Jakarta Indonesia
As Southeast Asia’s most populous and most dense metropolitan conurbation, and the second largest urban footprint in the world, Jakarta is already a prime candidate for the City of Hypercomplexity. However, recent trends in weather intensification, sea level rise, extreme river pollution, river flooding, and coastal inundation create, through a multiplicative effect, one of the key sites for researching 21st century hypercomplexities as they influence Southeast Asian metropolitan existence.

+Bangkok Thailand  
+Ho Chi Minh City Vietnam
Pending grant funding, shorter visits to nearby Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City will introduce comparative urbanisms for the studio’s collaborative research into inundation and its ecological, social, and spatial consequences in Southeast Asian cities.

Pedagogical Objectives
INUNDATION Jakarta studio will place architecture students from Taubman College into an interdisciplinary exchange with Assistant Professor Adam Bobbette and his landscape architecture students from Hong Kong University, as well as colleagues from the University of Indonesia. Collectively, we will be studying the hydrological infrastructure of Jakarta’s metropolitan region. The objectives of this collaboration is to produce an image of the city’s complex and unstable geography of water and secondly, to specify the localized effects of the problem.

What is the agency of architecture in cities that face inundation? In what forms do architecture and design “appear” within compositions of hypercomplexity? And what are the variations of architecture and its operations among three cities with a common crisis?

Course Deliverables
Students will collectively produce research documentation that consolidates the constituent forces of inundation into a legible visual project. This Field Manual of Inundation will serve as both a record for the students’ collective investigations but also as a source of information and conceptual basis for subsequent research.

Students
Participants will be selected through an application process, with preference given to graduate students. Those students interested in this course will be asked to submit a brief statement of interest and a 10-page PDF work sample.

Schedule & Itinerary
MAY 01 - 12  
Workshop @ TCAUP
MAY 13 - 16  
Jakarta
MAY 16 - 19  
site visit, Ho Chi Minh City
MAY 20 - 23  
site visit, Bangkok
MAY 24 - JUNE 14  
Jakarta w/ UHK
JUNE 15 - 16  
Return to TCAUP