

Mass-housing after 1945 (Edinburgh, 7- 8 Sep 11)

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European Architectural History Network (EAHN) and Docomomo International organize a conference on 'Mass-housing after 1945', to be analysed in an East/ West comparing context and perspective. The conference aims to present an overview of the state of the art concerning the study of the postwar mass-housing, as well as to open the debate on issues of preservation, rehabilitation, inventory.

The conference will be followed by an architectural tour (September 9-11).

Please find below the programme of the joint event - conference and tour.

OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULE

Wednesday 7 September: CONFERENCE DAY 1

- Morning: Visit to 'official' inventorisation archive (RCAHMS)
- Afternoon: Visit to 'community-led' recording/heritage initiative (W.Hailes)
- Evening: DOCOMOMO-Scotland party/lecture (tbc)

Thursday 8 September: CONFERENCE DAY 2 (based at ECA)

- Morning: National overview papers
- Afternoon: Thematic papers/round-table
- Evening: Reception + welcome to tour participants (with lecture?): tbc

Friday 9 September: TOUR DAY 1/POST-CONFERENCE DAY

- Morning: bus tour of mass housing in Cumbernauld and Glasgow
- Afternoon: walking tour of central Glasgow
- Evening: symposium/reception at GSA

Saturday 10 September: TOUR DAY 2

- All-day bus tour focusing on Scottish Castles (Stirling, St Andrews etc)

Sunday 11 September: TOUR DAY 3

- All-day walking tour of central Edinburgh

MASS HOUSING CONFERENCE:

DETAILED INFORMATION

- INTERNATIONAL ORGANISERS: EAHN (Carmen Popescu)/DOCOMOMO-International (Miles Glendinning)
- LOCAL ORGANISERS: Edinburgh College of Art/Glasgow School of Art/DOCOMOMO-Scotland (Miles Glendinning, Florian Urban, Diane Watters, Carsten Hermann, Amy Hickman and others)

- TOPIC: Mass housing in Eastern Europe
- FUNDING: no funding/ speakers pay for their transportation
- ACCOMMODATION: speakers staying in local scholars' homes (for nights of 6, 7, 8 September as required/or accommodation for 2 nights in local hotel)

DAY 1, Wednesday 7 September:

STUDY VISITS TO...

- (a.m.) THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE ANCIENT AND HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF SCOTLAND and
- (early p.m.) WESTER HAILES Community heritage initiative/archive (details tbc)

LATE AFTERNOON/EARLY EVENING: DOCOMOMO Scotland party and lecture (venue: ECA Hunter Lecture Theatre). Time tbc: probably 17.00 (DOCO-Sco. Convener: Carsten Hermann; Secretary: Clive Fenton)

DAY 2, Thursday 8 September

MAIN CONFERENCE SESSION

SPEAKERS:

- Annie FOURCAUT, Professor, Centre d'histoire sociale du XX^e siècle, UMR 8058 CNRS Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
- Miles GLENDINNING, Professor of Architectural Conservation, University of Edinburgh/ESALA
- Mart KALM, Professor in history of architecture and Dean of the Faculty of Art and Culture at Estonian Academy of Arts in Tallinn
- Katherine LEBOW, Lecturer in European History, University of Newcastle
- Juliana MAXIM, Assistant Professor, University of San Diego
- Henrieta MORAVCIKOVA, Head of the Department of Architecture, Slovak Academy of Science, Bratislava
- Vera MARIN, associate, urban planner at SC SQUARE B.A.U. - architecture and urban planning office, president and project coordinator at ATU- Association for Urban Transition
- Stefan MUTHESIUS, University of East Anglia
- Carmen POPESCU, independent scholar
- Ola UDUKU, Senior Lecturer, University of Edinburgh/ESALA
- Florian URBAN, Head of Architectural History and Urban Studies, Glasgow School of Art
- Danièle VOLDMAN, Professor, Centre d'histoire sociale du XX^e siècle, UMR 8058 CNRS Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne
- Kimberly ZARECOR, Associate Professor, Iowa State University, Ames/Iowa

OVERVIEW:

Following the international conference, 'Trash or Treasure', organized by DOCOMOMO International in August 2007 (and hosted at Edinburgh College of Art), this two-day conference will continue the international debates on post-war mass-housing, focusing on the specific issues of Eastern Europe. Its structure is as follows. On Day 1 (7 September) there will be study visits to two alternative local initiatives of mass housing inventorisation. On Day 2 (8 September) the main conference session will present case-studies from different countries in Eastern Europe, set in the wider

global/European 'geopolitical' context of mass housing, and will also explore methodological perspectives, including issues of recording/inventorisation; it will end with an open discussion. The proceedings will be published electronically by DOCOMOMO International, and will feed into a proposed Housing theme session in the 2012 DOCOMOMO Conference in Helsinki.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Location: Hunter Lecture Theatre, ECA, Lady Lawson St/74 Lauriston Place, Edinburgh

Catering: delegates make own arrangements: ECA canteen is immediately adjacent: open all day 0900-1600

Morning (chair: Ola Uduku)

09.00-09.15 Registration

09.15-09.35 Miles GLENDINNING: Introductory global overview (including Hong Kong/Singapore); outline of key issues for discussion

SESSION 1: THE GEOPOLITICS OF MASS HOUSING: NATIONAL CASE STUDIES, EAST/WEST

09.40-10.00: Juliana MAXIM - Romania: The microrayon: the organization of mass housing ensembles, Bucharest, 1956-1967

10.05-10.25 Henrieta MORAVCIKOVA - Slovakia: Concentrated response to the issue of prefabricated mass housing: Bratislava 1958 – 1989

10.30-10.45 Mart KALM - Estonia

10.55-11.15 Katherine LEBOW – Poland (Nowa Huta)

11.15-11.30 COFFEE BREAK

11.30-11.50 Florian URBAN - Germany (DDR/BRD)

11.55-12.15 Stefan MUTHESIUS – England

12.20-12.40 Annie FOURCAUT – Housing estates: the French case (50s-80s)

12.40-13.00 DISCUSSION

13.00-14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon (chair: Carmen Popescu)

SESSION 2: ON-GOING PROJECTS/METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES

14.00-14.20 Kimberly ZARECOR - Czech Republic: Bigness of another sort: The Challenge of a Mass Housing Inventory in Czechoslovakia

14.25-14.45 Danièle VOLDMAN – Housing in Europe East and West 1947 -1989

14.50-15.10 Vera MARIN: [The Association for urban transition: civil society and mass-housing in post-socialist Bucharest]

15.10-15.30 COFFEE BREAK

15.30-15.50 Carmen POPESCU - response/moderator of the debate [proposed topic: investigate

the hybrid field of practice of mass housing between research, legislation, architecture, urban planning, social sustainability, ecology, and political activism]

15.50-16.30 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION

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