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WORKSHOP OVERVIEW & ACADEMIC FRAMEWORK

Cities and Urban Projects: All Cities of Ankara • September 2-10, 2026

ABOUT THE BLENDED TERRITORIES LAB

Blended Territories Lab is an intensive, international urban research workshop exploring Ankara's layered histories, morphological shifts and planning traditions through thematic field investigations, collaborative mapping and design production.

THEMATIC RESEARCH & ATLAS WORKING GROUPS

1. MORPHOLOGY

Urban fabric, block layouts and physical form.

2. MOBILITY

Transportation axes, pedestrian movement and transit networks.

3. PUBLIC SPACE

Squares, parks and collective open-space use.

4. IDENTITY

Historic and contemporary urban image, memory and perception.

5. ARCHITECTURE

Period architecture, typologies and tectonic readings.

6. NARRATIVE

Urban memory, oral histories and spatial storytelling.

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WORKSHOP AT A GLANCE

DAY 1

Opening Ceremony

Opening lectures & orientation

DAY 2

The City of Campuses

Ankara University - Gazi - METU

DAY 3

The City in the Garden

Ulus - Kızılay - Bahçelievler + seminar

DAY 4

The Underground City / Cappadocia

Derinkuyu - Göreme - Uçhisar

2 SEP

DAY 5

The City of New Cities

Batıkent - Ostim Axis

6 SEP

3 SEP

DAY 6

The Spiritual City / Konya

Mevlana - Alaeddin Hill - Historic Bazaar

7 SEP

4 SEP

DAY 7

The City on the Highway

İncek - Oran - Armada + TSMD seminar

8 SEP

5 SEP

DAY 8-9

Production Workshop / Final Exhibition

AYBU Esenboğa Campus - D Block

9-10 SEP

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OPENING CEREMONY

Opening Lectures &
Workshop Orientation

DAY 1

2 SEPTEMBER 2026

AYBU Esenboğa Campus
C Block - Conference Room

11.30 (Opening Ceremony)

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DAY 1 • WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2026

OPENING CEREMONY & ORIENTATION

Opening Lectures, Exhibition & Working Group Setup • AYBU Esenboğa Campus

DATE & TIME	PRIMARY LOCATION	CORE FOCUS
2 September 2026 09:30 – 18:00	AYBU Esenboğa Campus (C Block Conf. Room & D Block)	Institutional Welcome, Theoretical Framing & Team Setup

TIME	PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES
08:30	Departure from Student Residence: Shuttle buses depart from Keçiören KYK Residence to AYBU Esenboğa Campus.
09:30	Arrival at Campus: Reception & registration at D Block Foyer.
10:00	Opening Lecture: Introductory framing by <i>Prof. Dr. Salah Haj Ismail</i> and <i>Prof. Dr. Rafael Reinoso</i> .
11:00	Exhibition Opening
11:30	Official Opening Ceremony: Welcome addresses by AYBU Rectorate and Architecture Department Leadership.
12:00 – 12:30	Lunch Break: AYBU Esenboğa Campus Dining Hall.
13:00	Keynote Lecture: <i>"Ankara: From Ancient Military Garrison to Modern Capital"</i> .
13:40	Methodology Briefing & Team Setup: Allocation of the 6 thematic research groups, distribution of base maps and research materials.
15:00	Campus Guided Exploration: Architectural site walkthrough of Blocks A, B, C, Sports Hall, and Student Center.
18:00	Day 1 Wrap-up: Informal networking and debriefing at D Block Lobby; shuttle returns to Keçiören.

KEY RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

Every participant will finalize their thematic group placement (Morphology, Mobility, Public Space, Identity, Architecture, or Narrative) and receive their field mapping templates and analytical criteria.

