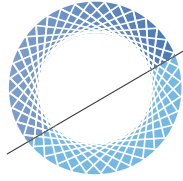


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MOBILIZING, UNDERSTANDING, IMAGINING

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FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Kuei! Ai! We are pleased to present the Living in Northern Québec partnership's very first newsletter. It provides information related to completed, ongoing and new activities and projects.

As a reminder, the **Living in Northern Quebec** partnership (LINQ) aims to study the **culturally appropriate and sustainable living environments of the Innu communities of the Nitassinan and the Inuit communities of Nunavik**. It considers these environments by examining the many aspects that give them meaning and guide their development. The collaborative research focuses on three elements: Communities, Living/Built Environments and Governance. You can read our project summary here: [in English](#) or [in Inuktitut](#).



General Assembly in Kuujuaq, June 2016 (photo: S. Proulx)

CURRENT ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN STUDIOS – Winter 2017

CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN: Nomadic, Vagabond House Within Inuit Communities of Quebec (Imagination + Construction + Experience)

Supervised by Myriam Blais, 13 Master's students, Laval University's School of Architecture, Québec.

In the context of Inuit and Innu communities' recent settlement process, students reflect on the "nomadic ideal" that leaves its mark and continues to influence the relationship of these communities to their dwelling territories. The idea of a nomadic or vagabond house will be at the heart of the design work, at different scales and for different contexts.

This Construction and Design-themed studio will address many considerations ranging from the appreciation of the land to technical systems and construction details, making sure to consider them as part of a coherent and culturally appropriate whole. The studio will develop architectural

proposals to tackle mainly technical challenges, taking into account the idea of "living on the land".

Important dates :

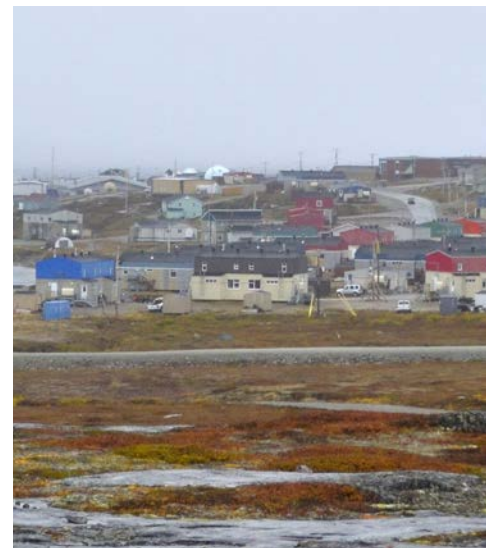
February 7th: Review : Stage 1 – Imagination + Construction

March 28th: Review : Stage 2 – Construction + Experience

April 24th: Final review : Stage 3 - Illustrated traveler stories

All partners are welcome to attend!

To partners in the Nunavik in the next few weeks: A stay in Inukjuak is scheduled from February 27th to March 4th, 2017.



Inukjuak, September 2016 (photo: M. Rochette)

SAPUTIK WORKSHOP: Art and Cultural Center in Puvirnituk

Supervised by Pierre Côté, 12 undergrad students, Laval University's School of Architecture, Québec.

Twelve undergrad students will work with the community of Puvirnituk to design different proposals for the Saputik Arts and Cultural Centre, which would display the community's many artefacts and also offer spaces for traditional activities such as carving, tanning and sewing. The future architects will also work in collaboration with students of the Iguarsivik School in order to get a better understanding of village life and cultural issues related to the project. They will also collaborate with Puvirnituk elected officials, Architect Marc Blouin and Louis Gagnon, Curator at the Avataq Cultural Institute.

Important dates :

February 7th: Review of Preliminary Analyses

February 21st: Visit of the Avataq Cultural Institute in Montréal

March 14th: Intermediate Review

April 28th: Final Review

All partners are welcome to attend!



Puvirnituk, January 2017 (photo: P. Côté)



Outdoor Pavilions for Kuujjuaq's Youth, Exhibition (project: A. Marceau and V. Tessier)



Living Together, Studio Project (project: A. Boulanger-C., P-O. Demeule and M-C. Gravel)

EXHIBITIONS

OUTDOOR PAVILIONS FOR KUJJUAQ'S YOUTH: A Virtual Architecture and Digital Fabrication Project

January 16th to 20th, 2017, at Laval University's School of Architecture, Québec.

