This studio provides RMIT design and construction students the opportunity to broaden their skills in the areas of international development. The aim is to work in collaboration with a professional architectural team (BURO architects, Melbourne) Architects Without Frontiers and RMIT Vietnam design students in developing a financially and environmentally sustainable design proposal for a disability day care centre in the coastal area of Hoi An. The project is to be built in 2010, when final project funding has been secured by our client, the Kianh Foundation.

**aim of elective:**
- To develop skills in working on an international and multidisciplinary ‘real world’ project.
- To exchange ‘disciplinary hats’; i.e. construction students doing/learning about design principles . . . design students doing/learning on property and construction principles . . .
- To develop an understanding of appropriate building technologies in the Asia-Pacific region.
- To develop cross-cultural and community consultation skills necessary for working on international development projects.

**eligibility:** RMIT Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design, Industrial Design and Property, Construction and Project Management students. Design and Multimedia students (RMIT Vietnam). **24 credit points are available for this studio. The studio is limited to 12 students only and final year students will be given preference. Eligible students apply via interview for the studio in July 2009.**

**key dates:**
- International development and community-engagement modules (2 x half-day Saturday lecture sessions) Nov 2009 - Jan 2010
- RMIT HCMC Campus workshops, Vietnam workshop and fieldwork Hoi An 25 Jan - 6 Feb 2010

**staff:**
- Dr Esther Charlesworth (School of Architecture and Design, RMIT)
- Dr Guillermo Aranda-Mena (School of Property Construction & Project Management, RMIT)
- Don Gordon (Program Manager - Multimedia Design Systems, RMIT Vietnam)

**cost:**
Total cost for RMIT (Aust.) students enrolling in the studio is $2700, which includes:
- Return airfares to Vietnam and travel insurance (students to book & pay own tickets);
- Hotel accommodation in Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City;
- Ground transportation in Vietnam;
- Tourist guide and translator in Hoi An and Ho Chi Minh City; and
- Cooking school adventure in Hoi An.

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