Park. Sketching and diagramming, lunch and playing at the Strandpark. (Look for the ski-hill incinerator being constructed).
- [2:00] Bike to Aquarium. - explore the exterior.
- [3:00] or so Bike to Winter Bathing Structure. Picnic snacks and swimming.
- [5:00] Return to the DAC or other open museum, or home.
- The Danish Architecture Center is open until 9pm, with free admission from 5pm to 9pm. Don't miss the Zaha Hadid exhibit!  
The National Gallery of Art is open until 8.
- Led by: Nancy, Jim and Bianca.

#### **5 Thursday Copenhagen: A Bicycle City**

- Torsdag** Lecture with CPH Transport Planning, bicycle tour and "Interaction Design" while exploring architecture/landscape architecture/urban design in Frederiksberg.
- \*Bring the Frederiksberg pages from the reader
- [8:45] Meet outside apartments, bike to CPH Transport Planning, Njalsgade 13.
- [9:30] Comparative Lectures on Bicycle Planning,: Louise Irene Holm Hansen and Louise Kielgast
- [11:00-13:00] Tour of Copenhagen Bicycle Facilities with City of Copenhagen
- [13:00 - 13:30] Meet at CBS Kilen ("The Wedge") for Activity introduction and then lunch on own in activity groups.
- [13:30 - 16:00] "Designing Interactions" exercise with Isobel Froes and Ashle Favre engaging 8 sites. See separate instructions for finding your site and inventing/playing a game. Meet your parallel group at CBS Kilen at 15:00 to take them to your site to complete the exercise.
- If time, independently explore sites from your reader:  
Metro Station area, Solbjerg Plads and other plazas, Porcelænsøen, Flintholm Station, High School Business School, Frederiksberg Have, Foster Elephant Exhibit, etc.
- [16:00] Meet to share insights in the CBS Kilen atrium.
- [16:30] Discussion with Eric Scharnhorst on the Gehl methodology and the digital age and instructions for observing bicycle culture at Dronning Louise's Bridge. How does bicycle culture promote public space and vice versa?

[17:00] Observations on the Dronning Louise's Bridge.

[17:30] Pizza on the bridge

Led by: Gehl + Copenhagen City + Isobel Froes + Ashle Fauvre + Eric Scharnhorst

**6 Friday Playing in the Neighborhoods: Vesterbro & Nørrebro:**

**Fredag**

New Urban Parks and Recreational Facilities

Exploring, playing and sketching in Copenhagen's new neighborhood urban parks, plazas, playgrounds and gardens. Pack a lunch!

[9:00] Meet with your bikes outside the apartments.

[9:00 - 10:30] Vesterbro: Meat Markets (Kodbyen) and Sønder Boulevard. Diagram integration of "playspaces" in the urban residential district. Stop at Hedebygade Housing.

[11:00] Tour University of Copenhagen Landscape Architecture Building with Richard Hare?

[12:30] Get lunch in Nørrebro -- best prices for food!

[13:00-18:00] Nørrebro with Bianca. Meet Bianca at Korsgadehallen (café and restrooms inside),

Possible destinations to include Jaegersborggade, Blågårdsplads, Blågårdsgade, Nørrebrogade, Assistentens Kierkegård, Nørrebroparken, Superkilen, Bananna Park, Sjællandsgade playground in group. BIG Retrofitted gym. Courtyard housing gardens.

[optional activities]

Go to Istedgade for cheap food and beer.

Go to Sønder Boulevard for a game of ping-pong at the public ping-pong tables.

Go to Bakken, Flaesketorvet 17-19 and Jolene, Flaesketorvet 94 in Kodbyen; or Dyrehaven, Sønder Boulevard 72, for inexpensive drinks.

Led by: Nancy, Jim and Bianca

**7 Saturday Aarhus: Explore Festival, Art Museum, City, Campus**

**Lørdag**

Train to Aarhus. Free Day and dinner with the Danish ScanIDesign Board.

[7:30 am] Get bus to train station.

[8:00] am Catch train to Aarhus

[11:15] Arrive Aarhus; Check in Aarhus hostel, City Sleep-in.