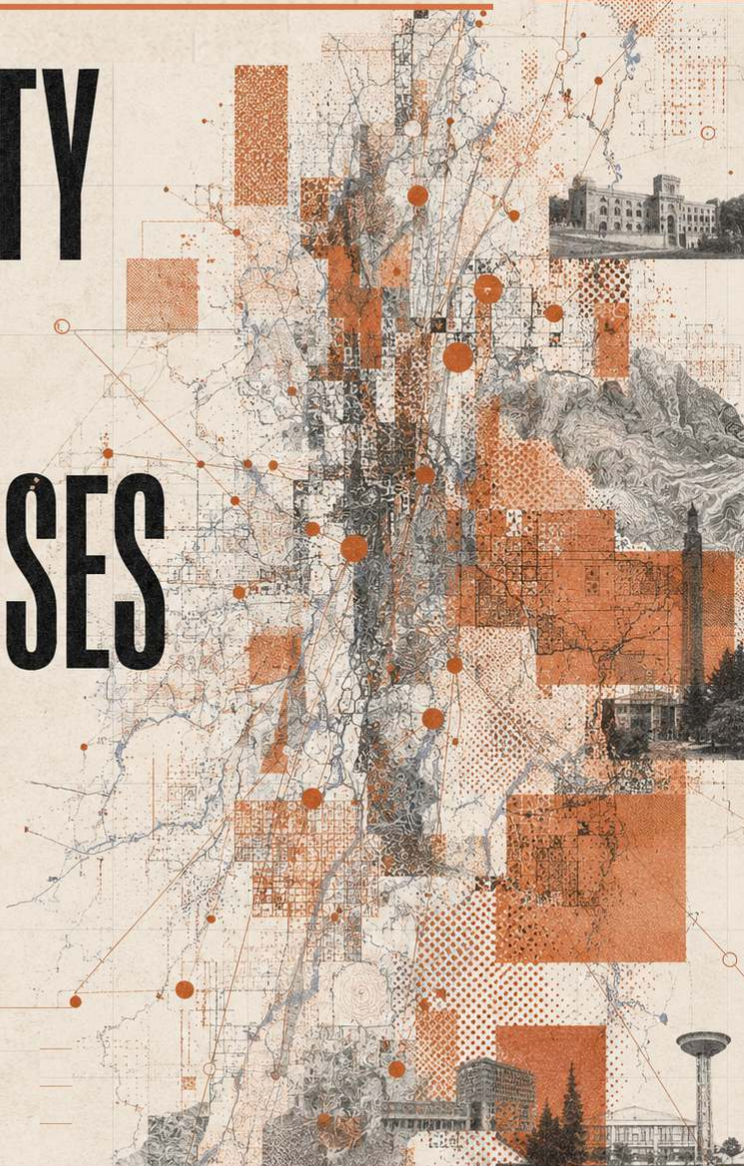
THE CITY OF CAMPUSES

DAY 2

3 SEPTEMBER 2026
Ankara, Türkiye

University Campuses Axis

Comparative field study of
Ankara University, Gazi University
and METU



DAY 2 • THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE CITY OF CAMPUSES

Comparative Field Study of Ankara University, Gazi University, and METU

DATE & TIME

3 September 2026 | 09:00 –
18:00

LOCATION AXIS

Tandoğan • Beşevler • METU (ODTÜ)
Campus Axis

CORE FOCUS

Campus Morphologies, Pedestrian Allées &
Modernist Heritage

TIME

PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES

09:00	Ankara University (Tandoğan Campus): Meeting on site. Morphological investigation of early Republican educational institutions, urban integration, and courtyard systems.
11:00	Gazi University Campus: Architectural analysis of Mimar Kemalettin's landmark historic Rectorate building, First National Architectural Style, and campus boundaries.
13:00	Lunch Break: Group dining in Beşevler / Bahçelievler district.
14:00	Transit Transfer: Metro transfer from Beşevler to METU (ODTÜ) Station.
14:30	Middle East Technical University (METU / ODTÜ): Field study of Altuğ & Behruz Çinici's brutalist master plan, central pedestrian allée, modernist concrete heritage, and reforested landscape.
18:00	Comparative On-site Discussion: Synthesis of the three distinct higher-education typologies and their city interfaces.

