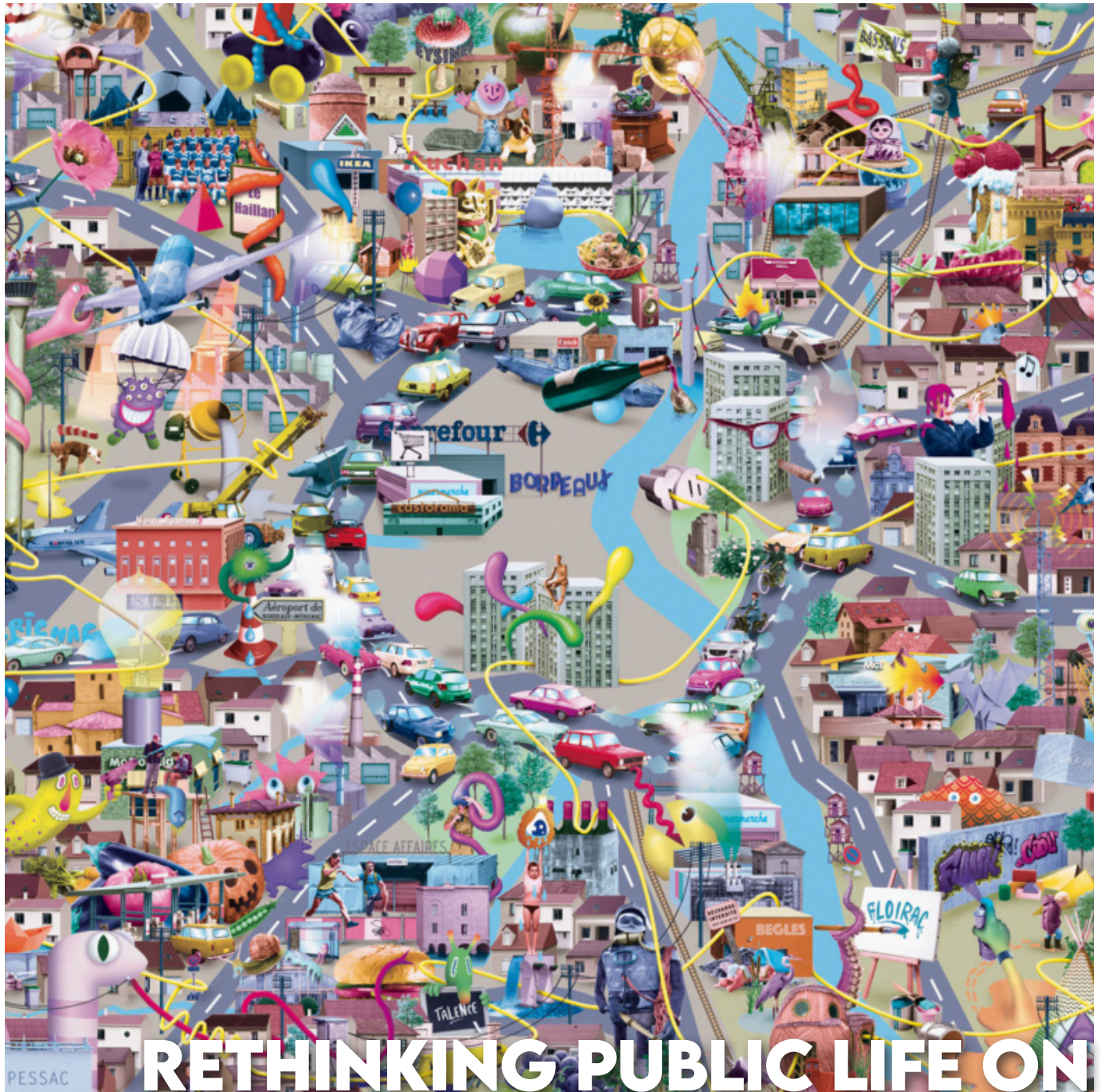


INTERNATIONAL INTENSIVE WORKSHOP



RETHINKING PUBLIC LIFE ON BORDEAUX'S RING ROAD EDGES

BRIEF

ERASMUS+ SHORT-TERM BLENDED MOBILITY – ENSAP BORDEAUX 2026

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STUDENT BRIEF

1. INSTITUTIONAL FRAME

This international intensive workshop is hosted by ENSAP Bordeaux (France) and brings together students and staff from EKA Tallinn (Estonia), University of Trieste (Italy), University of Alicante (Spain), and Umeå School of Architecture (Sweden), with an additional delegation from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Peru), joining through ENSAP Bordeaux’s cooperation with Bordeaux Métropole.

The format combines two short online sessions and one intensive on-site week in Bordeaux.

Please refer to the attached Programme V3 for dates, times and locations.

The working language is English.

2. CONTEXT

The Bordeaux ring road (“la Rocade”) is a major piece of metropolitan infrastructure: a 45 km urban motorway ring carrying around 250,000 vehicles per day. Beyond its mobility function, it has produced a complex landscape of edges, thresholds and leftover spaces, marked by fragmentation, informal uses and latent possibilities.

The workshop starts from the unscripted grounds this infrastructure already generates: places whose status, rules of access and uses are loosened, contested, ambiguous, or not yet stabilised. Through situated observation, we will explore how such places can become grounds for prefiguration, where alternative ways of using, sharing and transforming space may be explored through scenarios grounded in present conditions.

