

## 6th International Meeting “The Architect’s Journeys” (Karlsruhe, 6–8 Nov 25)

Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, KIT-Fakultät für Architektur, Englerstr. 7, 76131  
Karlsruhe, Building 20.40, Grüne Grotte (first floor), Nov 6–08, 2025

Marco Silvestri

6th International Meeting “The Architect’s Journeys”.

Architects and Engineers: Journeys in the Polytechnic Culture Networks, Media, and New Destinations Since 1794.

The event is open to the public and registration is required via: [bag@ikb.kit.edu](mailto:bag@ikb.kit.edu)

More Information: <https://bg.ikb.kit.edu/1645.php>

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### PROGRAMME

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00

Presentation by Antonio Bruccheri (ENSA Paris-La Villette) and Massimiliano Savorra (Università di Pavia)

10:15

Opening Remarks by Joaquín Medina Warmburg (KIT, Karlsruhe)

10:30

Opening Lecture by Andrea Maglio (Università di Napoli Federico II):

“The German polytechnical tradition and the cultural legacy of architects’ journey to Italy”

11:30

Coffee Break

Session 1: The Polytechnical Turn

Moderator: Inge Hinterwaldner (KIT)

12:00

Peter Bohnert (Universität Vechta), Zwischen Bildung und Technologietransfer: Reisende Wasserbauingenieure und Architekten um 1800

12:25

Chiara Baglione (Politecnico di Milano), Modernity in Motion: Milanese Architects Journeys and

## Polytechnic Culture between Education and Cosmopolitanism

12:50

Giovanna D'Amia (Politecnico di Milano), I viaggi di studio degli allievi architetti del Politecnico di Milano nei primi decenni del Novecento

13:15

Maria Harnack (Verein Architektur Archive Bern), Die Reise als Bestandteil der theoretisch-praktischen Aus- und Weiterbildung von Bautechnikern am Beispiel des Thuner Architekten Alfred Lanzrein (1879–1933)

13:40

Panel Discussion

14:00

Lunch Break

### Session 2: Transfers and Dialogues between Engineering and Architecture

Moderator: tba

15:30

Antonio Burgos Núñez (University of Granada), Lucio del Valle's 1859 travel to England and the spread of iron construction in Spain / El viaje de Lucio del Valle a Inglaterra en 1859 y la difusión de la construcción metálica en España

15:55

Marco Silvestri (KIT Karlsruhe), A Five Month Voyage Through European Polytechnical Culture: Juan Monteverde's 1892 Tour of Europe and the Reform of Architectural Education in Uruguay

16:20

Akio Sassa (ENSA Strasbourg), Hisanori NUMATA's unique dam and bridge designs inspired by his journey across the U.S. and the U.K.

16:45

Panel Discussion

18:00

Exhibition Opening: "Baukasten Karlsruhe: 200 Years of Polytechnical Architecture" (KIT)

19:30

Dinner at BAG Library, KIT

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

### Session 3: Modernity, Modernism, Modernization

Moderator: Oliver Sukrow (TU Darmstadt)

10:00

Phoebus Panigyrakis (Athens), Arthur Staal and the Search for Modernism's Origins

10:25

Francesca Usai (IUAV University of Venice), *Alternative Geographies: Atypical forms of mobility in the polytechnic culture of the Swiss exile (1943-1945)*

10:50

Thibaud Toussaint (École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette), *Circulation and internationalization of technical-scientific knowledge: Marius Duriez's travels between 1949 and 1964*

11:15

Panel Discussion

11:45

Coffee Break

Session 4: *Evolving Technologies in the Postwar World*

Moderator: Alexandra Axtmann (KIT)

12:15

David Mesa-Cedillo (UPC, Barcelona/KIT Karlsruhe), *Im Dienste der Serie: Polytechnische Reisen der DDR-Architekten nach Moskau im Zeichen des industriellen Bauens (1957-1959)*

12:40

Christian Vöhringer (Universität Regensburg), *Collegial Travels to England and Denmark. The Polytechnical Search for New Universities in the 1960s*

13:05

Isabel Soto Antúnez (Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées – Institut Polytechnique de Paris), *Hybrid Figures and the Celebration of Technical Artifacts in Late 20th-Century French Architecture*

13:30

Panel Discussion

14:00

Lunch Break at BAG Library, KIT

15:00

Closing Lecture by Christiane Salge (Technische Universität Darmstadt):

*"Institution and Exchange: Architectural Education at the Polytechnic School in Karlsruhe in a Transnational Context"*

16:00

City Tour "Baukasten Karlsruhe"

20:00

Dinner in Karlsruhe Downtown

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00-19:00

Optional Trip to Baden-Baden: "Architecture, Engineering and Tourism - City Tour"

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