ANALYTICAL FOCUS

Analyze how university campuses in Ankara shifted from integrated urban institutions (Ankara Univ.) to monumental neo-classical symbols (Gazi) and finally into autonomous, modernist, self-contained educational cities (METU).

THE CITY IN THE GARDEN

DAY 3

SITE VISIT + SEMINAR

4 SEPTEMBER 2026

Ankara, Türkiye

Ulus – Kızılay –
Bahçelievler Axis

Historic core, civic institutions and
the garden-city imagination

+ SEMINAR at Chamber of Architects - Ankara (15.30)



DAY 3 • FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE CITY IN THE GARDEN

Ulus – Kızılay Axis & Chamber of Architects Seminar

DATE & TIME

4 September 2026 | 09:00
– 17:30

ROUTE & AXIS

Historic Citadel • Bankalar St. • Station •
Ministries Axis

KEY EVENT

Seminar at TMMOB Chamber of Architects
Ankara Branch (15:30)

TIME

PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES

09:00

Çengelhan Meeting Point

10:30

Ankara Citadel & Hans District

11:00

Hacı Bayram & Temple of Augustus: Spatial palimpsest of Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman urban layers.

1st & 2nd Grand National Assembly (TBMM Buildings: Architectural symbols of the founding Republic.

13:00

TCDD Historic Railway Station & CSO Ada Ankara

15:00

Sihhiye – Ministries Spine: Tracing Hermann Jansen's master plan and the green garden-city axis.

15:30

Special Seminar: Seminar at Chamber of Architects Ankara Branch, Kızılay

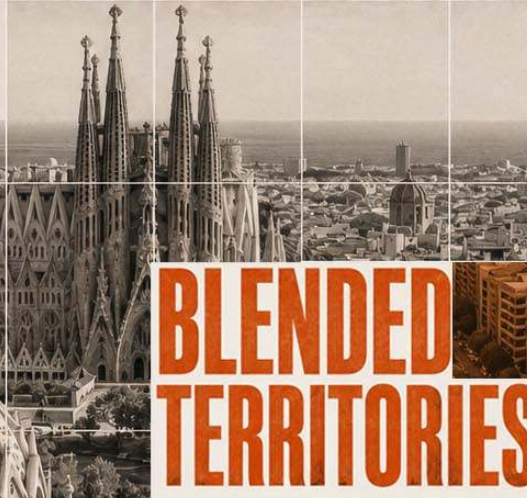
FIELD INVESTIGATION TASK

Map the morphological transition from the organic, hilltop citadel of Ulus down to the geometric, boulevards-and-squares system envisioned in Hermann Jansen's 1928 master plan for the new capital.

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Historical, Natural, and Cultural Landscape in Urban Conservation: Ankara | Barcelona



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SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Tunçer
Prof. Dr. Banu Öztürk

4 September 2026
15:30

Ankara Chamber of Architects
Meşrutiyet, Konur Sok. No:4 D:3,
06420 Çankaya / Ankara

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THE UNDERGROUND CITY / CAPPADOCIA

Field study on geology, settlement
and spatial organization

Derinkuyu – Göreme – Uçhisar

DAY 4
SITE VISIT

5 SEPTEMBER 2026
Nevşehir, Türkiye



DAY 4 • SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE UNDERGROUND CITY / CAPPADOCIA

Regional Field Study: Geology, Subterranean Spatial Organization & Landscape

DATE & TIME

5 September 2026 | 05:00 –
23:00

REGIONAL ROUTE

Derinkuyu • Göreme • Uçhisar (Nevşehir
Province)

CORE FOCUS

Subterranean Architecture, Troglodyte
Morphology & Geology

TIME

PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES

05:00	Departure from Ankara: Private tour coaches depart strictly on time from Keçiören KYK Residence.
09:30	Derinkuyu • Göreme • Uçhisar
	Joint Sketching & Analytical Synthesis
12:00	Lunch Break: Traditional Cappadocian regional lunch in Göreme.
13:00	Derinkuyu • Göreme • Uçhisar
14:30	Joint Sketching & Analytical Synthesis
20:00	Departure for Ankara
23:00	Arrival in Ankara: Drop-off at Keçiören Residence.

