

Ultima Frontiera – Ultimate Border – Äußerste Grenze

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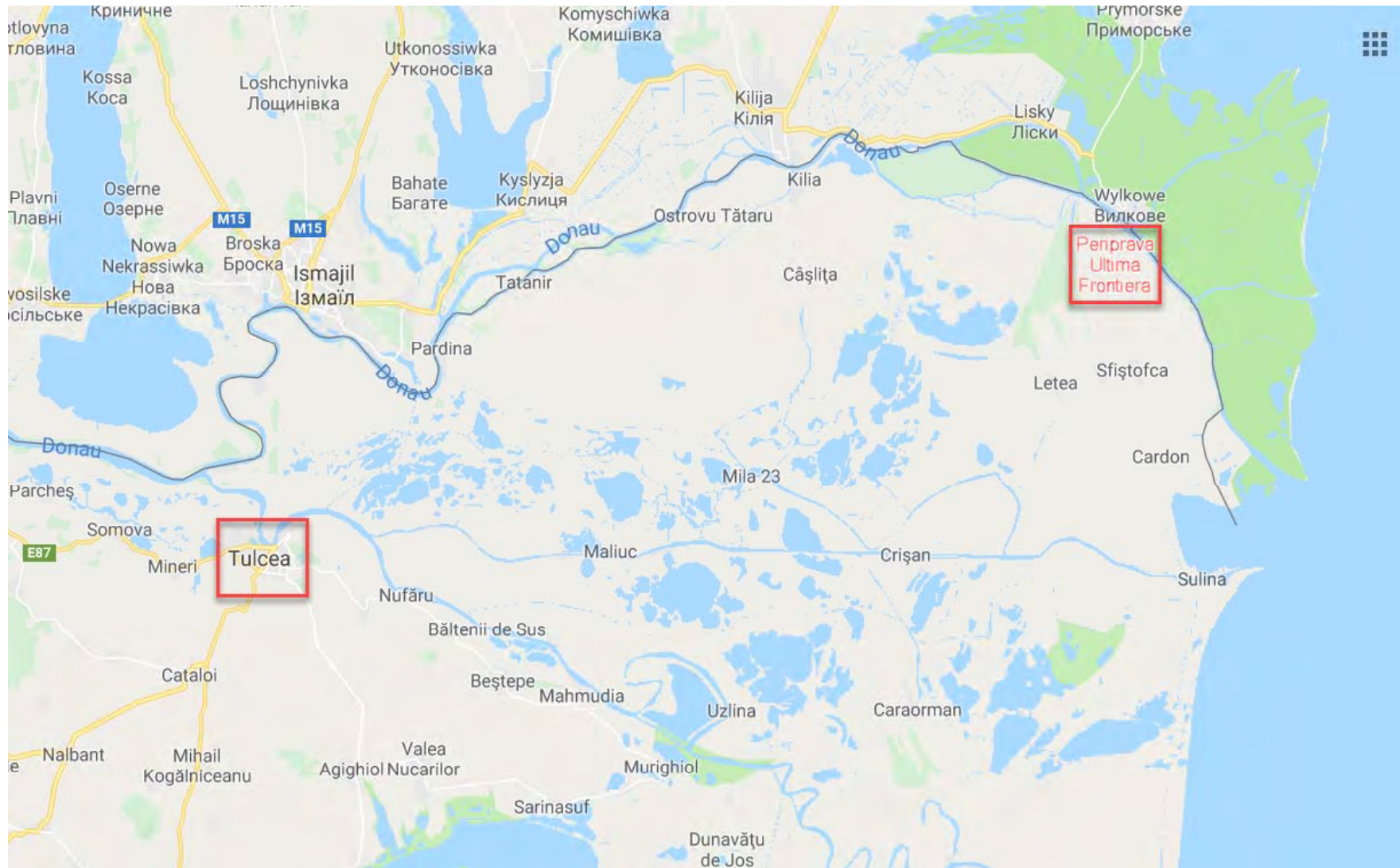
Design Studio Periprava Danube Delta
Kleines Entwerfen im Donaudelta
TU Wien Kurs 260.577
in Kooperation Ion Mincu Universität Bukarest

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Far away, in a distant corner of EU and Romania....



...is a remote location called „Ultima Frontiera-
Ultimate Border“ in Periprava



A history as work camp for political prisoners...



...of the former communist regime...



...during the 1950ies and early
1960ies...