Afternoon free Suggested activities:

Explore Aarhus Festival ("Signs of Life in a new reality"), Art Museum with Olafur Eliasson's Rainbow Panorama, the City!

Bianca says: Visit the public spaces along the Århus Canal, and also the two iconic historic streets of Møllegade and Mejlgade (exercise: compare Mejlgade to Strædet, should this street be turned into a shared space? Is it perhaps de facto already one?)

Visit the local beach and historic bath house/bath structure of Den Permanente at Risskov (bikeable distance from downtown, or easy access by bus or coast line train).

Also visit the Århus University Campus, famous and renowned landscape Plan (C. Th. Sørensen), and iconic time typical architecture. Very Danish! Protestant simplicity, borderline bourgeois minimalism.

Waterfront in transition.

[7:00 pm dining] Dinner with the ScanIDesign Board at Raadhuus Kafeen. Sønder Alle 3

<http://www.aoa.dk/restaurant-og-cafe/raadhuus-kafeen>

**8 Sunday Walking Tour, Continued Explorations, Return to Copenhagen.**  
**Söndag** Walking tour of the city's open space network and more free time in Aarhus.

10.00 Meet Bianca in Front of Central Station for guided tour of the public Space network including observation and sketching exercises

12.30 Free afternoon.  
 Bianca recommends: Visit Den Gamle By, an artificial village created by old historic houses from all over the country set up here in a historic urban fabric pattern. This is high quality authentic Danish 'open air museum'. Perhaps a bit touristy this time of year, but super interesting in terms of human scale and community space.

[eating] Great restaurants are found along the canal (bit pricy) and Klostersortov (local) and Mejlgade (cheaper). Skolegade (for casual drinks).

[4:00 or later] Catch train back to Copenhagen. Trains leave every hour on the hour and 27 minutes past the hour, and take around 3 hours to Copenhagen.

Led by: Bianca, Self-Guided

**9 Monday Playing in Copenhagen Neighborhoods #2: Ørestad**  
**Måndag** Incorporating play into old neighborhoods and new urban development along Copenhagen's light-rail line. Finish the day with a party at Bianca's -- bring something to contribute.

[10:30] Meet outside apartment with your bike. Ride to (or meet at) Islands Brygge Metro Station

[11:00] Tour of Tietgenkollegiet. Sketch in Courtyard.

[12:30] Lunch in University of Copenhagen cafeteria, café or Netto.

[13:00] Meet Bianca at Tietgenkollegiet. Walk bikes through U of C campus, Concert Hall Jean Nouvel).

[13:30] Mobile Debate: This place is too big/This place is just right.  
 Tour of Ørestad led by Bianca Hermansen.  
 Together explore the following projects:  
 Pedestrian water canal system, Solstriben Housing, Mountain Building, Library, School Playground, Plug n Play, 8 House, Ørestad Byparken, COBE's new green structure.

14:30. Meet Ørestad Landowner's Association for "Mobile Debate" and discussion of programming and city life.

[17:00] Party at Bianca's! We bring the snacks and beer.

[optional activity] Explore on your own as time allows: Amager Nature Center, Art Installations, and Amager Fælled, the city's largest nature reserve.

Led by: Bianca Hermansen, with Gehl Architects.

**10 Tuesday Play, Body and Performance**  
**Tirsdag** "All the world's a stage, and we are merely players..."

[9:00] Depart from apartments for Playhouse Tour.

- [17:00] Observations on the Dronning Louise's Bridge.  
[9:30-10:45] Playhouse Tour, Sankt Annæ Plads 36,
- [11:30] Visit to Holmen: Meet Bianca in LOA offices in Boat Shed for tour: LOA Lokale- og Anlægsfonden, Kanonbådsvej 12
- [12.00 -13.00] Bianca presentation on innovative cultural and sport facilities  
Lunch at Royal Academy
- [14:00] Afternoon: explore on your own.  
Consider: Christianshavn streets, canals and cafes; Danish Architecture Center; Design Museum (Kunstindustrimuseet) at 68 Bredgade (has a café).
- [16:30] Visit to COBE To hear about their Princessegade Kindergarten and Youth Club. Trangravsvej 6, near the Opera House.
- [19:00 - 21:00] Drinks with with Alumni Group at Dyrehaven
- Led by: Nancy Rottle, Bianca Hermansen & Jim Nicholls

## **11 Wednesday Malmö: Open Space Systems**

**Onsdag** An introduction to the ongoing sustainable practices in Malmö, Biking Tour of Malmö open space system.  
Don't forget to change some money to Swedish Kroners when you get to the train station!