LOGISTICS & FIELD GEAR

Sturdy hiking footwear, water, sun protection, and field sketchbooks are mandatory. The underground subterranean passages maintain a cool temperature of approximately 13°C.

THE CITY OF NEW CITIES

DAY 5
SITE VISIT

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

Batıkent – Ostim Axis

Cooperative housing, mass
housing development and
industrial urbanization

An introductory seminar will be given
by Kadri Atabaş on 27 August 2026



DAY 5 • SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE CITY OF NEW CITIES

Batıkent – Ostim Axis: Cooperative Housing & Industrial Urbanization

DATE & TIME	STUDY AXIS	CORE FOCUS
6 September 2026 10:00 – 16:30	Törekent • Batıkent (Kent-Koop) • Ostim Industrial Cluster	Mass Housing Cooperatives, Self-Governance & Production Landscapes

TIME	PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES
10:00	Meeting Point: Eryaman Metro 5 Station
10:15	Field Walk
11:00	Transit Transfer: Metro transit to Batıkent Central Station.
11:15	Batıkent Urban Reading: In-depth investigation of the Kent-Koop cooperative mass housing model, pedestrian green corridors, superblock layout, and social facilities.
13:00	Lunch Break
14:00	Ostim Industrial Cluster Field Walk: Urban morphology of small-scale industrial production, workshop streets, and worker mobility.
15:00	Metro Return: Ostim Metro to Kızılay City Center
15:30	Synthesis Discussion: Group reflections and analytical comparisons in Kızılay.

THEORETICAL FRAMING NOTE

Batıkent represents one of the largest municipal-cooperative housing experiments in the Global South. An introductory webinar was delivered on 27 August 2026 by master architect Kadri Atabaş.

