The Summer School is the final appointment of a discussion carried out within the doctoral course “The innovation of the architectural project: practice and criticism”, held as part of the Ph.D. program “Architecture, History and Project” at the Department of Architecture and Design of the Politecnico di Torino. The course has brought together a number of positions on the problem of innovation in architectural design. Through the participation of several scholars from European universities, including some of the international partners participating in the Summer School, a research exchange and debate was built around architectural design theory(-ies), through seminars and meetings, that will find practical application in the Summer School workshop.

On the occasion of the Summer School (September 4th-14th) we invite contributions for a Ph.D. Research Marathon (September 13th-14th) that, through theoretical argumentation, case studies, and fieldwork, attempt to answer the following questions: is it possible to consider the architectural project as a technical and social object, which undergoes innovative transformation - such as the technical objects do? What are the paradigms of innovation we can consider when we deal with an architectural project? What are the recurring features of a project that we can use as the object of a scientific experimentation – that is, those features we can reproduce and innovate? What is the role of the critical theory(-ies) in relation with the innovation research around the architectural project?

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