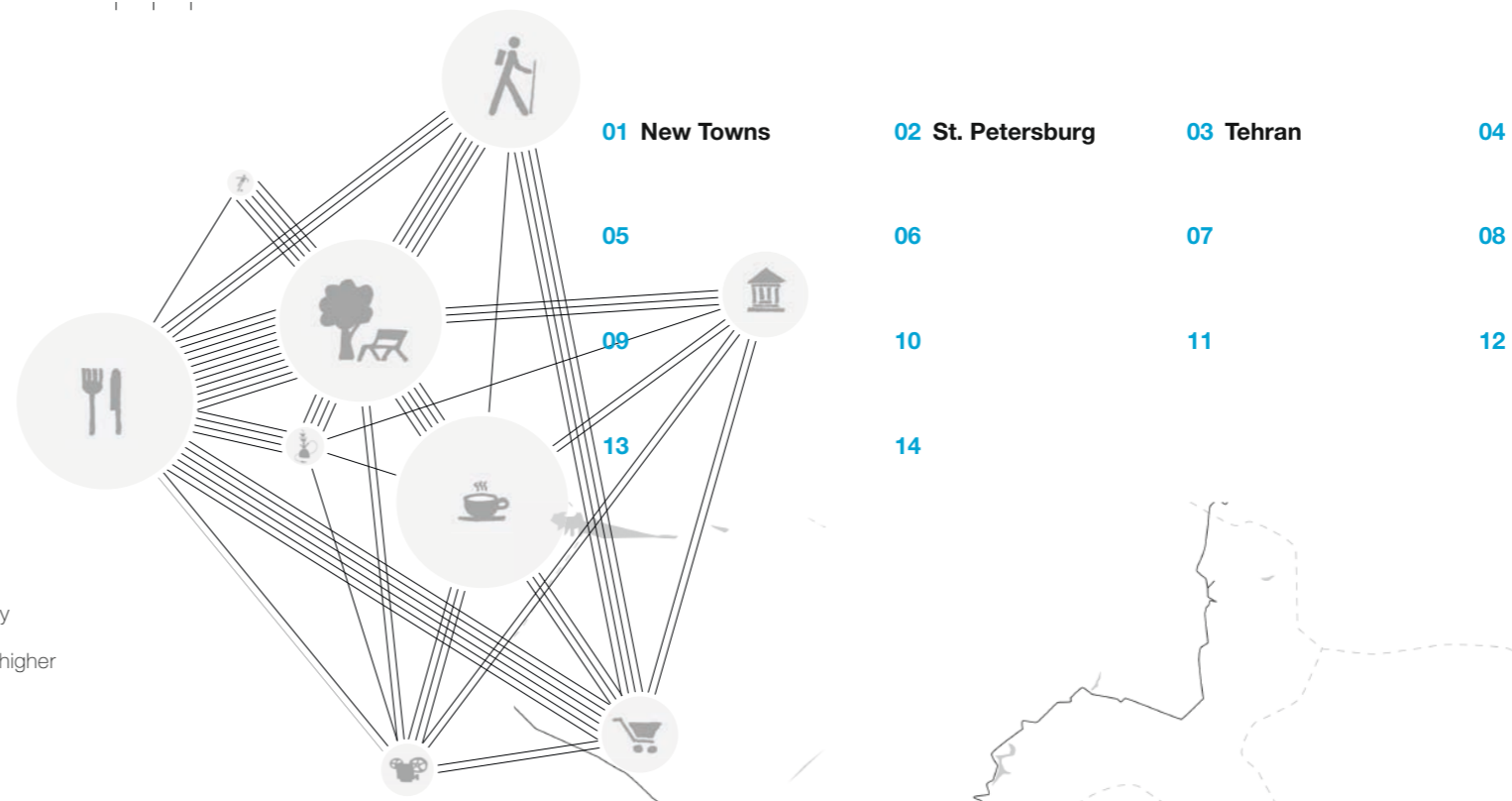


Tehran, the capital and the most populous city of Iran—and the country’s political and economic center—lies at the foot of the Elburz mountain range. As Iran’s most secular and liberal city, it experiences never-ending growth, which gives rise to distinct phenomena. This booklet presents the outcomes of a seminar at KIT, where students detected, studied, and drew different layers of the contemporary city landscapes of Tehran. Among the subjects considered were spatially characteristic structures recognizable in the cityscape such as the Qanats, historic development, typical residential and public spaces of the metropolis but also that what happens behind the façades and between the buildings, namely cultural and daily life. All topics are related to urban planning and architecture on the one hand, simultaneously put into a broader context of Tehran and its geographical, socio-cultural, political, economic, and environmental conditions.

The atlas documents and interprets from afar—elaborating on concepts while separated from them by multiple borders, times zones, language barriers, and cultural misunderstandings, based on information the students learned from books, articles, films, websites, and other selectively accessible forms of data. Nevertheless, these contributions are likely to promote interest in Tehran, to stimulate closer acquaintance with the city, its history, its outline and perspectives, and to pursue further tours of discovery.



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