...served dictators Gheorghe
Gheorghiu-Dej and Nicolae Ceausescu

The suffering of thousands of political prisoners is not perceivable to eco-tourists visiting the area!



Can we memorize the recent history by appropriate designs in unique natural settings?



Can we give a new meaning to ruins?





Find out details about the history of selected buildings?

Accentuate single ruins to as a series of objects
in a tour?



Ensemble of unused buildings!



Nature conquering collapsed building!



Collapsing object.....



...or reusable building??



Former prisoners building



One out of some 20 buildings...



...and another ruin of prisoner camp...



...one more building in the ensemble...



...yet another object!



Hooked up....



...in muddy ground



Suited as a memorial?



Ready for another use ?





Lipovan Ranger from Ultima Frontiera

Partly recycled camp buildings as hotel



One of hundreds of kilometers canal!



Bones.....



Dams and roads....



...along the channels.



Photos from Ion Mincu University Course
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Transporter Ready for Students

Danube Delta Winter Landscape



Cowboy in Danube Delta



Buildings Going Back to Nature





Swimming Cows in Channel

Hungry Cows



Students cutting Reed





Letea Channel in Danube Delta



Channel of Danube Delta in February

Traditional Danube Delta House



Sfiștofca Design Studio



Use of natural materials





Inputs from Students of Architecture

Participation

- 15 TU Wien students (including ERASMUS) 5 ECTS
- Letter of intent a.s.a.p.
 - E-Mail: meinhard.breiling@tuwien.ac.at
- Acceptance confirmation
 - payment of deposit € 50.- until Oct. 4th, 2019
 - Inclusion into TISS as a participant
- Costs estimate € 650.- for one week study trip,
 - eventually less
 - Depending on individual travel arrangements
 - Sponsorship
 - Includes study trip costs
 - Roundtrip Vienna – Bukarest by train or plane (€ 80.- to € 190.-)
 - Local transport Bukarest – Tulcea (€ 40.-)
 - Boat trips on the Danube (€ 80.-)
 - Local trips (€ 60.-)
 - Accommodation in simple guest houses (€ 140.- for 7 days)
 - Two meals a day (€ 140.- for 7 days)

Course Schedule (1)

Sept. 19th, 2019	Short Presentation of course to students of Faculty of Architecture and Planning at TU Wien
Oct. 3rd, 2019	Last Day to write a motivation letter why to participate
Oct. 4th, 2019	At 13:00: Latest date of notice of acceptance or rejection. At 14:00: Informal meeting with regard to travel arrangements at Landscape, Erzherzog Johann Platz 1, A-1040 Wien
Oct. 8th, 2019	Kick-off at TU Wien (with members of ARGE Donauländer and others), Erzherzog Johann Platz 1, Seminarraum Dachgeschoss, 14:00 bis 17:00
Oct. 10th, 2019	Trip to Bukarest and Tulcea, individual arrangements
Oct. 11th, 2019	Morning: 9:00 to 12:00 Visit to Danube Delta Biosphere Administration and National Institute for Danube Delta!
Oct. 11th, 2019	Afternoon: 13:00 Transfer Tulcea to Periprava; Boat trip!
Oct. 12th, 2019	Field trip Periprava, location studies, discussion with owners of hotel
Oct. 13th, 2019	Field trip Danube Delta, Letea, Sfistofca
Oct. 14th, 2019	Discussions with mayor in C. A. Rosetti and stakeholders, presentation of ad hoc ideas, sketches
Oct. 15th, 2019	Transfer Periprava to Bucharest
Oct. 16th, 2019	Transfer to Austria

Course Schedule (2)

Nov. 15th, 2019	Intermediate Presentation on designs and concepts; comments, M. Breiling and resource persons, TU Wien
Dec. 13th, 2019	Final designs and concepts; comments M. Breiling and resource persons, TU Wien
Jan. 10th, 2020	Latest delivery of course output!
Jan. 15th, 2020	Zeugnis/Certificate based on final delivery

Extras for the Ambitious

- *Outstanding Course Works*
 - *will be published in:*
 - *Academic Journal & Research Center for Vernacular Architecture*
 - <http://csav.ro/>
- Public Presentation of outstanding designs/concepts
 - 27th Conference of the Danube Region Countries
 - Tulln, NÖ, Apr. 21st to 22nd, 2020
 - Ninth Public Participation Forum of Danube Region Strategy, Croatia, June 2020
 - <https://www.danube-region.eu/attachments/article/590643/EUSDR-EN.PDF>