

3RD INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF URBAN MORPHOLOGY. FAMAGUSTA, CYPRUS | 23-30 APRIL 2026

Following the successful first and second editions of the International School of Urban Morphology in Italy and China, respectively, the Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM) is pleased to apply for hosting the third edition. The proposed venue is the city of Famagusta, North Cyprus in collaboration with Eastern Mediterranean University – Urban Research and Development Centre. The major strengths of this application are the gathering of four different networks – CyNUM (Cyprus Network), ANUM (Arab Network), ISUF Iran (Iran Network), PNUM (Portuguese-language Network) and TNUM (Turkish Network) – and the exceptional geographical location of Cyprus attracting an unusual diversity of students from different parts of the world.

This academic initiative aims to convene a select group of advanced undergraduate (4th-year), master, doctoral students and professionals from diverse international institutions to foster a multidisciplinary platform for critical inquiry and intellectual exchange in the field of urban morphology.

The primary focus of the school will be the morphological investigation of Famagusta's urban fabric, specifically examining the spatial and formal relationships between its historical core and the surrounding postcolonial urban developments. By applying historical-geographical at the urban scale, participants will engage in a thorough exploration of the city's spatial evolution and structural transformation across temporal and political thresholds.

Participants will be encouraged to critically examine the morphological implications of the city's position within various natural and political boundaries, and to interrogate the dynamics between preservation, continuity, and urban change. The program will combine theoretical instruction with empirical fieldwork, including cartographic analysis, site surveys, and guided urban walks, allowing participants to conduct original morphological readings of Famagusta's complex urban landscape.

The concluding phase of the school will involve developing planning-oriented morphological proposals based on the analyses conducted throughout the program. These proposals will be presented in a collaborative forum that invites critical reflection and feedback from invited experts representing both academic and professional fields.

This school offers a unique opportunity to engage with the city of Famagusta as a case study for broader theoretical debates about urban form, transformation, and planning practice in historically and politically complex contexts.

Call for Applications

Participation is limited to 30 selected candidates. Interested students are required to submit the following documents via email to issum.2026@gmail.com

* Curriculum Vitae (CV) - Please include the following details: (Full name, Date of birth, Place of residence and nationality, Email address, Academic background, and relevant activities)

* Motivation Letter: (Maximum 300 words) clearly state your motivation for participating in the program. If you would like to apply for a grant, please specify this and indicate the type of grant you are applying for.

Application Deadline: 31 December 2025

Eligibility Criteria

Undergraduate (4th-year), Graduate (Master's), or PhD students in Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Geography, qualified non-students.

Prior experience in urban form studies is valued.

Grant Opportunities

CyNUM and EMU-URDC will provide accommodation and lunch for all selected participants.

ISUF will offer student six grants of € 250; three grants of € 500; and one grant of € 1000'.

Participation Fee

There is no registration or participation fee.



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Host
ISUF International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF)
CyNUM (Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology)
EMU-URDC (Eastern Mediterranean University - Urban Research and Development Center)

Venue
Hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Famagusta, Cyprus

Introduction
The 3rd International School on Urban Morphology will be hosted by Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) in a collaboration among the International Seminar on Urban Form (ISUF), the Cyprus Network of Urban Morphology (CyNUM), and with the participation of the Arab Network of Urban Morphology (ANUM), the Jordan Network of Urban Morphology (JNUM), and the Turkish Network of Urban Morphology (TNUM).

The school focuses on the morphological study of Famagusta urban fabric, examining the spatial and postcolonial developments, as well as the city's spatial evolution, structural transformations, and the implications of political and natural boundaries.

The program includes theoretical instruction, fieldwork, cartographic analysis, urban walks, and site surveys. Participants will produce original morphological assessments and develop planning oriented proposals to be presented to experts.

In particular, the workshop will explore:

- The structural and spatial relationships between historical and postcolonial urban formations.
- Theory of Urban Morphology, particularly the historical-geographical approach.
- The influence of geopolitical and natural constraints on urban form.
- The integration of morphological knowledge into contemporary planning frameworks.

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Grant Opportunities
ISUF will provide residences. ISUF will also support ten students with travel grants as follows: six grants of €250, three grants of €500, and one grant of €1000, awarded based on travel distance.

Participation Fee
There is no registration or participation fee.

Logos: Eastern Mediterranean University, CyNUM, ISUF, ANUM, JNUM, TNUM, URBAN FORM.