

DOCOMOMO International Workshop

The Adaptive Re-use of the Lisbon riverside area: the MMC case study

Manutenção Militar Complex (MMC), Lisboa, 1-5 September 2016



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Description

Every two years, since 2006, docomomo International organises an international workshop, in the framework of the International docomomo Conference, dedicated to students, researchers and professionals worldwide. The aim is to study the possibilities of managing change and future challenges in architecture, landscapes and urban areas through learning taken from the Modern Movement as a basis for the future. The next edition will be held at Instituto Superior Técnico – Lisbon University, from the 1st to the 5th September, 2016. The case study will be the *Manutenção Militar* Complex [Military Maintenance] (MMC).

The MMC was an industrial facility that produced food, uniforms and other goods for the Portuguese Army. The first bakery was accommodated in a former Convent – *Convento das Grilas* – by the end of the 19th Century. During the 20th Century, due to the needs during the First World War and, in particular, during the *Ultramar War* (Portuguese Colonial War) in the 1960s, the complex was expanded.

Whilst the Portuguese Army reached 200,000 men in the 1960s, it is now reduced to 20,000 active soldiers. This has led to a reduction of the investment in the factories to the point that they were found to be obsolete and that it would be more advantageous to outsource the supply of military food. Gradually the factories closed and *Manutenção Militar* was finally substituted by a public enterprise *MM-Gestão Partilhada* in 2015.

The termination of the industrial production raised the problem of finding new sustainable uses for this area on the Tagus riverfront, between the *Pombaline City Harbour – Terreiro do Paço* – and the Contemporary *Parque das Nações*. This is a challenging task: any future solution needs to have a dialogue with this current industrial heritage, which is deeply connected with recent Portuguese history, as well as with the Lisbon riverside area and the contemporary city.

Goals

Through working with experienced teachers and architects from different nationalities and backgrounds, students will develop new analytical skills and working methods. Students will also be able to work in an historic Lisbon facility of outstanding size which is in a very good state of preservation.

The workshop will provide a forum in which students, researchers and practitioners from different backgrounds will be able to discuss different aspects of the re-use of vacant Modern Movement buildings. The discussion based on a real case study will allow learning by doing.

The purpose of the workshop is to make a significant contribution to the development of the MMC. The aim is to dissect and extract key issues and opportunities to propose a strategy of symbiosis between past values, current conditions and future possibilities, presenting it to the stakeholders and to the general public. The final presentations will be featured in the docomomo media channels and network.

Finally, this is a way of calling the public attention to the fact that sustainability can be reached through the conservation of architectural heritage. With an emphasis on re-use and respect for the past, through intelligent re-development and community awareness, this workshop intends to be one of the first steps for the sustainable future of the MMC.

Outcomes

The main outcome will be a selection of projects and ideas that can contribute to the solution to be adopted in the future of the MMC area. The teams will be asked to design a plan and enunciate the theoretical principles and intervention guidelines. The proposals will be required to respect the industrial heritage and to innovate in terms of new uses and functions. The proposals can be presented in a wide variety of media from video to models or posters and they will be exhibited during the 14th International docomomo Conference.

Team

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Participation Requirements

The workshop is dedicated to students and professionals, from different fields of studies and practice, such as architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, history, etc. To participate in the workshop, candidates must send a short CV (2 pages) in pdf format to docomomo2016@gmail.com. The participants will be chosen by CV and not on the order of the submission's arrival. The deadline for submission is 27 March, 2016. After the selection, participants must register and pay the registration fee before 30 June, 2016. Participants are expected to bring their own laptop computers.

Fee

The workshop fee is €150. The fee includes the workshop material, one meal per day at the Técnico-Lisbon University and free access to lectures in the framework of the Workshop. Accommodation is not included. A certificate will be given to the participants corresponding to a 40 hours of work.

Please note that attendance at the 14th International docomomo Conference is not included but all workshop participants can attend it, by paying the reduced student fee (€150).

Schedule

- Sep. 1st, 2016 Reception & Presentation [MMC auditorium]
Guided Tour to the *Manutenção Militar* Complex
- Sep. 2nd - Sep. 4th, 2016 Design studio [Técnico - Lisbon University]
Lectures in the framework of the Workshop
- Sep. 5th, 2016 Public Presentation [GareMarítima de Alcântara]

Venues

Manutenção Militar Complex

GPS coordinates: 38°43'54.4"N 9°06'24.2"W

Address: Rua do Grilo 109, 1950 Lisbon

Técnico - Universidade de Lisboa

GPS coordinates: 38°44'15.5"N 9°08'25.1"W

Address: Técnico-ArquitECTURA, Av. Rovisco Pais, 1 1049-001 Lisboa, Portugal

Metro: Saldanha, Alameda

GareMarítima de Alcântara

GPS coordinates: **38°42'04.7"N 9°10'28.5"W**

Address: DocaMarítima de Alcântara

Train station: Alcântara Mar

Accommodation

A range of accommodation options is available for you. You should budget as a minimum € 30 per night for a single-room with en suite facilities and € 15 per night in shared bedroom. All the following suggestions of accommodation are within a few minutes walk of Técnico-Lisbon University or easy to reach by metro.