

260.518 Exkursion / Sommerschule Entwicklung und Schrumpfung in ehemals deutsch besiedelten Orten in Siebenbürgen am Beispiel von Schönberg 9. bis 13. Juli 2018 (verlängerbar bis 20. Juli)

260.518 Summer School and Excursion Development and Decline of Transylvanian Villages exemplified in Dealu Frumos - July 9th and 13th 2018 (extendable to July 20th)

Excursion TU Wien, E260L

Based on the cooperation of TU Wien with Ion Mincu University of Architecture and Urban planning in Bucharest, architect and planning students of TU Wien are invited to participate in a summer school and to either participate in architectural design workshops, EU project development workshops and cultural heritage excursions. Dealu Frumos / Schönberg is situated exactly in the centre of Romania and part of the county Sibiu/Hermannstadt.

Figure 1: Location of summer school



Originally a German settlement founded by German immigrants in the 12th century. Until the end of the 20th century it was populated by ethnic German Romanians. During the 1970ies and 1980ies the majority of village population followed the invitation to emigrate to Germany and only a reminder of primarily elder people remained in place. The established village structures lost functionality and the rich cultural heritage is widely underused. In order to provide a contemporary use the medieval fortress serves as an external campus of Ion Mincu University and annual design workshops are hold here to revitalize the hundreds of buildings classified as cultural heritage in the municipalities nearby.

Figure 2: Medieval Fortress in Schönberg – Location of Summer School



Source: M. Breiling, Feb. 2nd, 2016

Every year summer schools with professionals from all over the world are invited to participate in this process. For the years 2018 and 2019, TU Wien students and teachers of TU Wien are invited to take part in this process. Depending on the participants interest the 7 to 14 days stay during July 2018 can be directed to architectural design, developing master plans or touristic concepts utilizing the cultural heritage of the region. The results of each year´s summer school will be published in a book of concepts and ideas. The costs for participation eventually will be overtaken from foundations and organizations having an interest in preserving the region by an intensified European cooperation.

Figure 3: The Protestant Church of Schönberg



Source: M. Breiling, Feb. 2nd, 2016

The church of Schönberg is just one out of many objects demanding for revitalization.

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Architect students can alternatively also produce sketches to building and implementation plans for restoration ventures directly in Dealu Frumos/Schönberg or in the villages nearby. The plans and concepts should include possibilities on how the venture could be financed and what institutions or individuals should become responsible for carrying out restoration and renovation projects.

Planning students will produce a written work of some 5000 words to a free selected subject in relation to the excursion. This may include current governance, planning or land use and resulting conflicts in revitalizing cultural heritage in Transsylvania. The implementation or non-implementation of EU programs, the role of locals or former locals in Dealu Frumos/Schönberg should demonstrate ways to improve the situation or possibilities of using and rearranging the local resources in a sustainable way.

Supervising team an international team of supervisors – architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, and artists - will be available during the time of the summer school

Deadline for delivering works are according to editors responsible for book publication:
September 30th, 2018

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