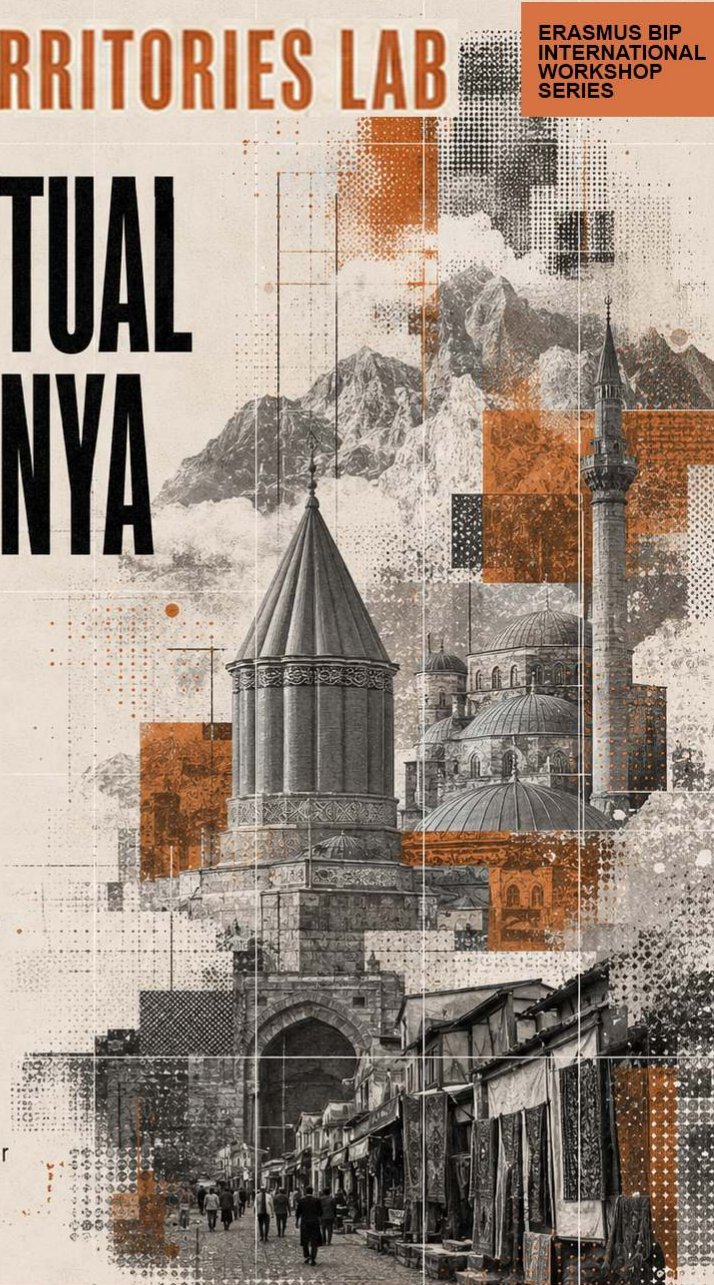
THE SPIRITUAL CITY / KONYA

DAY 6
SITE VISIT

7 SEPTEMBER 2026
Konya, Türkiye

Mevlana – Alaeddin Hill –
Historic Bazaar

Seljuk urban heritage, monumental
architecture and public life



DAY 6 • MONDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE SPIRITUAL CITY / KONYA

Seljuk Urban Heritage, Monumental Architecture & Public Life

DATE & TIME	SITE LOCATIONS	CORE FOCUS
7 September 2026 06:30 – 22:30	Mevlana Complex • Alaeddin Mound • Historic Bedesten Bazaar	Seljuk Capital Morphology, Radial Urbanism & Sacred Public Spaces

TIME	PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES
06:30	Departure from Ankara: Private coaches depart from Keçiören KYK Residence to Konya.
10:00	Mevlana Complex • Alaeddin Mound • Historic Bedesten Bazaar
12:00	Lunch Break
13:00	Mevlana Complex • Alaeddin Mound • Historic Bedesten Bazaar
15:00	Departure for Ankara: Evening coach return journey.
22:30	Arrival in Ankara: Drop-off at Keçiören Residence.

COMPARATIVE RESEARCH QUESTION

Contrast Konya's concentric, mound-centered Seljuk capital layout with Ankara's linear ridge and Roman-Ottoman fortified citadel geometry.

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THE CITY ON THE HIGHWAY

DAY 7

SITE VISIT + SEMINAR

8 SEPTEMBER 2026
Ankara, Türkiye

İNCEK + ORAN + ARMADA

Armada site visit will be conducted together with Ali Osman Öztürk

SEMINAR at TSMD - 17.00

An introductory seminar will be given by Ali Osman Öztürk

DAY 7 • TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE CITY ON THE HIGHWAY

İncek – Oran – Armada Axis & TSMD Keynote Seminar

DATE & TIME

8 September 2026 | 10:00
– 19:00

STUDY AXIS

İncek High-Rise Spine • Oran • Eskişehir
Highway • Armada

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ali Osman Öztürk (Principal Architect, A
Tasarım Mimarlık)

TIME

PROGRAM OUTLINE & ACTIVITIES

10:00	Meeting Point: Keçiören Residence.
10:15	Departure by Coach: Field trip to Ankara's southern and western highway growth corridors.
11:00	İncek Corridor Investigation: Spatial analysis of suburban gated communities, high-rise luxury towers, and urban sprawl dynamics.
13:00	Lunch Break
14:00	Discovering new cities
16:00	Armada Guided Site Visit: On-site guided architectural tour led by master architect <i>Ali Osman Öztürk</i> , analyzing retail urbanism, public bridges, and pedestrian street integration.
17:00	TSMD Keynote Seminar: Lecture by Ali Osman Öztürk at TSMD Architectural Center.
18:30	Q&A & Evening Reception: Networking at TSMD Center.

