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LECTURES

Module: Urban and Landscape Planning

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Prof. Barbara Schönig, Vertr.-Prof. Steffen de Rudder, Jun.-Prof. Sigrun Langner

L Research in Urban Design and Planning

target group: EUS, IUDD
language: English
time/ location: Mondays, 15:15 – 16:45 / Steubenstraße 6, Audimax
start: 29.10.2018

Content

The lecture focuses on recent debates in urban research deriving from the perspectives of urban planning, urban design and landscape planning and architecture. Starting from these debates, it discusses methodological questions applied in different fields and contexts of urban and planning research.

Module Urban Sociology

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Prof. Frank Eckardt

L Urban Sociology

target group: EUS, IUDD
language: English
time/ location: Mondays, 13:30 – 15:00 / Marienstraße 13c, Lecture Hall C
start: 15.10.2018

Content

Life in German cities has undergone substantial changes in the last decade. Not only the East German cities had to address new challenges after the reunification of the German nation in 1990, but also the West German cities had to reformulate their place in the complex urban networks. Cities are mirroring wider changes in German society where new social and political developments can be observed. Economic and cultural globalization has had a major impact on many aspects of urban life. This lecture will give an overview about major developments in German cities since the German reunification in 1990. It will provide both a sound source of information on the most important issues of German society and reflect important discussion of the international debate on urban studies. After delivering a historical overview of German cities, basic concepts of urban sociology will be developed by discussing subjects like gentrification, segregation, migration, life style diversity and others. The lecture provides an insight view into classical theories of urban sociology as deriving from Max Weber, Georg Simmel and the Chicago School.

Module: European Cities

2 SWS / 3 CP

L Welcome to Weimar

Prof. Barbara Schönig, Dipl.-Ing. Uta Merkle

target group: Master
language: English
time/ location: Mondays, 19:00 - 20:30 / Marienstraße 13c, Lecture Hall C
start: 15.10.2018

Content

Welcome to Weimar! This lecture series will give international and German students insight into research at Bauhaus university's department "Architecture and Urbanism". Starting from Weimar the lecture series will provide an understanding of the latest developments in German scholarship concerning urban design, urban planning, and urban development as researched by the department's professors and staff. From landscape architecture, the historical Bauhaus and heritage conservation to sustainable mobility, the redevelopment of large housing estates and growing and shrinking cities – the topics of this lecture series will take you on a journey through the most important issues discussed in German cities and urban studies guided by the university's teaching staff.

The lecture series will be given in English and is open to students of all departments. Each lecture will be held by another faculty member or invited guest. Students will have the opportunity to take part in an exam to acquire credit points and a grade.

SEMINARS

Module: Urban Sociology

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Brigitte Zamzow, M.A.

S Revisting Utopia: Modernist Housing in Cities of the Global North and South

target group: EUS, M.Sc. Arch
language: English
time/ location: Fridays, 10:00 – 17:00 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 007
start: 12.10.2018
Further Dates: 21.12., 01.02.

Content

Alongside the pure architectural and urban design solution to building a new society, modernism was accompanied by the ideas of a liberal, just society without restraints of colonialism, imperialism, rejecting old traditions and looking into the future. These goals were the same both in the war-torn former imperialist states of the Global North and the newly established post-colonial nation states of the Global South. Political and social institutions built in Europe and the USA after the First World War are strongly related to the architectural movement: a public welfare system, social housing construction, protection of the environment and a liberal system of enabling participation. But the movement didn't stop there. It spread all over the world; and was, at times rightly so, welcomed very critically. Modernist high-rise blocks or slabs once built as social housing or as other means are reused today and taken back by the community. At times the governments try to use the renovation of these buildings for a revitalization of the whole neighborhood, in other cities activist community efforts regenerate their own buildings or informal communities are being created that look like vertical slums from the outside. Do these communities offer solutions to today's pressing affordability crisis both in the North and the South? Which role does government play, and how much self-help of a community is bearable to the safety of a neighborhood?

We will look into different regions of the world to find practices of how modernist tower blocks are reused and new communities are being built up. A multidisciplinary approach brings together scholars from different disciplines from Bauhaus University and outside Weimar.

