

## Cities in Transition (Vienna, 16–17 Nov 23)

TU Wien, Prechtlsaal, Karlsplatz 13, 1040 Vienna, Nov 16–17, 2023

Registration deadline: Nov 1, 2023

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"Cities in Transition: A review of historical discourses, planning decisions and conservation strategies".

Chair of Heritage Conservation (TU Wien) in cooperation with University of Bamberg, Centre for Heritage Conservation Studies and Technologies (KDWT) and the research network UrbanMetaMapping.

Conservation of built heritage does not only occur through care and preservation measures and the application of protection instruments, but is evoked and influenced by different actions: through recording, documentation and the attribution of values, through the development and establishment of planning instruments, through social and professional discourses and, last but not least, through the use of visual media, through photography, film, maps and digital media. Often these processes occur in response to rapid structural changes, through targeted urban redevelopment processes, or the destruction caused by war and natural disasters. The lasting effect of these phenomena on the development of cities is particularly evident when looking back at historical processes, such as the reconstruction after the Second World War.

This interdisciplinary conference asks: Which phenomena in society, planning and heritage conservation accompanied historical transformation processes of cities and, above all, (how) did they interact? What insights can be drawn from the observation of historical processes and what can be derived from them for current developments? The focus of interest lies on historical processes of evaluation, selection, and planning in the historic building stock and the discourses of different players – individuals, institutions, or organisations – that accompanied these processes. Also to be examined are the effects of planning and conservation decisions not only on the built but also on the social structure of cities.

### Registration:

If you would like to register, please send an email with your contact information and affiliation to [conference.CIT@tuwien.ac.at](mailto:conference.CIT@tuwien.ac.at) by 1 November 2023 at the latest. Participation is free of charge, registration is mandatory for attendance.

### Programme:

Thursday 16.11.2023

08.30 Registration

09.00 Welcome + Introduction (Birgit Knauer)

09.30 Panel 1: The Influence of Planning and Urban Development on the Definition and Designation of Built Heritage

John Pendlebury (Newcastle): Townscape as a Methodology of Modernity: The Plans and Practice of Thomas Sharp

Laura Demeter (Bamberg): The Systematisation of the Multi-Ethnic Historic City of Kronstadt. A Critical Analysis

Giordano Ocelli (Venice): The Erasure of the Baroque Heritage in pre-war Restorations of the Viterbo Area: The Case of San Martino al Cimino

10.45 Coffee break

Lukasz Musiaka (Lodz): Different paths of post-WWII reconstruction of the historic centres of the large cities in Poland. Examples from the Recovered Territories.

Olena Denysenko (Kyiv): The Long Way from Socialism to Neoliberalism: how Bazar and Lenin are Encountering Emptiness in Urban Space

12.30 lunch break

14.00 Panel 2: Planning and Conservation Strategies in Times of Social and Political Upheaval

Mikolaj Getka-Kenig (Warsaw): The Road to the UNESCO List. The Historic Centre of Kraków and the Politics of National Heritage in Communist Poland (1945-1978).

Kathrin Meissner (Berlin): 'But you could at least leave it standing and preserve it, that's all we want.' Unheard and Overlooked Attempts of Negotiation about Urban Renewal in Socialist Berlin 1983/84

Jana Breßler (Kaiserslautern): "Creating visible signs for the citizens" - Genesis and impact of the Funding Programme on the Protection of Urban Architectural Heritage in the 1990s in East Germany

15.45 Coffee break

16.15 Panel 3: Economic Developments and Legal Frameworks and their Effect on Heritage Processes

Sandra Guinand, Robert Musil (Vienna): Financialization and the Transformation of Gründerzeit Housing Stock Preservation in Vienna

Roberta Folgiero (Rome): Modernisation of the Historical Axis of Paris: La Défense from Exhibition Centre of French Post-War Industry to Business District (1950-1989)

Antonella Versaci (Enna): Planning Decisions and Conservation Strategies in France: a Critical Review

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Friday 17.11.2023

9.00 Coffee

09.30 Panel 4: Selective Preservation and Intentional Change. The Transformation of Cities in the Focus of the Stakeholders Involved

Friedrich Hauer, Andre Krammer (Vienna): Conserving the Unwanted? How Vienna's Informal Fringe was Studied, Discussed and Reformed after 1945

Leila Signorelli, Alessia Zampini (Bologna): Ruins in conflict(s). Some Reflections from World War II towards contemporary issues

Carlotta Coccoli (Brescia): The Transition of the Old Carmine District of Brescia from a bad Neighbourhood to the Cultural Heart of the City. The Impact of Planning and Conservation Decisions on the Area's Built and Social Environment in the 1970s and 1980s.

10.45 Coffee break

Zsófia Hutvagner (Fort Worth): Toxic Puddles and a Historical Marker: The Conflicting History of Fort Worth's Trezevant Hill Neighborhood

Claudia Mayr-Veselinovic (Klagenfurt): Belgrade Preposterous or How to Implement Urban Planning when there is no Plan

12.30 lunch break

14.00 Panel 5: Negotiation Processes and Value Debates – Built Heritage in Public and Professional Discourse

Vittorio Foramitti (Udine): The isolation of monuments in the debate on the transformations of the city of Paris in the first half of the 19th century

Marko Spikic (Zagreb): Discursive Strategies, Visions and Outcomes in the Transformation of Croatian Historic Towns, 1945-1960

Gábor Oláh (Budapest): Rescaling the 'historic Pest': Urban Heritage Paradigm Shifts in the Hungarian Architectural Discourse in the 1960s

15.15 Coffee break

Alexander Stark (Marburg): From an Industrial to a Service Metropolis – Municipal Promotional Films and the Rebranding of Dortmund in the Second Half of the 20th Century

Melody Robine (Paris): Artistic Experimentations and the Conservation of the Built Heritage in Bulgaria

16.30-17.30 Conclusion and final discussion

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