VENUE DETAILS

TSMD Architectural Center (TürkSMD): Eskişehir Yolu 7. Km No:164, Kentpark AVM Rear Facade, Çankaya / Ankara.

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THE CITY ON THE HIGHWAY: ARMADA VISIT + TSMD SEMINAR

Reading contemporary Ankara through
retail architecture, urban corridors and
large-scale urban development

SPEAKER

ALI OSMAN ÖZTÜRK

Architect

8 SEPTEMBER 2026

16.00 Meet at Armada

Guided site visit with Ali Osman Öztürk

17.00 Seminar at TSMD

TSMD Architectural Center

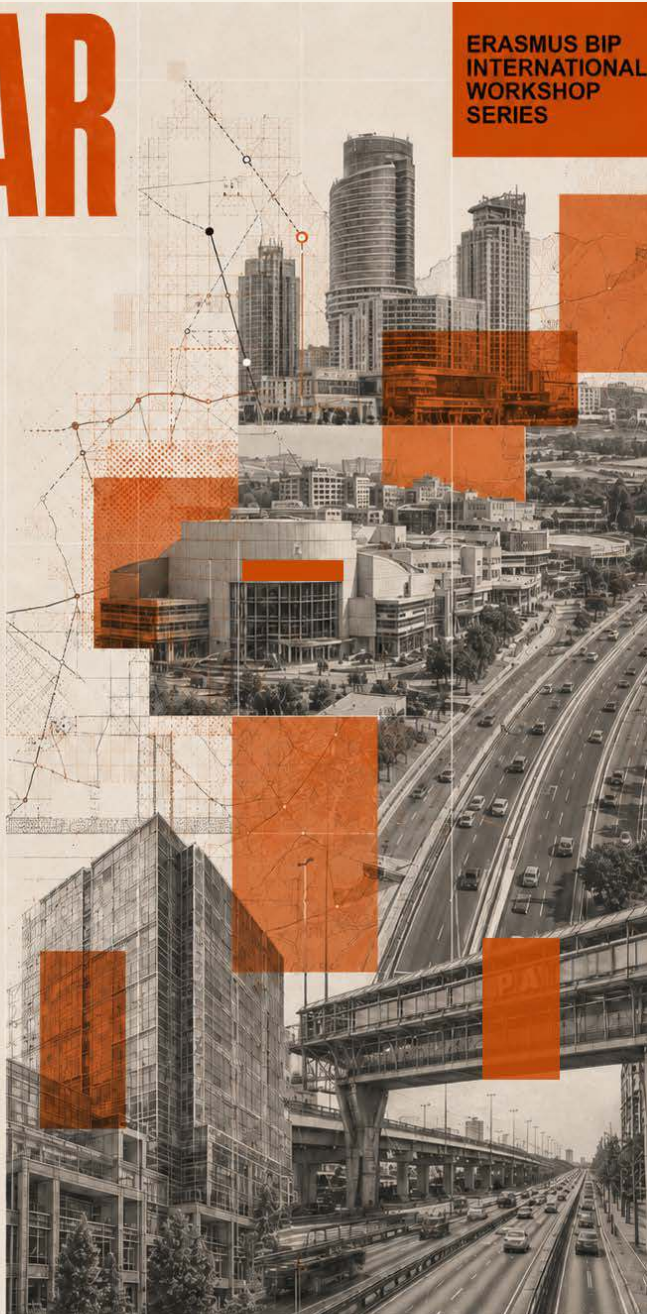
Eskişehir Yolu 7. Km No:164

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PRODUCTION WORKSHOP / FINAL EXHIBITION

DAY 8-9

9-10 SEPTEMBER 2026

AYBU - Esenboğa Campus (D Block)

Atlas production, jury presentations,
exhibition and closing



9 September:
full-day production workshop



10 September:
final jury presentations



Public exhibition



Certificate ceremony



Closing reception



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