Module: Urban and Landscape Planning

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Prof. John Accordino

S Urban Revitalization in US: Policy and Practice

target group: EUS
language: English
time/ location: Fridays, 10:00 – 12:15, Belvederer Allee 5, room 007
start: 09.11.2018
Further dates: 16.11., 23.11., 30.11., 07.12., 14.12., 04.01., 11.01., 18.01., 25.01.

Content

After decades of decline, many American cities are experiencing a rebirth as vibrant, active centers where people want to live, work and recreate. At the same time, pockets of poverty remain in these cities and often spread into peripheral areas. This course surveys the urban revitalization policies and practices that federal, state and local governments and private actors have pursued in the past, and those they are pursuing today. We explore how these policies and practices are rooted in economic and political structures and cultural norms, and we consider the challenges of achieving social equity under these circumstances. These aspects of urban revitalization in the US will be compared, to some extent, with urban revitalization policies in Germany. Finally, the course will provide a quick overview of analytical and planning methods used in revitalization.

Module: Urban and Landscape Planning

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Jun.-Prof. Sigrun Langner

S Urban Landscapes

target group: EUS, M.Sc. Arch, M.Sc. Urb
language: English
time/ location: Tuesdays, 11:00 – 12:30 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 007
start: 16.10.

Content

The seminar is dealing with urban landscapes as a multi-dimensional "Raumgeschehen" of ecological and social relations (Seggern 2012: 194). Methods and strategies of reading, re-interpretation and re-presentation of spatial relationships within landscape architecture will be investigated and reflected (with the main focus on explorative mapping strategies). Landscape based strategies of sustainable urban design will be discussed within that context.

Module: European Cities

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Prof. Frank Eckardt, Prof. Massimo Bricocoli, Prof. João Pedro Costa, Prof. Cristina Cavaco

S Introduction to European Cities

target group: EUS
language: English
time/ location: 13.11. (15:15 – 16:45, Prof. Massimo Bricocoli) / Belvederer Allee 5, room 007
14.11. (09:15 – 12:30, Prof. Massimo Bricocoli) / Belvederer Allee 5, room 008
19.11. (09:15 – 12:30, Prof. João Pedro Costa, Prof. Cristina Cavaco) / Belvederer Allee 5, room 007

Content

This Seminar will give an insight into different European cities and their recent development. It will be based on lectures provided 2-3 European colleagues who will be present in Weimar to share their knowledge about the cities they work on. The seminar will be organized as a block seminar and shall allow to compare the presented cities with others known to the students. This will help enable discuss similarities and differences in the European cities and to identify common subjects of the cities in Europe across national borders.

Module: Urban and Landscape Planning

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Vertret.-Prof. Steffen de Rudder, Aryn Wallace Machell

S Reading Le Corbusier

target group: M.Sc. EU, M.Sc. Arch
language: English
time/ location: Wednesdays, 9:15 – 10:45 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 007
start: 10.10.2018

Content

Was Le Corbusier, the hero figure of modernism, the brilliant designer and self-inventor of many times, a theorist? – Yes. – No. It is hard to tell how his writing can be separated from his tremendous architectural output, if his numerous books were merely accompanying, preparing, promoting his architectural and urban works or if he developed a consistent and solid theory in its own right.

Standalone theory or not, the great architect, urbanist, designer and painter was a prolific and highly productive writer. He published at least 16 books, among them legendary long sellers like 'Vers une Architecture' (1923) or 'La Ville Radieuse' (1935). He is probably one of the most quoted and referred to architects, coining phrases like 'a house is a machine for living in' and developing iconic schemes like 'Plan voisin'. And, finally, reading Le Corbusier is fun: his manifestos his pamphlets, his pleas and rants are surely no scientific theory but they are insightful and entertaining.

In the seminar we will read selected texts of and about Le Corbusier, try to figure out what kind of writer he was and discuss if his thoughts have more than historic value.

