

Architecture and Identity (Berlin 6–8 Dec 04)

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Conference „Architecture and Identity“

Berlin, December 6 – 8, 2004

House of World Cultures

HABITAT UNIT, Prof. Dr. Peter Herrle, Berlin University of Technology
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How does architecture define the “own” in a context of globalization vs. regionalization? What is the influence of the “foreign” in the construction of cultural identity in architecture? These are questions an international group of academics and practitioners of architecture and the social sciences will explore during the Berlin conference “Architecture and Identity,” December 6 – 8, 2004.

The HABITAT UNIT of Berlin University of Technology has invited more than sixty experts from thirty-six countries to participate, including the architect Rasem Badran (Jordan), the sociologist Anthony King (USA), the theoretician Liana Lefaivre (Austria), and the historian Dogan Kuban (Turkey), all key protagonists of the world-wide debate. The conference is chaired by Prof. Dr. Peter Herrle of the HABITAT UNIT, a research division of the department of architecture at Berlin University of Technology focusing on socio-economic aspects of architecture and urbanism. Part of a one-year research project on the making of the “own” and the “foreign” in architecture, the conference is funded by the VolkswagenStiftung (Volkswagen Foundation). Three hundred participants from around the globe are expected.

The conference is structured both by regions and by topics. The first session will specifically consider the research project’s regional studies in Brazil, Mexico, Egypt, India and Singapore; the second session, divided into five parallel discussion panels structured around topics, will discuss themes such as “The Making of Local Identity” and “Identity and (Invented) Traditions.”

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Monday, December 6, 2004

9:00

Welcome and Opening

Prof. Dr. Peter Herrle, Berlin University of Technology

Prof. Dr. Kurt Kutzler, President, Berlin University of Technology

10:00 – 18:00

Regional Reports from the Research Project „The Own and the Foreign in Architecture“

The Making of Identity in Brazil

Prof. Ruth Verde Zein, Sao Paulo

The Making of Identity in India

Prof. Rahul Mehrotra, Bombay / Ann Arbor

The Making of Identity in Mexico

Susanne Dussel, Mexico City / Berlin

The Making of Identity in the Middle East

Prof. Khaled Asfour, Kairo

The Making of Identity in Singapore

Prof. Robert Powell, London (in cooperation with William Lim, Singapore)

20:00

Evening Lecture by Prof. Dogan Kuban, historian, Istanbul, Turkey

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

9:00

Morning Lecture by Prof. Anthony King, sociologist, Binghamton, USA

10:00-18:00

Five Parallel Panel Discussions on Cross-Regional Topics:

Panel I: The Making of Local Identity

This panel focuses on the question of how local identity is currently being made.

Panel II: The Global and the Local

This panel deals with the impact of globalization on local architecture and related discourses.

Panel III: Theoretical Concepts – Revisited

This panel discusses the validity of concepts that have been developed over the past 20 years to explain contemporary phenomena in architecture.

Panel IV: Diversity as a Pattern of Local Architecture

This panel focuses on the diversification of styles and architectural languages.

Panel V: Identity and (Invented) Traditions

This panel discusses the role and meaning of tradition in the making of identity in contemporary architecture.

20:00

Evening Lecture by Rasem Badran, architect, Amman, Jordan

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

9:00

Morning Lecture by Prof. Liane Lefaivre, theoretician, Austria

10:00 – 14:00

Presentations from Panels I - V

Discussion

15:00

Summary and Closing

Reference:

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