Students supervised by Samuel Bernier-Lavigne prepared this exhibition to show the results of their application of innovative methods for analysis, conceptualization and construction helped by Digital Fabrication, as they apply to the design of Outdoor Pavilions in Kuujjuaq. In teams, the students designed six different proposals to integrate into Kuujjuaq's landscape, for kids to use and play in. Several questions have naturally arisen about the history of the Inuit, their concepts of territory, the impact of the climate, and activities favored by kids living in a Nunavik village. Videos explaining the design approach and results will soon be posted and shared with Kuujjuaq kids to get their opinion and possibly engage in discussion with them.

LIVING TOGETHER : Building for Solidarity in Salluit

January 16th to February 3rd, 2017, at Laval University's School of Architecture, Québec.

With André Casault and in collaboration with the Inuit and Innu communities of Salluit and Uashat, grad students propose housing projects that promote "solidarizing" ways of living together while also responding to the needs of the residents, their lifestyles and aspirations.

This exhibition presents four projects for the village of Salluit. The students had to make the most of the material, cultural and social infrastructures of the existing villages. In Salluit, two projects explore new settlement patterns on rocky outcrops in the very center of the village. Those new settlements contrast with the detached house models on gravel pads. Two other projects are located in the "historic" heart of the village and propose to consolidate the existing buildings. Inuit and Innu professionals and elected officials from Salluit, Uashat and Pessamit were present during the design process to share experiences and ideas with the students, in a spirit of intercultural collaboration. The Uashat proposals will be presented in a second exhibition, soon!

CLICK HERE FOR OUR COMPLETE LIST OF FUNDED AND ON-GOING PROJECTS:
www.habiterlenordquebecois.org/complete-list

NEW PROJECTS FUNDED

Forging Scenarios for Inukjuak's Future Development Through Collaborative Design

Pauloosie Kasudluak (Mayor, Inukjuak), **Marie-Pierre McDonald** (KRG) and **Geneviève Vachon** (ÉAUL). With **Michel Allard** (CEN), **Gaëlle André-Lescop** (Mamuitun), **Myriam Blais** (ÉAUL) **Shaomik Inukpuk** (NV of Inukjuak) and **Julien Landry, Laurence St-Jean** and **Sandrine Tremblay-Lemieux** (Students, EAUL). From January to May 2017.

Through Collaborative Design and Mobilization Activities in Inukjuak and Québec, this team aims to illustrate scenarios of development and consolidation that may take place in Inukjuak's future, as they relate to the new Master Plan. These scenarios put key Master Plan's intentions into urban and architectural forms, so that the population may adhere to a shared vision of the future, prepare mandates for outside consultants, and think about the implementation process. The team's intention is to mobilize members of the population, young and old, to gain further information about their expectations / representations / uses of village space, so that it can be included in the scenarios that will "incarnate" the culturally adapted future sectors of development and consolidation. The team will be in Inukjuak for collaborative activities between February 27th and March 4th, 2017.

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1st Living in Northern Quebec Student Symposium

Organized by the partnership's **Student Committee**. May 2017 (specific date to be confirmed)

This Symposium will be an opportunity for the LINQ students to present and discuss the results of their projects, essays, theses and dissertations before a diverse and multidisciplinary audience. During the full day Symposium, participating students will share not only results, but also approaches and methods. A jury composed of Innu and Inuit collaborators, professors-researchers and students, will comment on the presentations. The main objectives are to disseminate student research outside of the partnership, and to initiate stimulating discussions for its advancement. The students will summarize their research through short videos that will be posted on our Facebook page and Website.

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RECENT ACTIVITIES

INUIT STUDIES 2016 Pre-conference Symposium: A Great Success!

On October 7th, 2016, the Identity, Housing, Settlement and Landscape Symposium (orchestrated by Denise Piché) was held at the 20th Biennial Inuit Studies Conference in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Many partners participated, as well as a great line-up of researchers and designers, from Alaska to Oslo! Presentations summaries and videos are now available online at www.habiterlenordquebecois.org/inuitstudies

RECENT DESIGN STUDIOS:

Three Design Studios were held in fall 2016:

Salluit - Uashat Studio: Explorations on the built environment's potential of two Innu and Inuit communities. Supervised by André Casault, ÉAUL.

