

Design Week

Context

The pandemic emergency period saw the progressive shift of Design Week in the months of September (2021) and June (2022), moving away from the original date which fell regularly in April.

With the end of the emergency, since 2023 the Design Week is scheduled for the week that goes from 17 to 23 April, and includes both the events of the Salone del Mobile and the Fuorisalone, a famous organization loved by designers and students in particular for the quantity and **quality of design stimuli**, offered free of charge and scattered around the city of Milan.

Problem

The Fuorisalone installations can be visited mainly during the day, leaving space for events and aperitifs in the evening. Despite the thickness of the guests and the installations, it often happens that during this week the design students are busy with the regular project deliveries and, between workshops and theoretical courses, the visit to the Fuorisalone takes a back seat.

Proposal of the representatives

The proposal consists in a **modification of the academic calendar** with regard to the School of Design, in particular by leaving hours free from teaching lessons during the week affected by the Design Week, with the declared intention of facilitating visits to the events of the Salone and Fuorisalone.

It would be ideal to have a suspension of lessons for one or two full days but, based on the feasibility limits of the proposal, we ask if we can evaluate this, or similar, possibility.

The proposal can be taken, by those who wish it, as a starting point for an **innovative teaching**, able to go outside the perimeter of the classrooms and "move" in a self-managed way towards the most significant design event of the year: students will be able to collect photographs or collect useful case studies for projects or to initiate debates and discussions with colleagues and teachers.

We remain available to discuss the proposal in the next sessions,

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