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Public Sphere and Quality of Life in Emerging Cities

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Annual Conference of TRIALOG, Journal for Planning and Building in the Third World in Cooperation with the International Master Program „Urban Agglomerations“, Faculty 1 Architecture Civil Engineering Geomatics, Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main.

The conference „Public Sphere and Quality of Life in Emerging Cities“ aims to re-evaluate the role of the public urban sphere in the context of international urbanisation. Researchers, practitioners and development experts will present experiences from Istanbul, Seoul, Cairo, Cape Town and Frankfurt and discuss how the civic urban sphere can become a key ingredient of a more sustainable and equitable urban development. **Participation is free and the public is cordially invited to participate.**

Urban public spaces traditionally played a key role in contributing and providing qualities of daily urban life in physical, social, economic and ecological terms. In the manner of a public good they contributed to the specific physical identity of a city, enabled civic interaction and integration, facilitated social and economic exchange and made up for a healthier environment. Today, this classical vision of the urban public sphere is regularly questioned, both in the cities of the developing countries and in the developed world: new cityscapes, uncontrolled densification and growing informality, gentrification enclaves and privatization of former public domains, rationalisation of planning and management processes, conflicts of uses, segregation and exclusion, new control and security devices, and not at least mediation and virtualisation, are just some of the matters which highly influence changes in the contemporary urban public realm. How can, in this situation, the public urban realm become reaffirmed as key ingredient of sustainable and equitable urban development? How can such a concept possibly play a role in a shift of ideals from wealth to quality of life, and how can it be mainstreamed?

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Friday, 18 November 2011 | 9:30 – 17:00 | Registration at ua-info@fb1.fh-frankfurt.de is mandatory.

Programme:

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The annual conference of TRIALOG, jointly organized with the Master Program “Urban Agglomerations” at Fachhochschule Frankfurt am Main, aims to provide a blend between a theoretic discourse on the restructuring of contemporary urban public sphere and a presentation of project experiences from various cities. The contributions will discuss issues such as security, participation and the role of new actors, cost efficiency, management and quality of live indicators. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion on the role of the public urban sphere in the context of sustainable and equitable urban development.

The conference addresses architects and urban planners, geographers, urban sociologists and other urban related disciplines from the professional and the academic world as well as students, political actors and representatives from international cooperation agencies.

- 09:00 Registration
- 09:30 Welcome and Introduction to the Conference
- 09:45 Prof. Dr. Eckhart Ribbeck, Heidelberg
Public Sphere and Quality of Life – Challenges for the Post-European City
- 10:30 Dr. Annette Erpenstein, Wiesbaden
Back to the Future – The Rebirth of Public Space in Seoul
- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Dr. Khaled M. Abdelhalim, Kairo
Exchange Values Versus Use Values for Cairo's Poor
- 12:15 Lunch Break
- 13:15 Wolfgang Theis, Frankfurt
Violence Prevention Through Urban Upgrading
- 14:00 Dipl.-Ing. Felix Nowak, Frankfurt
Redevelopment Concept for the Bahnhof District in Frankfurt am Main
- 14:45 Coffee Break
- 15:15 Prof. Dr. Philipp Misselwitz, Stuttgart
Overcoming Mistrust: the Role of Planners in Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes in Istanbul
- 16:00 Panel and Final Discussion
- 17:15 Get Together in the Students’ Café of the Architectural Building

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