

Report for EFA

I am Aboli Mangire, currently studying Master of Science - International Cooperation in Urban Development at the Department of Architecture at the TU Darmstadt.

As part of this diverse program, I undertook one month-long internship in March 2019 which was based at MAD (Mekanda Adalet Derneği OR Center for Spatial Justice) in Istanbul, Turkey.

It was a very good experience in terms of the depth of knowledge I earned by undertaking a research project which will be published in due course.

The research project is part of a larger goal of MAD NGO initiative to create public awareness about the urgent situation in Istanbul. It involved the places in local municipality that are very important in people's collective memory and social relationships but are under tremendous pressure due to rapid urban transformation of the region.

I was part of the interns team along with Prof. Yasar Adanali to extend onto the published mapping work of previous interns. We undertook street walks, expert talks, data collection and research and evaluated a specific architectural type to be the focus of our work. Our report combines the characteristics of social and architectural values as well as people's views under one umbrella. It aims to reach out to various public circles including those who frequently visit MAD office during monthly knowledge-dissemination events. It can potentially also be available to a larger audience via online media / libraries etc.

This internship provided me a vantage place and a perspective as a researcher while studying an urgent urban challenge in one of the most vibrant cities of our times. Getting immersed in the local culture and customs will prove to be an enriching and long-lasting experience reflecting on my work moving forward. The focus of my masters program back in Darmstadt is the challenges of rapidly urbanizing cities and the potential solutions using International Cooperation. I am grateful to have this opportunity to work and learn with the multicultural and multidisciplinary team of Activists, Journalists, Law Experts, Planners, Architects, Video Artists and Graphic Designers. I look forward to continuing this work, making it publicly available and potentially collaborating with them on more urban projects in the future.

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