- [9:00] Meet outside apartments, travel by train to Malmö with bikes. Pack lunch for Picnic Lunch in Malmo or buy food at Malmo train station.
- [11:00] Open Space Tour of Malmo by bicycle [Nancy]
- [14:00] Meet Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson at Turning Torso for Bo01/Western Harbor tour.
- [16:00 – 18:00] Sketching and independent exploration of Western Harbor.  
Sketching Suggestion: Look at the connection of buildings and open spaces, diagram and sketch the observed spatial hierarchies.

[optional activity] Dinner or other activity in Malmo; Return on your own

Led by: Nancy Rottle, with Catarina Rolfsdotter-Jansson

## **12 Thursday Playing in Copenhagen Neighborhoods #3: Bellahøj, and Osterbro**

- Torsdag** Bring your lunch!
- [9:00] Meet with your bikes outside the apartments.
- [9:15] Dorte Mandrup Office Visit. Vesterbrogade 95A, 4th floor (go to the back)
- [10:30] Ride together along the lakes to Mandrup Daycare (Ostersogade 86) and the Potato Rows.  
What qualities earned the Potato Rows its livability awards?
- [11:30 - 1:30] Faelled Parken with Jon Pape. Meet at the intersection of Serridslevvej and Borgmester Jensens Alle. Eat during the discussion.

[2:00] Visit Tredje Natur's office (Heimdalsgade 35 Baghuset)

[4:30] Sorensen Amphitheater and Adventure Playground with Richard Hare. The amphitheater is behind Bellahøj housing -- walk through the forest from Bellahøjvej. Skansebjergs 2700 Brønshøj

Led by: Jim & Nancy, Bianca & Ashle

**13 Friday Play for all ages, temporary to permanent: Carlsberg and Køge**

**Fredag**

Focus on temporary installations and active engagement with public space. Display and response to drawings and diagrams through the trip.

[9:30 - 11:30] Carlsberg Transformation. Meet at the Elephant Gate on Ny Carlsberg Veg. Temporary installations and beginning Parkour instruction: Mikkel Rugaard, Street Movement.

[13:00 - 15:00] Train to Køge Urban Playground with Bettina Lamm  
Catch 1:00 train at Dybbelsbro to Køge.  
Bring your drawings / sketchbook to show!

[19:00] Dinner together at ...TBD

Led by: Bianca Mikkel Rugaard, Bettina Lamm, Jim & Nancy

**14 Saturday Free Day**

**Lørdag**

Projects to explore: Bike along Copenhagen's Green Ring, with stop at Valbyparken and Bellahøj amphitheatre. Visit Bagsværd Church, Grundtvigs Church, Bellevue Beach (Arne Jacobson's lifeguard stations, restaurant, and beach houses). Try the Bicycle Superhighway. Fredriksberg and Christianshavn Flea Markets...Køge Art Installations...

Bikes can be kept until Monday, if you like. Return them by Monday at the latest.

Independent Exploration on the Lakes: Visit Café Bankerat and Nansensegade, Charlotte Amundsens Plads, Kartoffelrækkene, and Ørstedparken.  
Stop at Kaffesalonen for boat rental on the lakes.

[17:30] Return your bike to Baisekelli (unless you are staying until Monday  
Return them by Monday at the latest.

Led by: Self-Guided

**15 Sunday Departure**

**Søndag**

Check out of apartments by 11am  
Please leave your keys in your apartment with the door unlocked.

[optional activity] The Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek Museum is free today.  
<http://www.visitcopenhagen.com/search/whatson>

Led by: Self-Guided