3. PEDAGOGICAL OBJECTIVES

The workshop is designed to help you further develop your ability to:

- read Rocade-edge situations as situated spatial conditions, shaped by atmospheres, forms of appropriation, constraints and latent resources;
- produce a shared visual understanding of selected situations through mapping and visual inquiry;
- formulate scenario-based spatial propositions that are grounded, legible, and able to address questions of access, use, care and shared responsibility.

4. APPROACH AND PHASES

Over five days, you will work in mixed international teams to:

- collectively immerse along a Rocade transect, exploring selected situations through walking and on-site attention;
- document and interpret conditions through visual inquiry (notes, situated mapping, sketches, photos, collages, diagrams);
- develop scenario-based proposals anchored in present constraints, while exploring short- and mid-term horizons where relevant.

In this workshop, proposals are understood as prefigurations: transitional steps that can reveal a potential, support or consolidate emerging uses, and prepare a shift towards a more desirable situation, rather than full architectural or urban projects presented as final solutions.

Spatial scenarios must remain anchored in present constraints, with a clear starting situation, a limited set of actions and spatial moves, an indication of the actors involved, and an explicit handling of access, care and responsibility.

No on-site construction or installation is expected.

5. EXPECTED OUTPUTS

Each team will be asked to present its work through:

- a spatial narrative, articulating in a clear visual form the observations, interpretations and scenarios developed during the week;
- a short video, documenting both the workshop process and the main outcomes at each stage.

The exact final format will be confirmed during the on-site week.

6. PRACTICAL NOTES

The base venue during the week is Fabrique POLA (Bordeaux).

Bring what you need for fieldwork and studio production: comfortable walking shoes, a basic drawing kit, a phone/camera, a laptop + charger, and any simple tools you rely on.

Lunch breaks are part of the daily schedule. Please plan accordingly. Any specific arrangements will be communicated separately if needed.

7. RECOGNITION

ENSAP Bordeaux will issue an official attendance certificate (workload / learning outcomes / assessment elements).

Credit recognition (ECTS) depends on each home institution's internal procedure.

8. CONTACTS

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PROGRAMME

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1. ONLINE SEMINARS

For Alicante, Bordeaux, Trieste (CEST, UTC+2) : online presentation starts at 17:00 (same time zone).

For Tallinn (EEST, UTC+3): online presentation starts at 18:00 (add +1 hour).

For Lima (PET, UTC-5) : online presentation starts at 10:00 (subtract -7 hours).

Friday 10.04.2026 — First online partners seminar

Short presentations:

- 17:00–18:15 Partner presentations + expectations for the workshop (15 min each)
- 18:15–18:30 Q&A / discussion

Link : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87676819217?pwd=l0Zwys0JYebKNyMb9s2vZ6LhB3E9Fb.1>

Friday 17.04.2026 — Second online seminar (lectures)

Short talks + discussion (framework and references for the on-site week), including:

- 17:00–17:20 Lecture: Le Bruit du Frigo (practice-led methods and tactical urbanism)
- 17:20–17:40 Lecture: Walking as a catalyst for a network of public spaces in neglected urban areas
- 17:40–18:00 The Bordeaux Ring Road (Rocade) and its induced spaces
- 18:00–18:30 Discussion

Link : <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88984957019?pwd=RKyoLYu4CpcQA2Na5wtbJZEe4bruCj.1>

2. ON-SITE WORKSHOP

Base venue during the week is Fabrique POLA - <https://pola.fr>

Final presentations will take place at ENSAP - <https://www.bordeaux.archi.fr/>

Day 1 — Field immersion + kick-off: Exploration of a Rocade transect

- 09:00–13:00 Meeting directly on site at Bordeaux-Lac :
(<https://maps.app.goo.gl/W7JuXdJnpcjnWxE47>)
Collective walk with short stops and rapid field documentation
Arrival at Chemin Lafitte:
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JXRK772fsuyWVRiq6>
- 13:00–14:00 Lunch break
- 14:30–17:00 Transfer to Fabrique POLA
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/PMBmUxoMCWUoyQij8>

Visit of the venue
Team formation + first debrief + studio briefing

Day 2 — Studio work (Fabrique POLA) + Arc en rêve (to be confirmed)

- 09:30–12:30 Studio work (situations selection + first mapping / first hypotheses)
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch break (individual arrangements)
- 14:00–16:00 Studio work (coaching slots)
- 16:30–18:00 Arc en rêve (guided visit in English, to be confirmed)

Day 3 — Cité Frugès (Pessac) + studio time (Fabrique POLA)

- 10:00–12:00 Cité Frugès Pessac (guided visit)
- 12:00–14:00 Transfer to POLA
Lunch break (individual arrangements)
- 14:00–17:00 Studio work (coaching slots) + mid-review with each team

Day 4 — Studio production + interim review (Fabrique POLA)

- 09:30–12:30 Studio work (coaching slots)
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch break (individual arrangements)
- 14:00–17:00 Studio work (coaching slots) + collective check-in at the end of the afternoon

Day 5 — Final studio + presentations (Fabrique POLA – ENSAP)

- 09:30–12:30 Finalization + wrap-up
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch break Lunch break (individual arrangements)
- 14:00–17:00 Setting up the presentation space at ENSAP (Pyramide)
- 17:00–18:30 Presentations by each team at ENSAP
- 18:30–20:00 Farewell cocktail at ENSAP