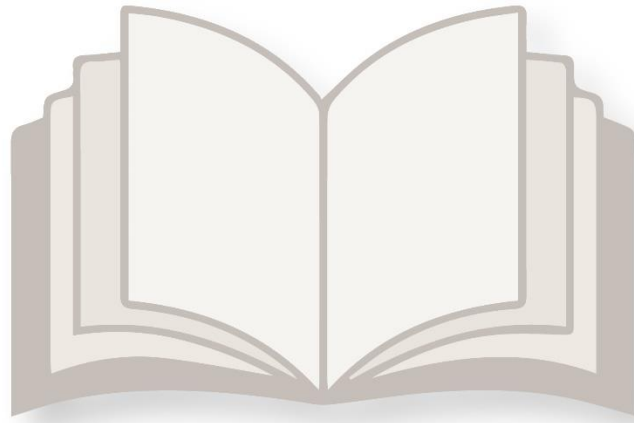




Sustainable Accessible Future Environments



LEARNING DIARY

ISP GRANADA – DAY 1

DATE: 21.10.2024

The SAFE workshop kicked off with a gathering in the designated classroom, where professors exchanged warm greetings, and students gradually found their seats, surrounded by unfamiliar faces. Following a round of introductions, we embarked on a group walk through Granada's charming narrow streets, led by our Spanish professor. This introductory walk fostered a welcoming, relaxed atmosphere, allowing us to connect with fellow participants and start building camaraderie. It also served as an introduction to the city, helping us gain a sense of orientation for the work we'd be doing in the days ahead.

After lunch, we set out for the Alhambra. Perched on a hill overlooking Granada, this UNESCO World Heritage site is an architectural marvel and a symbol of the city's rich history. Originally built as a fortress in 889 AD and later converted into a royal palace by the Nasrid dynasty in the 13th century, the Alhambra showcases intricate Islamic art, expansive gardens, and stunning views over the city. We were guided through its ancient palaces, courtyards, and towers, where we learned about its unique blend of Moorish and Christian architecture, reflecting Granada's complex history of cultural influences. This immersive tour deepened our appreciation for Granada's heritage and left us eager to delve into our workshop activities the following day.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

The Alhambra, the jewel of Granada.

ISP GRANADA – DAY 2

DATE: 22.10.2024

We gathered at 9 a.m., as we would for the rest of the workshop, and began with a few lectures. Between them, each of us presented the book we had studied beforehand. Afterward, we were assigned into groups, each with a designated target group and area to focus on. I was excited to work on enhancing the space around Granada's main train station, with our group focusing on the needs of elderly people.

We continued with a Jane's Walk through our designated area, observing and identifying issues alongside our target group. This walk made it easier to spot challenges faced by elderly locals, though a slight language barrier might have led us to overemphasize some issues. Despite this, our group generally reached agreement on most observations. We also had the chance to interview some elderly locals in Spanish, taking notes on their insights and recommendations for improvements.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Granada's main train station, with our group focusing on the needs of elderly people.

ISP GRANADA – DAY 3

DATE: 23.10.2024

Our day began with several insightful lectures that set the stage for our upcoming activities. After the lectures, we transitioned into a hands-on model-making session. As the architect in the group, I took on the responsibility of introducing the model-making process to my peers. Initially, there was a bit of confusion and intimidation among the group; many had never worked with models before. However, as we started cutting foam and shaping materials, their apprehension quickly turned into excitement and enthusiasm. It was gratifying to see my teammates engage with the process, experimenting with different designs and bringing their ideas to life. Laughter and chatter filled the room as they collaboratively created new spaces and buildings on their models, each contributing their unique perspective.

In addition to model-making, we took time to review the findings from our Jane's Walk the day before. This reflection was essential, as it helped us identify key issues and opportunities within the area surrounding the train station. We discussed how to effectively present our analysis, considering which aspects were most important to highlight and how to convey our insights clearly.

Throughout the day, we took several breaks for lunch and coffee, which kept our energy levels high and allowed us to share ideas in a more relaxed setting. These moments of camaraderie strengthened our group dynamic and helped us maintain focus as we worked toward our goal. By the end of the day, we were pleased with our progress, wrapping up our activities at 6 p.m. feeling accomplished and ready to take our ideas into the next stage of our project.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Granada is alive also during the night.

ISP GRANADA – DAY 4

DATE: 24.10.2024

Today, we reached an exciting milestone: the model is complete and ready for the design phase. This next step will involve presenting our strategies for implementing the design solutions we've developed. Each of our plans—the 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year visions—has been assigned its own distinct color, making it easy to distinguish between them as we prepare to display them on the model.

We also made significant progress on our poster and analysis, which are nearly finished. While we've accomplished a lot, there's still some work ahead of us to finalize everything for the last day. The atmosphere in our group is a mix of anticipation and determination as we focus on polishing our presentation materials and ensuring that our design solutions are clearly articulated. We're looking forward to showcasing our hard work and the innovative ideas we've developed throughout the workshop.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Role playing is fun and can provide us some good results also when it comes to urban planning.

ISP GRANADA – DAY 5

DATE: 25.10.2024

The final day has arrived, and the work is almost complete. We're in the thick of adding the last slides to our presentations, adjusting the trees on our model for a more polished look, and carefully revising and exporting our posters. There's a palpable mix of nervous anticipation and bittersweet emotions in the air as we approach the end of this workshop. The classroom is filled with familiar faces, all of us grateful for the experiences we've shared.

As we present our work, a wave of relief washes over us. The culmination of our efforts brings a sense of accomplishment, and afterward, we can finally unwind and enjoy the moment together. Later that evening, we'll gather one last time for a final round of tapas—a perfect opportunity to savor the flavors of Spain and connect with the new friends we've made during this incredible journey. It's a heartfelt farewell, marking the end of an enriching experience filled with learning, collaboration, and lasting memories.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

In one week you will make new friends who will stay forever.