

## RIHA Journal special issue: 'Gesamtkunstwerk' World's Fair

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'GESAMTKUNSTWERK' WORLD'S FAIR. REVISIONING INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS  
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Researchers from Australia, Austria, Germany, India, Switzerland and the USA focus on four thematic areas in the discourse on world's fairs: 'Gesamtkunstwerk' and the Assemblage of Things, Technology and Art, Gender and Fashion, and Colonial Entanglements and Postcoloniality.

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