Teaching-learning Experiences in Interior Architecture in the Context of Creative Economy and Socially Responsable Design

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## Problematics and repositioning

- Movement of Modern in Architecture: Interior Architecture was considered:
  - superficial without a real cultural, artistic or aesthetic importance.
  - meaningless decoration without political or economic impact.







- strong compromise with a socially responsible.
- new optics compared with the traditional disciplinary outcomes.
- innovation to attend social demands through new technologies of habitable spaces.

## Just to begin with...a little bit of theory

- Globalization of the late 20th and the early 21st century:
  - need for innovation beyond the traditional production of goods and services.
  - demands for taking advantage of creative forces.
  - generation of wellbeing and prosperity.



• development of commercial mechanisms for the exploitation of the outcomes of innovation (creation of imaginaries).

### George Yudice (2002):

• the concept of a brand: redefinition of meanings responding to the commercial demands for new contents.



 design as a process of signification-objects and spaces acquire renewed characteristics.

### • Richard Florida (2012):

 new ideas about the economic and social development: the vision of the creativity as a crucial sphere for investment.

- Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) (2013):
  - creative industries, or creative economy, as a force to trigger a social, economic and political deal to guarantee sustainable development.
- Interior Architecture as an important piece in an economic structure...????

# Approaching creative economy and social responsibility through design workshops

- Case studies explored:
  - Singapore.
  - South Korea.
  - Minneapolis and Philadelphia, USA.

## Approaching creative economy and social responsibility through design workshops

### • Discoveries:

- creative industries and design in creative economy as indicators of the level of national creativity.
- re-engineering of national/local image through exposition of novelty design.
- promotion of good design to reach potential new consumers.

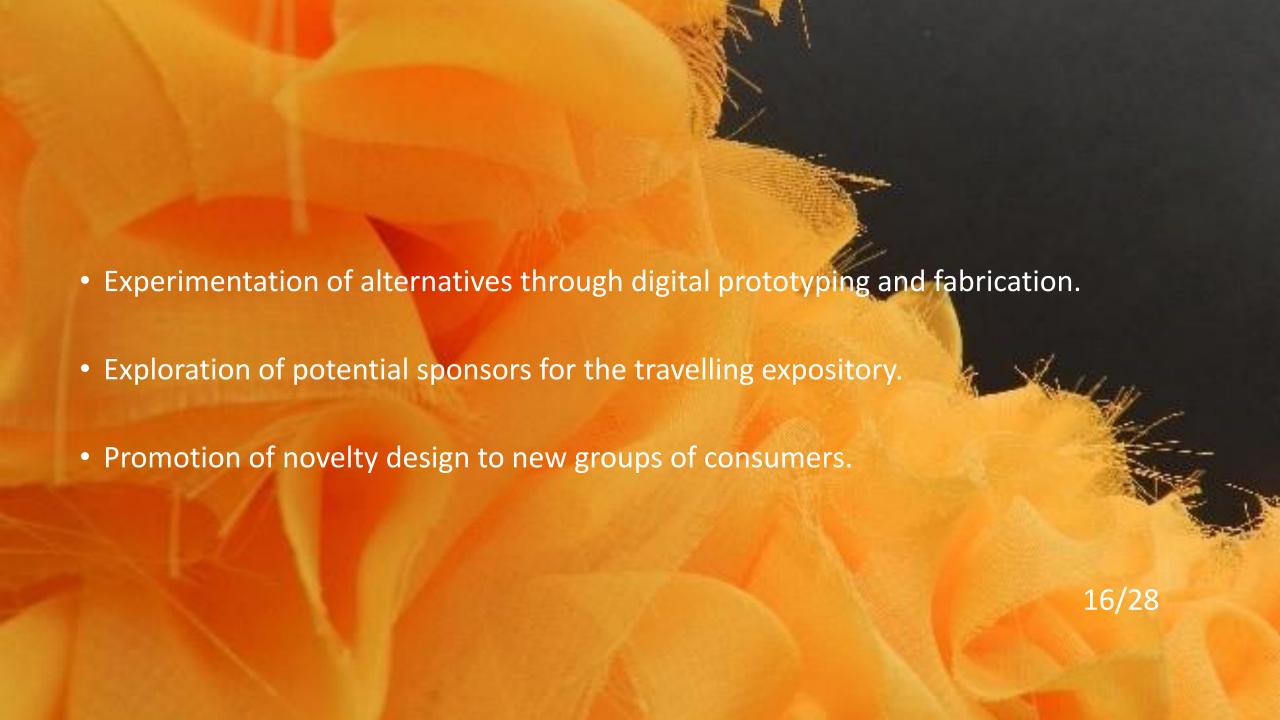
### Habitable objects??