The seminar's second subject is reading itself. You will learn about different reading techniques and how to extract meaning from text and theory. The seminar is supposed to promote a knowledge-based, critical understanding and encourage taking up a personal position to become an autonomous reader.

It is a course for everyone who truly enjoys reading, writing and discussing text. Good language skills are required. The seminar is combined with a tutorial on Le Corbusier's times and the context of his texts.

EXERCISE COURSES

Module: Academic Development
Lisa Vollmer M.A.

2 SWS / 3 CP

E Research Methods

target group: EUS
language: English
time/ location: Tuesdays, 17:00 – 18:30 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 005
start: 09.10.2018

Content

The exercise seminar will deepen knowledge about the process of the production of scientific knowledge, basic 'rules' of scientific work and proceedings of academic research such as different methods in urban studies. Students will be enabled to formulate an own research interest and research topic. They will define their own research question and develop a research concept step by step going from a proper wording of the research question to the selection of fitting research methods.

The seminar is based on exercises and the active involvement of students, who will shape the content according to their research interests and required methods.

ELECTIVES

Module: Elective
Dr. phil. habil. Eva von Engelberg-Dockal

2 SWS / 3 CP

S Neue alte Städte – historisierende Altstadtkonzepte seit den 1970er Jahren

target group: EUS, M.Sc. A, M.Sc. U
language: German
time/ location: Tuesdays, 9:15 – 10:45 / Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 8 a, room 002
start: 16.10.2018

Content

Anders als die Altstadt als Rechtsform sind Altstädte in unserem heutigen Verständnis ein „Produkt der Moderne“ (Gerhard Vinken). Gemeint sind Stadtzentren als (vermeintlich) historisch gewachsene, dicht bebaute Areale mit unregelmäßigen, zuweilen malerischen Straßenzügen und Plätzen, die einen Gegenpart zu den rationalen und ökonomischen Stadtanlagen seit dem 19. Jahrhundert bilden. Nach den „Traditionsinseln“ der 1930er Jahre und der Nachkriegszeit scheinen Altstädte seit der Postmoderne gefragter denn je.

Das Seminar beschäftigt sich mit Um- und Neugestaltungen von Innenstadtbereichen seit den 1970er Jahren, die auf historische städtebauliche Strukturen Bezug nehmen bzw. in historischen Typologien und/oder Formen entstehen. Betrachtet werden Beispiele verschiedener Länder mit Blick auf die jeweilige Bautradition. Hierzu zählen beispielweise das Berliner Nikolaiviertel, der „verzögerte Wiederaufbau“ der polnischen Städte Elbing und Stettin, der Dresdener Neumarkt und die Umgestaltung des niederländischen Zaanstad. Ein Exkurs widmet sich neu entstehenden Städten auf der grünen Wiese wie Poundbury in Großbritannien, Brandevoort in den Niederlanden und Jakriborg in Schweden. Gefragt wird nach den jeweiligen Konzepten und deren architektonischer Umsetzung, ebenso nach den Zielen und Strategien der Initiatoren. Im Vordergrund stehen dabei die wissenschaftliche Beschäftigung mit dem Thema und eine differenzierte wie kritische Betrachtung der gebauten Ergebnisse.

Anstelle von Hausarbeiten werden Poster (mit Kurztexen und Abbildungen) erstellt, die als Grundlage für eine Präsentation der Ergebnisse (z.B. nächste Summaery) dienen sollen. Bestandteil des Seminars ist eine Tagesexkursion mit Besuch der „Neuen Altstadt“ in Frankfurt am Main und der im DAM gezeigten Ausstellung „Die immer neue Altstadt“.

Module: Elective
Dr. Julia Gamberini

2 SWS / 3 CP

S Urban / Territorial transitions to sustainability

target group: EUS, M.Sc. A, M.Sc. U
language: English
time/ location: Wednesdays, 11:00 – 12:30 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 005
start: 17.10.2018

Content

Over the last thirty years, transitions to sustainability have become an international emerging field of research covering different topics, such as energy production and climate protection but also agriculture, mobility, consumption, etc. in order to identify if a transition genuinely takes place. At the same time, it becomes clear that "transitions" are processes that can also be "managed": talking about tackling CO2 emissions is nothing more than trying to steer or accelerate a transition towards a low carbon society. Entering transition processes appears to be the most adapted response to deal with global risks and uncertainty, and more generally to achieve sustainability goals of intergenerational and international solidarity.

