



IGOUMENITSA GATE

Architecture & Urban Design Workshop

Igoumenitsa, Greece, September 15-19, 2025

Description

The Columns of Brindisi, dating back to the 2nd century AD, are believed to mark the end of the Via Appia—the oldest known road of the Roman Empire. Placed on top of a public staircase in the port of Brindisi, they symbolized the transition from land to sea and, more significantly, underscored Rome's connection to the wider world and the global reach of the Empire.

Today, the port of Igoumenitsa plays a similarly vital role as a key national and European transport hub—facilitating the movement of people and goods and serving as a maritime gateway between East and West. It marks the western end of the Egnatia Highway, the principal road axis linking Europe with the Balkans and Asia. Despite this strategic importance, the modern city of Igoumenitsa remains overlooked; the speed and immediacy of the transport connection have not translated into benefit.

The upcoming workshop in architecture and urban design aims to materialize the global connectivity that Igoumenitsa represents. To that end, a select group of students from the Department of Architecture at the University of Ioannina and Sapienza University of Rome will collaborate on site-specific architectural proposals within the urban fabric of Igoumenitsa.

The workshop will be led by faculty members from both universities. Architects and representatives from academia, local authorities and the private sector will be invited to deliver introductory lectures and participate as critics during the final presentation.

Logistics

Workshop location: University of Ioannina buildings, Igoumenitsa
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/w2sTW8qqSEitgXmt5>

Duration: One (1) week, Monday 15 – Friday 19/9/2025

Faculty: Mosè Ricci, Professor, Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy –
Andreas Nikolovgenis, Assistant Professor, University of Ioannina, Greece
& two (2) Teaching Assistants (one from each collaborating university)

Participants: 6 (Italian students) + 6 (Greek students)

Workshop language: English

Calendar

Sunday 14/9: Students' arrival

Monday 15/9: Kick off meeting, Introduction lectures, Site visit

Monday 15/9–Friday 19/9: Workshop

Friday 19/9: Final review with invited critics (public)

Saturday 20/9: Students' departure

Application guidelines

Workshop is available only for students from the University of Ioannina and Sapienza University of Rome having completed the 3rd year of undergraduate studies.

Please apply sending a 5 pages portfolio in pdf file, format A4 portrait containing the following:

Page 1: Cover page, name of the applicant

Page 2: Short curriculum vitae (1 paragraph) and a short motivation text (300 words)

Pages 3,4,5: Sample of academic projects

All texts should be in English.

Apply to: anikolovgenis@uoi.gr (Uoloannina students)
 medea.sapienza@uniroma1.it (Sapienza students)

The workshop is free of charge, with complimentary accommodation in shared double rooms, including breakfast. Light snacks and refreshments will be offered daily in the studio space.

Important dates

16 June 2025: Workshop applications' start date

30 June 2025: Workshop applications' deadline

July 2025: Selection announcement

15-19/9/2025: Workshop period

HOST INSTITUTION



Department of Architecture
University of Ioannina

INVITED INSTITUTION



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