ASSIGNMENT

The aim is to reflect on the notion or idea of dwelling and living in cities.

Until now, as students at the School of Architecture, you will have mainly reflected on an interior dwelling from architecture and its capacity to provide shelter and wellbeing, from the privacy or intimacy of spaces and their particular poetics.

In this first welcome activity, we invite you to think and communicate the aspects that are most interesting and that best explain what it means for you to live in cities. This time the focus will be more on the collective, on diversity, on the complexity and contradiction established, on the cross-dialogue between our individuality and the shared experience with the people and the environment we dwell in.

Living in the city is a very INTENSE experience. There are a lot of people which means there is always something happening and a lot to catch on. Within the same shared space, everyone uses the city in their own way. City offer us a lot of OPPORTUNITIES providing ACCESS to both basic needs – like housing, education, healthcare and to the extraordinary resources that help us grow, create and develop. In the cities we have freedom to develop our personal interests like education, career choices or hobbies, but also we can connect and share those interests with others. Because of amount of possibilities we can DECIDE. We can chose our transport and services, where to work, what to buy, and to choose places where we can spend out free time. We can decide if we want to take life in more individual way or share it with others. The diversity of choices makes city life even more dynamic. For these reasons is important to create or rebuild cities that maximize opportunities for every inhabitants in many fields.

Because cities are expanding I think cities should have a lot of small centres surrounded by the most basic needs and services – that everyone have the same access to them and don't have need to get to the biggest center. Smaller centers should be connected, forming spier-web like transport network making this areas one big city-system.