Public space is the realm of most of the urban activities and urban interactions. Public urban space epitomizes collective and individual values. Public space accommodates, promotes or discourages ways of living.

The Studio “Streets & Squares: Helsinki_2050 Public Space in explorative scenarios” is an invitation to learn and reflect in an open way about the roles and possibilities of public open spaces in future societies. In particular, the Studio takes the opportunity provided by the Helsinki City Plan_Vision 2050 to trigger of an overtly critical and didactic discussion about concepts like densification, boulevardisation and about the functions/design and management of public open spaces in future Helsinki.

The Studio will shift from a critical and constructive revision of the Helsinki City Plan to the concretization of specific public open spaces (streets, squares or any other type of new civic areas, excluding normative green areas) displaying the concepts, principles and visions that the students might define for the transformation of Helsinki.