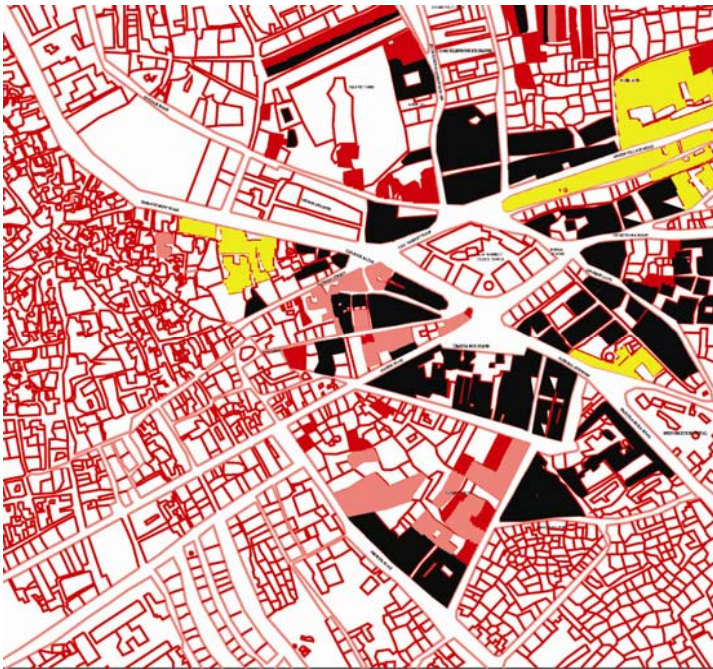


INTRODUCTION

Urban Research and Design Cell (URDC) at the Department of Architecture and Planning (DAP) at the (NED-UET) was initiated in 2007 by a group of resident academics / architects and associated professionals.

URDC aims to consolidate and promote urban research, design and advocacy activities already taking place at DAP-NED-UET as part of its academic activities and related faculty's work. It also aims to initiate new urban design thinking and create a network with related professional researchers and activities.

URDC aims to engage in new initiatives with architects, planners and researchers, promoting and practicing informed urban planning and design projects by sharing research and advocacy activities.



OBJECTIVES

- Promotion of a new Urban Planning and Design Paradigm.
- Research & Extension.
- Provision of a platform for Advocacy, Research and Practice Interaction.
- Studio as a means of Professional Linkage.
- Outreach to all concerned stakeholders.
- Development of Urban Design as a Profession in
- Consolidation of URDC as a professional body.

SERVICES RENDERED

Urban Research and Design:

- Urban design, planning & research practice which provides contextually appropriate solutions.
- Research and critique on urban design, planning and development issues, projects and trends in the city of Karachi.
- Identification of pertinent research topics and projects for formulating alternatives in the studios, delivery to professional groups creating a link between academia and practice.
- Undertaking self initiated design projects on urban planning and design in the city investigating / debating / discussing the emerging trends and practices working towards increasing and developing scope for producing spatially coherent sustainable forms of urban development.

Networking and Advocacy:

Advocacy and advisory services to the local government, communities and other related stakeholders on pertinent projects.

Publication of Research:

Publication of research produced resulting in reference and teaching materials.

Allied Activities:

Conferences, Seminars, Lectures, Panel discussions and Exhibition of pertinent works.

