# PhD in ARCHITECTURE. HISTORY AND PROJECT

**Research Title:** TRANSNATIONAL ARCHITECTURAL MODELS IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

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## Context of the research activity

Tsinghua University is a public base for China’s higher education and academic research and the most prestigious universities of China, which was established as the Tsinghua College in 1911. Based on the fruitful joint research and education activities in the field of Architecture in the past years, **Politecnico di Torino and Tsinghua University created a specific research curriculum "Transnational Architectural Models in a Globalized World" within the framework of the Doctoral Program in Architecture, History and Project at Politecnico di Torino and the Doctoral Programs in Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning, and Landscape Architecture at Tsinghua University.**

## Objectives

The relevant result of the ongoing collaborative research programs between Politecnico di Torino and Tsinghua University is the incremental construction of a sino-european research team, focused on the need of a know-how flow from one country to the other. Within this operative context, **the joint PhD research Curriculum will be focused on the movement of models, architectural and urban practices, and construction techniques in the globalized world, with a special focus on China and the West.** The Curriculum will investigate intentions and geographies of such exchange in the fields of Architecture, Urban Design, Landscape of Architecture, and History of Architecture.

The choice of the research objects of each PhD thesis within the framework of the Curriculum has to be functional to the understanding and development of the phenomena that have “trans-nationality” in their added value. The objective of the Curriculum will be the study of the transnational procedure through which a particular architectural or urban event took place or is underway: a particular theoretical aspect that can be traced in the modus operandi of architects or urban planners.
The activity of all the PhD candidates enrolled in the Curriculum will consist in a research exchange that requires 18 months mobility at Tsinghua University, Beijing. During this period, the PhD candidates have to complete specific training courses, such as a Chinese course at Tsinghua University for Politecnico di Torino PhD candidates.

The final output of the study and research activity within the framework of the Curriculum will be the drafting of the PhD thesis that will systematise in a critical way under the joint supervision of the professors from both Politecnico di Torino and Tsinghua University, including at least one from the home institution and one from the host institution.

The PhD diploma of both Universities will be awarded upon completion of the planned activities at both institutions.

The Polito PhD candidate enrolled in the Curriculum will be admitted to the procedure of the final examination if he/she has fulfilled the following educational obligations laid down jointly by the Politecnico di Torino and Tsinghua University with regards to the Doctoral Program in Architecture, History and Project at Politecnico di Torino and the Doctoral Programs in Architecture, Urban and Rural Planning, and Landscape Architecture at Tsinghua University.

1) the attendance of a minimum of 140 hours of training courses at Politecnico di Torino, including 100 mandatory hours of technical training and 40 mandatory training hours on “soft skills”;
2) the completion of a minimum of 10 mandatory credits for courses at Tsinghua University (one credit at Tsinghua University equals to 12 hours of training courses at Politecnico di Torino), including four on Chinese culture, four on thesis work, and two on professional training.
3) the publication of at least four academic articles in scientific journals, including one for the Evaluation of Research Quality (“Valutazione della Qualità della Ricerca - VQR”) ;
4) the positive evaluation of the thesis by the PhD Faculty of Politecnico di Torino and Tsinghua University (“Collegio Docenti”).