The summer school belongs to one of the four programs at the NYhub (https://arch.kuleuven.be/internationaal/the-new-york-hub) for Research and Practice in Architecture. Participants of the summer school can use this moment to connect with local professionals, researchers, organizations and institutions. Within the schedule of the summer school we are organizing sessions with the 34th Herald Square and Bryant Park Partnership, the Forum for Urban Design, Parks and Recreations Department NYC. Next to that we will provide several work sessions with collaborators from the Columbia University, Pratt Institute and New York City College with reservation.*

Framework for International Summer School
This summer school Productive Sidewalks in New York aims to achieve new critical insights about multiple and temporary productive uses of space and changing policies. The summer school seeks to identify and understand the changing mechanisms behind the planning, design, policies and use of the city’s sidewalk. A reader (incl. maps) will be provided to each participant before the start of summer school, to maximize the on-site readings, explorations. This hands-on summer school aims to generate new urban design strategies on different case study locations in New York City.

The summer school is linked to an on-going theoretical research on the productive character of New York City’s sidewalks. This project focuses on how sidewalks play, as collective spaces, a significant role in the transformation of the urban fabric in dense urban conglomerations. The fact that those sidewalks have a productive character linked to an economic development is often overlooked. This research project investigates into the changing role and meaning of that productive character and the multiple and parallel temporary uses of space. In the city of New York, these productive mechanisms played a historic role in the definitions of the identity of places. At the same time, one can detect recent societal, entrepreneurial and governmental conditions changing the way collective spaces are read, designed and used.

Keywords
Productivity, Sidewalks, Formal and informal economy, Collective Spaces, Spatial Qualities, Appropriations, Overlap scenarios

Calendar
All activities in groups of 3-4 students, totally max. 30 international master students from KU Leuven or other universities or recently graduates. A studio space will be exclusively used for this international workshop, but most part of the summer school will happen on site, with a hands-on approach.

Arrival before September 10th 2018
Summer school September 10th-18th 2018
Leaving after September 18th 2018

*All planned events, worksessions and visits during the summer school will officially be announced in the coming months and communicated to the participants.