- Habitable objects from Interior Architecture stance:
  - designed as objects, but used as architectural spaces.
  - designed and produced through digital technology.
  - light, transportable and removable solutions apt for mass production.
  - responding to a diversity of contemporary demands.

# Reinforcing Interior Architecture's role in creative economy: chair collection and transportable expository

• Re-engineering of the idea of the "Mexican" through innovation.

User's needs on design thinking basis.





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# Designer as a problem seeker: design's social responsibility

- Fonseca Reis (2008):
  - creative economy managed through a social, economic and political deal.
- Richard Florida (2012):
  - role of designer as a problem seeker, not only as problem resolver.

### PROCESO DE DISEÑO



Primer prototipo

- No logra retener grandes cantidades de agua
- 🗶 No es estético a la vista



### Segundo prototipo

- ✓ Es estético
- ★ No retiene agua
- No proporciona poca sombra



#### Tercer prototipo

- ✓ Es estético
- Retiene agua
- ✓ Proporciona sombra
- No retiene grandes cantidades de agua



### Cuarto prototipo

Es estético

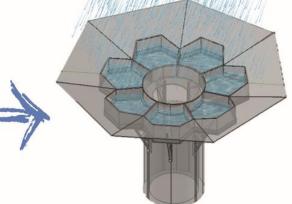
Retiene agua

Proporciona sombra

Acumula grandes cantidades de agua

Difícil de ensamblar

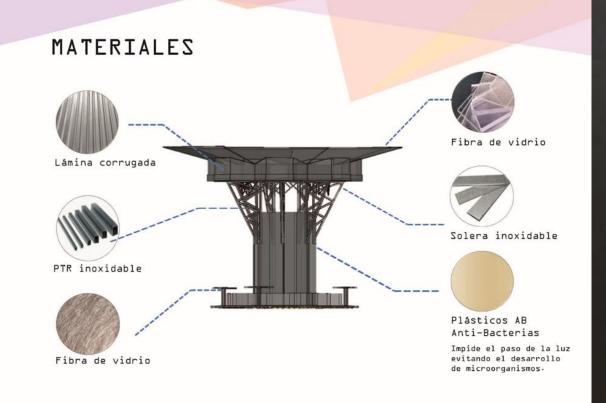
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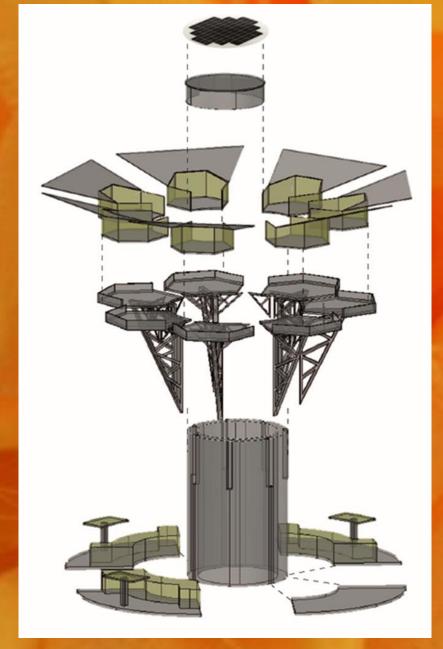


Prototipo final











### Conclusion

- Interior Architecture education, creative economy and social responsibility:
  - reinforcing the disciplinary identity.
  - extending the disciplinary field beyond its accustomed limits.
  - responding to demands for economically, technologically, politically and socially responsible development.
  - responding to needs through creativity and innovation strategies.

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