

# THE CITY AND THE DANUBE/

On the Border of the City and  
Landscape along the Ráckeve  
Branch of the Danube

## COMPREHENSIVE DESIGN 1.

**Coursecode /**

BMEEPUIQ811, BMEEPUIM1KX,

**Credits /**

10

**Tutors /**

Árpád Szabó DLA, Gergely Hory PhD  
Csaba Bajusz (invited architect)

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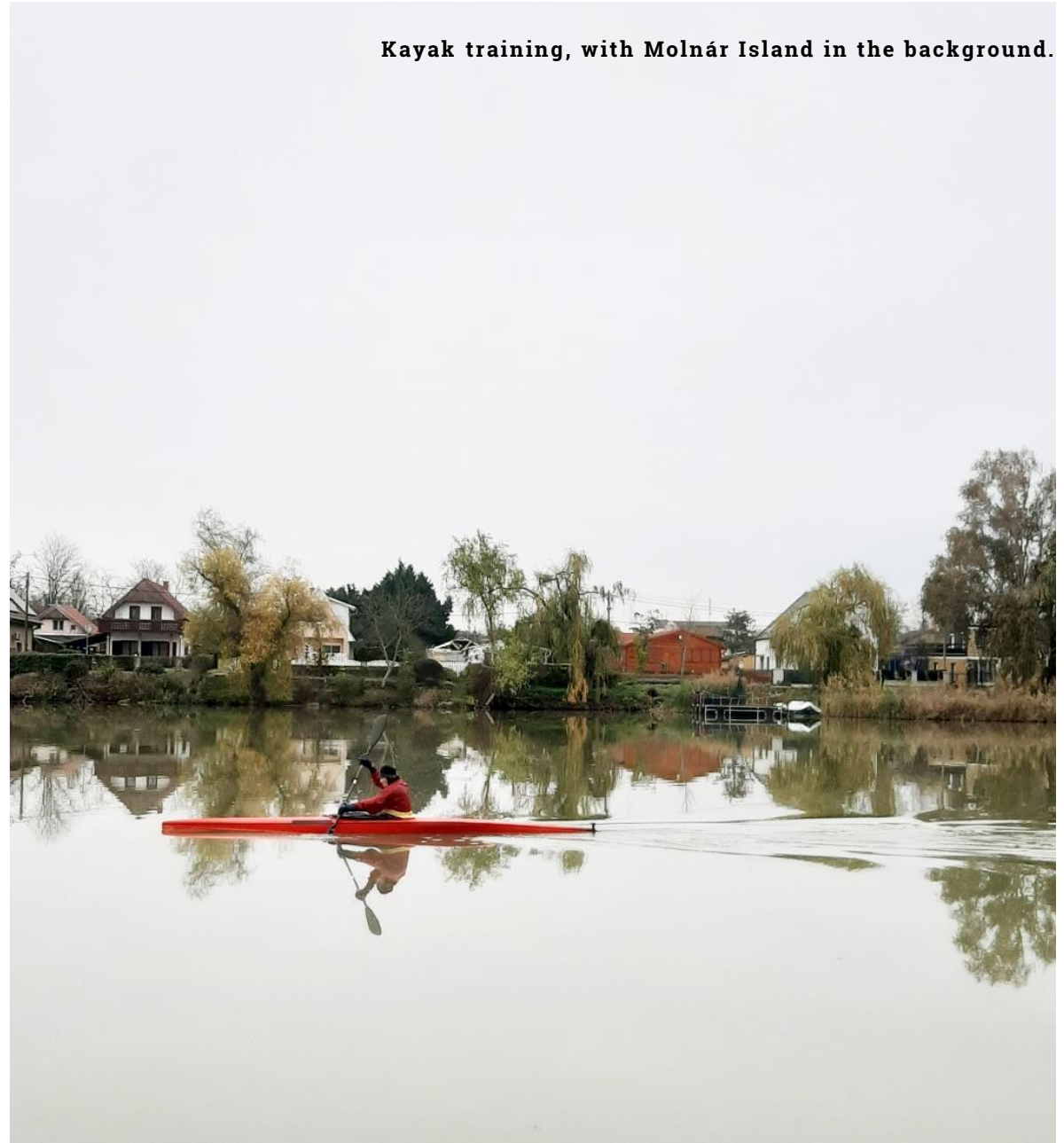
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*"There are unbelievable views of the riverbank with trees of flood plain creating shades with their rows of canopies. Groves, parks, reed, swans, mallards, tranquillity and the slowly billowing Danube." <sup>1</sup>*

György Kolonics promenade is located along the Danube's Ráckeve branch, which can be found on the eastern side of the Csepel Island. On one side of the pathway is the Danube, which has a regulated water level, while on the other side, one can find public parks, various natural green areas, and recreational and sports functions. This riverbank is one of the few locations in Budapest where the regulation of the Danube created a direct connection between citizens and the river: in addition to the modestly formed promenade, visitors can find natural reeds, willows, and habitats of several species. While walking on the pathway, we experience a constant visual connection with the river that contributes to the lively microclimate and atmosphere of the site both in Summer and Winter.

We find several abandoned and underused plots on the western side of the promenade close to the city, in addition to the recreational and sports functions. There is significant demand for the development of these sites since this area is the only and most important place for the almost 77.000 residents of Csepel to spend their free time.

**Kayak training, with Molnár Island in the background.**





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The overall picture is beautiful, and the place has a lot to offer to local residents (people living in Csepel) and others from all over the city. Nevertheless, the potential of the area still needs to be explored.

In the course, we are to develop sensitive and critical solutions and new questions on the challenges raised by the relationship between the natural and the human-made environment.

We will investigate the whole area during the semester, focusing on touristic and urbanistic aspects. Afterwards, we will design functions on clearly designated sites aimed at improving the intensity and quality of land use while searching for harmony with the existing environment.

Tutors: Gergely Hory, Árpád Szabó

Invited participants: Csaba Bajusz (architect), Flóra Perényi (designer of daycare camp in Csepel)



**Swans on the Ráckeve branch of the Danube.**



**Prefabricated housing blocks facing Darudomb.**

### Reference

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Csepel tube bridge.



Soccer field along the promenade.





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The György Kolonics promenade.