

Evolution of *Hybrid Public Open Spaces*

Walled city of *Jaipur*



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Public open spaces have been prominent sites of life since the dawn of civilisation. The nature and role of these sites are taking a new shape through the transition from one epoch to another. Irrespective of settlement's form, historic context and/or any of its unique characteristics, no settlement in the world is an exception to this phenomenon. Current research on walled city of Jaipur explores the evolution of *hybrid public open spaces* since its establishment in 1727 AD.

Brief

Public open spaces (POS) have been critical sites of cultural, political, and economic life from early civilizations to the present day. From ancient agora of Athens to the squares of Lutyens' Delhi, the form and function of open spaces have varied dramatically, based on particular cultural arrangements, yet retaining a host of similar features.

Walled city of Jaipur was designed during the time when streets were considered as part of public realm. It was planned around king's palace; religious places, squares and streets with markets as prominent POS. The plan was clearly based on vision of economy through trade routes and hierarchy of POS. Over time, vehicular traffic suppressed public space as a part of permanent infrastructure and town planning became a practice that facilitated commerce and associated traffic. As a result, many POS lost their identity; some evolved as hybrid multi-functional open spaces and some lost their battle against the profit seeking human agendas.

The objective of the course is to examine the role of public space from the perception of the local communities and to find the relation between POS and the other vital layers that constitute the urban public life whether socio-cultural, economic or urban regeneration. Form and functions at various scales of POS will be examined to assess the performance. The course will be taught through lecture presentations, interactive discussions with various stakeholders and field visits.

The main outcome will be the determination of critical indicators that contributed to organic response given by people to urban regeneration in regards to varying efficiency of POS in walled city of Jaipur.

Schedule

INTRODUCTION

DAY 1

- **Concept** of public open spaces
 - **Form and function** of public open spaces
 - **Typology and classification** of public open spaces
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HISTORICAL EVOLUTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DAY 2

- **Historical perspective** and evolution of urban public open spaces
 - **Influence** of culture, politics, economy and technology on form and functions of public open spaces
 - **Visit** to Walled city of Jaipur
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WALLED CITY OF JAIPUR

DAY 3

- **Traditional and contemporary ways** to identify typology and classification of public open spaces
 - Creation of Public Open Spaces **Matrix** based on form and function
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CLASSIFICATION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DAY 4

- **Distribution of grids** of walled city to groups
 - **Finalisation of methodology** to analyse morphological evolution of public open spaces
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ANALYSIS OF SELECTED PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DAY 5-9

- **Field Visit and Exercise:** Analysis of public open spaces of various scale w.r.t form, influence of culture, politics, economy and technology on functions and overall performance
 - **Group discussion** and Recall – at the end of the day
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REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

DAY 10

- **Presentation and discussion** with Urban Planners, Architects and experts from Jaipur

Mentors



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Workshop Details

DURATION

10 days

IN-TAKE

15-30 Persons

PRE-REQUISITE

Basics of Architecture / Urban Design / Urban Planning / Sociology / Landscape Design

OPEN FOR

Students / Professionals

LOCATION

Jaipur

REGISTRATION

Includes- accomodation, local travel, tickets to monuments / museums etc. and services by the course experts

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