Architecture and the Power of Bureaucracy (Vienna, 6–7 Nov 25)

Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, Nov 6–07, 2025

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PROGRAM

6th November 2025

8:30
Coffee and Registration

9:00
Welcome and Introduction

Doris Gruber, Vendula Hnídková, Richard Kurdiovsky, Anna Stuhlpfarrer

9:15–11:15
Panel 1: Processes
Chair: Ruth Hanisch, Dortmund

Matīss Groskaufmanis, Delft University of Technology/Aarhus School of Architecture
Architecture's Other Images: Building Knowledge in the Era of Spreadsheets

Sina Brückner-Amin, KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
California's Calculated Campuses: Bureaucratic Ecologies of Planning, 1947–1959

Tilman Richter, Ruhr University Bochum
The Architecture of the Form

Jiaqi Wang, Yale University
Comprehending the Flow: Systems Theory and the Three Gorges Dam, 1986–1992

11:11–11:45
Coffee

11:45–13:15
Panel 2: Top-Down Trajectories
Chair: Christian Welzbacher, Berlin

Christina E. Crawford, Emory University, Atlanta
Bureaucracy + Quality in the Architecture of Atlanta's New Deal Public Housing

Charlotte Rottiers, KU Leuven / ETH Zürich
Buildings, Budgets, Bureaucrats: Tracing Architectural Agency through Belgian Diplomatic Buildings, 1900–1940

Wladimir Fischer-Nebmaier, OeAW Vienna
Follow the Paper Trail: A Semiotic Approach to the Austrian Work Ministry Archive's Files on the Postsparkasse Construction Project

13:15–14:30
Lunch

14:30–16:30
Panel 3: Contested Transfers
Chair: Andreas Nierhaus, Wien Museum

Angela Gigliotti, Eastern Switzerland
University of Applied Sciences and Syracuse University
Good air is as valuable as gold: re-assessing a transnational architecture exploring its least successful thing

Natalia Kvitkova, KU Leuven
Compromised Visions: Le Corbusier's Unité d'Habitation Berlin in the Postwar Administrative Landscape

Tiffanie Paré, EPF Lausanne
Moving construction: Zschokke and the orchestration of the labor force in the twentieth-century infrastructural landscape

Yahya Sepehri, Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran
American Architects in Iran in the 1970s: Great Opportunities amid Bureaucratic Challenges

16:30–17:00
Coffee

17:00–18:30
Keynote Lecture

Introduction: Vendula Hnídková, CAS Prague
Jens van de Maele, KU Leuven
From the Chef to the Clerk: Le Corbusier's Spatial Politics of Bureaucracy

18:30–20:00
Wine and Bread Reception
Postal Savings Bank

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9:00–11:00
Panel 4: Institutions and Power

Chair: Elvira Ibragimová, Belgrade

Helena Mattsson, KTH School of Architecture, Stockholm
Radical Bureaucracy: Women Who Redesigned the World, 1945–1995

Katja Schröck, ZI Munich
Blueprints and Bureaucrats: When Administration Became Architecture

Paula Lacomba Montes, Universitat Politècnica de València
Anonymity and Agency: Bureaucratic Power in Post-War British School Design

Klára Ullmannová and Veronika Vicherková,
Czech Technical University, Prague
The Reorganization of Architecture in Stavoprojekt. Creativity and Constraint in Early Socialist Czechoslovakia

11:00–11:30
Coffee

11:30–13:00
Panel 5: Schools Studies
Chair: Tobias Möllmer, University of Innsbruck

Lisa Beißwanger, University of Koblenz
From Drafting Table to Data Flow: The “SFB Hochschulbau” and the Rise of the Cybernetic Bureaucrat

Vladana Putnik Prica, University of Belgrade
Between Tuberculosis and Bureaucracy: The Construction of the Open-Air School in Belgrade (1931–1937)

Azize Elif Yabacı and Melis Acar, TED University
The Positive Power of Bureaucracy in Early Republican Educational Institutions in Türkiye

13:00–14:00
Lunch

14:00–14:30
Tour around Otto Wagner’s Postal Savings Bank Building (incl. the management offices)

14:30–16:00
Panel 6: Actors
Chair: Antje Senarclens de Grancy, TU Graz

Ricardo Costa Agarez, Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon
Negotiated: Public Architecture, Administration and Politics in Portugal

Daniele Pascale-Guidotti-Magnani, University of Bologna
Bologna 1861-1889: from the Unification of Italy to the first masterplan of the city

Marco Ninno, KU Leuven
No one in charge? Bureaucracy and the Architecture of European Integration

16:00–16:30
Coffee

16:30–18:30
Panel 7: The Socialist Perspective
Chair: Jan Galeta, CAS Prague

Marija Drėmaitė, Vilnius University
State Planning Institute as a Tool of Architectural Bureaucracy

Oxana Gourinovitch, Uni Konstanz
Planning Uranium Bureaucracies of Socialist Extractivism in East Germany

Veronika Rollová, MUNI Brno
The UIA and the Shifting Dynamics of Global Architecture: Czechoslovak Engagement with the Developing World

Michaela Janečková, CAS Prague
Can Bureaucracy Change the Level of Architecture? The Case of Czech Chamber of Architects

19:30
Conference Dinner

The conference is organized in collaboration with the Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences.

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