

Civic Design Conference

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table talks

- Prof. Thomas Auer - Transsolar, TU München
- Estelle Barriol - studio ACTE, Rotterdam
- Carles Oliver Barceló - Balearic Islands
- Prof. Dr. Adria Daraban - PPTU, Kaiserslautern
- Juliane Greb - Büro Juliane Greb, Gent
- Dr. Felix Hoepner - Ministerium für Heimat, Kommunales, Bau und Digitalisierung NRW, Referat Experimenteller Wohnungsbau
- Prof. Friederike Kluge - Alma Maki, Basel, FHNW Muttenz und Countdown2030
- Jun.-Prof. Christina Köchling - Bauhaus-Universität Weimar und Felgendreher Olfs Köchling, Berlin
- Sebastian Martorell - AULETS ARQUITECTES, Palma
- Jaume Mayol - TEd'A Arquitectes, Palma
- Alexander Pötzsch - ALEXANDER POETZSCH ARCHITEKTUREN, Dresden und Vorsitzender BDA Sachsen
- Bruno Röver - Architekt, Brandenburg
- Ao. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Bernhard Ungericht - Uni Graz
- Jean-Philippe Vassal - Lacaton & Vassal, Paris
- Saikal Zhunushova - OEKOFACTA, Lausanne / Bishkek

responded

- Michael Ehret - Ehret + Klein, Starnberg
- Juliane Greb - Büro Juliane Greb, Gent
- Prof. Friederike Kluge - Alma Maki, Basel, FHNW Muttenz und Countdown2030
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- Peter Cachola Schmal - Deutsches Architekturmuseum, Frankfurt

Real Simple

Architects find themselves confronted with a series of challenges: the prevailing climate crisis, the relentless pursuit of growth in the economic sphere, and the intricate web of standards and regulations, coupled with the excessive demands for safety and comfort from users. As a result, our buildings are overgrown with more and more technology and the construction process turns into a gauntlet run between conflicting interests of various stakeholders.

Prof. Juan Pablo Molestina (BDA NRW) described our dilemma as follows: "Inflexible standards, outdated regulations, excessive bureaucratic requirements and the need to expedite project completion times by investors. These factors contribute to the imposition of contradictory requirements, resulting in the construction of unattractive and obsolete buildings."

The establishment of a conversion culture is rendered challenging by these conditions, with the actual needs for affordable housing, vibrant neighbourhoods and public spaces being marginalised. The question thus arises as to whether these parameters should determine our built environment, and whether such complexity is necessary.

This year's Civic Design Conference 'Real Simple' aims to stimulate discussion on these and similar questions, to identify solutions or at least options, and to build networks for sustainable responses.

public lectures (atrium)

14:00 - 14:15 intro, Andreas Ruby

How to make do with less?

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| 14:15 | Ao. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Bernhard Ungericht |
| 14:45 | Uni Graz |
| 14:45 | Estelle Barriol |
| 15:15 | studio ACTE, Rotterdam |
| 15:15 - 15:30 | Q&A discussion |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | break |

Learning from the Balearic Islands

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| 16:00 | Carles Oliver Barceló |
| 16:30 | Balearic Islands |
| 16:30 | Jaume Mayol |
| 17:00 | TEd'A Arquitectes, Palma |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Q&A discussion |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | break |

The Technology of Sufficiency

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| 18:00 | Jean-Philippe Vassal |
| 18:30 | Lacaton & Vassal, Paris |
| 18:30 | Prof. Thomas Auer |
| 19:00 | Transsolar, TU München |
| 19:00 - 19:30 | Q&A discussion |
| 19:30 | get-together / exhibition |

Agenda