With more than 50% of the world population and 70% of the European population, cities have become a specific point of attention regarding sustainability. For several reasons, cities and regions are considered as an appropriate territorial scale to tackle and overcome the multitude of problems raised by metropolisation. What do transitions to sustainability mean for the disciplines that are directly linked with space transformation (urbanism, architecture and landscape planning)?

This seminar series proposes to explore and question more thoroughly the idea of transition as complex societal and political processes at the city or regional scale. It aims to explore the roles of cities -and per extension regions- in managing transitions on different topics related to the overall challenge of sustainability. In this module, we will raise and discuss some of the following questions:

What are transitions? Why do we talk about transitions? What values, ethics and ideas do they carry? Why are transitions so important for cities and territories and why do they have to enter such processes? What are the concrete roles of cities in these processes? What kind of changes can transition processes bring to cities? Who formulates a transition and who are the carriers of transition (politicians, administration, civil society)? What contradictions can emerge of transition processes and who are the "winners" and the "losers" of transition processes?

Module: Elective

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Hanieh Shamskooshki, M.A.

S Residential Segregation in European Cities from Different Perspectives

target group: EUS, M.Sc. Arch, M.Sc. Urb
language: English
time/ location: Mondays, 11:00 – 12:30 / Belvederer Allee 5, room 005
start: 15.10.2018

Content

Residential segregation no longer attracts interest as an independent issue, but mainly as part of urban social change related to the post-industrial metropolis and the globalization era. This Seminar is about the great variety of patterns and trends of residential segregation in different European cities. It is also about the impact that this contextual variety has had on the dominant schemes in urban theory and about the shortcomings in making sense of segregation forms. It challenges the vision of the dual and polarized city as a fitting description of current socio-spatial divisions in large metropolitan areas in Europe and its projection as their unavoidable future under the pressure of the global trends.

We delve into a number of social and spatial urban theories at how specifically the built environment is taken into account and what influences on social segregation are ascribed to it. The aim is to shed light on broader urban dynamics and realizing the concept of residential segregation in the scale of city neighbourhoods in order to rethink radical social change and the city itself in more relevant enabling ways. The discussion would be more related to urban planning debates linked to urban sociology.

Module: Elective

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Vertret.-Prof. Steffen de Rudder, Srdjan Mandic, M.Sc.

S Contextualizing Le Corbusier

target group: EUS, M.Sc. Arch, For participants of 'Theories of Urban design' only
language: English
time/ location: Tuesdays, 14:15 - 15:45 / Geschwister-Scholl-Straße 8 a, room 002
start: 16.10.2018

Content

(in addition to: Theories of Urban Design: Reading Le Corbusier)

This seminar is designed to provide a context for the understanding of Le Corbusier's writings. There will be short presentations that will highlight aspects of his times and the cultural, political and societal circumstances of his work.

Module: Elective

2 SWS/ 3 CP

Dr. Eduard Kögel

S Culture and Urbanism of China

target group: IUDD, EUS
language: English
time/ location: 06.12. / 13.12. / 10.01., 10:00 – 17:00 / green:house, Bauhausstr. 9c, room 103
start: 06.12.2018

Content

Over the last 40 years, society and cities in the People's Republic of China have changed dramatically. At the beginning of the 1980s China was still considered a developing country, but today it is one of the world powers whose voice is clearly audible in many parts of the world. Urban and cultural development in the context of architecture and planning show the possibilities and dreams of a society. In the case of China, the realities and constraints of a mass society, which must find its way between individualisation and equality, are also reflected in design, which in turn has an impact on social and political developments. So what does design look like that has to find a way between these poles that takes into account the different conditions in the metropolis and the hinterland?

The seminar provides background information, discusses scenarios and draws a picture of future challenges. But it also asks what can be learned and under what conditions solutions can be exported from China.

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