Visit the Website : www.habitatsetcultures.wixsite.com/salluit-uashat2016

Outdoor Pavilions for Kuujuaq's Youth: A Virtual Architecture and Digital Fabrication Project. Supervised by Samuel Bernier-Lavigne, ÉAUL.

Urban Design and Housing Studio: A Case Study of Kuujuarapik. Supervised by Vikram Bhatt, McGill University.

More information about the projects will be available in the coming weeks.



Public consultation in Inukjuak, September 2016 (photo: G. Vachon)

A FEW OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS

A Comparative Study of Social Policies: Social Housing in Nordic Countries

Project leader: **Gérard Duhaime**, with Valérie Harvey

Graphic Historical Record of Innu and Inuit Housing (Land, House and Construction)

Project leader: **Myriam Blais**

Social Housing and Integration Processes: the Case of Rent Scales Adjustment in Nunavik
By **Marileine Baribeau**,

Master's Thesis in Sociology, directed by Gérard Duhaime

Make Do: A Study on Overcrowding and House Modification in Nunavik

Project leader : **Vikram Bhatt**
With Mylène Riva, Christopher Fletcher and Myriam Blais.

Québec opens its doors: a Mobilization and Education activity for Inuit and Innu youth

Project leaders : **Pierre Côté** and the LINQ Student Committee

Post-Occupational Monitoring of a House Prototype in Quaqtaq

Project leaders : **Hélène Arsenault** and Mylène Riva

NEW STUDENT GRANTS - JANUARY 2017:

E nutshemiui itenitakuuet: A Key Concept for Integrated Forest Management for the Nitassinan and the Innu Community of Pessamit

By **Patrice Bellefleur**, Masters of Forest Sciences candidate.

Masters Thesis directed by Louis Bélanger and Jean-Michel Beaudoin.

Planning of the Northern Village of Inukjuak: Helping the community in the renewal of their Master Plan

By **Julien Landry** and **Laurence St-Jean**, Masters in Urban Design candidates.

Design Thesis project in Urban Design supervised by Geneviève Vachon.

The transition from a nomadic to a sedentary lifestyle among Inuit communities of Nunavik: A look at the Contemporary Relationship to Territory and Landscape

By **Julien Landry**, Masters in Urban Design candidate.

Essay in Urban Design supervised by Myriam Blais.

A Collaborative Approach to Culturally Significant Planning: Evaluating a Decision-Making Guide by and for Innu Communities

By **Laurence St-Jean**, Masters in Urban Design candidate.

Essay in Urban Design supervised by Geneviève Vachon.

Safe House for Nunavik's Inuit Youth: Familiar Spaces and Identity

By **Sandrine Tremblay-Lemieux**, Master's of Architecture candidate.

Design Thesis project in Architecture supervised by Myriam Blais.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL THEMATIC ISSUE OF RECHERCHES AMÉRINDIENNES DU QUÉBEC: COMING SOON

This RAQ thematic issue entitled "Habitation : Imaginaires, vécus et réalités autochtones", edited by Denise Piché and Thierry Rodon, will contain articles from LINQ partners, students and co-investigators, as well as researchers from elsewhere in North America. It is scheduled for publication in 2017.

ARNALIAT NIPINGIT CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY SATURVIIT:

The Inuit Women's Association of Nunavik is organizing its Third Regional Women's Conference in Kangirsuk, from March 27th to 30th, 2017. Inuit speakers and women from all communities will be invited, as well as a delegation of Innu women involved in the partnership. More details to come.

NEXT CALL FOR PROJECTS - MARCH 31st, 2017:

The next call for proposals is set for **March 31st, 2017 at 4:00 pm**. The Proposals Form will be available shortly in the "Partners Section".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017:

The third General Assembly will take place **May 30th and 31st, 2017 in Uashat**, Nitassinan. Partners, collaborators and co-researchers will be contacted soon with more details.

MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR!



Students in Salluit, André Casault's Studio, October 2016 (photo: B. Robert)



Meeting with ITUM, Uashat, André Casault's Studio, October 2016 (photo: S. Proulx)



Final projects review, with officials from Uashat mak Mani-utenam and Salluit, including Adamie Naluiyuk, André Casault's Studio, Dec. 2016 (photo: G. Vachon)

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