Open to students, newcomers and (non)-professionals with background in architecture, urban planning, urban design, political science, social entrepreneurship, communication design and related fields. Neighbors, local administrators and politicians are encouraged to apply.

Working language will be English! The Summerschool is free of charge. Costs for transport, accommodation and food have to be self-funded by the participants.

To apply, please send a short motivation (max. 300 words!) and a CV to: kk730@columbia.edu

Deadline: June 15th 2017 - notifications will be send out by end June.

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The German capital city of Berlin has received approximately 65,000 newcomers predominantly from Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq between January 2015 and the Summer of 2016. The majority of new arrivals are hosted in temporary shelters and wait idle for months, sometimes years, for their asylum to be granted, loosing valuable time to continue their education or use their brain- and (wo)manpower productively.

During this 10-day Summerschool participants will work in Berlin-Lichtenberg on the premises of the former headquarters complex of the Ministry of State Security (Stasi), now home to about 1,300 newcomers among other uses. The entire district is home to 6,000 newcomers, yet, its urban fabric of predominantly prefabricated modernist high-rises (Plattenbau), does not appear open to small-scale businesses or social encounter.

Exploring Lichtenbergs potential for urban spaces of interaction, the Summerschool aims to provoke thought around evolving pluralist neighbourhoods.

In a first phase, participants will engage with inhabitants of the emergency shelter, in international teams to visualize talents of "Future Maker/s." During the second week, participants will develop prototypes and interventions to test "Future Market/s". These can be inside shelter itself, the larger Stasi complex, or in the surrounding neighbourhood and might include a mobile barbershop, a textile workshop, a graphic design office, a cell phone repair shop, or a tea lounge among other ideas. To incorporate intangible talents, we will also explore the opportunity to connect to existing local time-banks. Here, time for tasks, errands or lessons is used as currency and as such, no work permit is required.

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