

SPACE-BLOCK-COMMUNITY

(D104 Projekt)

Urbanistic workshop

Debrecen is applying for the European Capital of Culture 2023. We have successfully passed through the first round and now we are in competition with two other Hungarian cities.

One of the themes of our application is to explore the specificities of the built environment of our city and to formulate the cultural goals that arise from it. Understanding and resolving the tension caused by the two-pole architectural heritage (before and after 1945) of the city is a task at hand. Half of the population lives in block houses.

What kind of vision can be expressed for people living in these buildings from the socialist era? Can we create our own identity? Can we move toward a change of attitude? Can we change how space between buildings is used and can we transform these areas into community spaces?

On this topic, we organize a workshop entitled "SPACE-BLOCK-COMMUNITY" on September 7th 2018 for foreign and Hungarian participants with the maximum capacity of 30, to which we would like to invite you. At the workshop, the invited foreign speakers will present short 10-15-minute lectures on their related research, backgrounds and solutions. The spoken language will be English, German and Hungarian with simultaneous translation. Invitees are architects and landscape architects and sociologists from the DDR, Slovakia, Romania and Ukraine.

The focal point is to open conversation after introductions, therefore we are planning a very loose schedule, hopefully leading to a discourse with a different approach than usual.

One of the venues of the workshop is an abandoned thermal center of a socialist era housing estate.

Arrival: 6 september 2018, Thursday

Arrival to the *The Hotel Sport*, 4032, Debrecen Oláh Gábor street 5.

http://www.debrecenisportotel.hu/index_en.php

Alternative citytour: visiting the Reformed Great Church of Debrecen, 22 stories Tower block, Nagyerdei Water Tower

Dinner: at **Péter Kovács** office

7 September 2018, Friday:

9.00 Transfer from *The Hotel Sport* to the 1st venue

Workshop:

Date: 7 September 2018, Friday

Venue: Debrecen-Tócsóskert, Termal Center, 4031 Debrecen, Derék u. 106
Holló László Memorial House, 4031 Debrecen, Holló László sétány 8.

Chair: **Wesselényi Garay Andor**

9.30-12.30 1.1. Workshop (Our relation to after 1945 architecture)

Kovács Péter, Hungary

Peter Sägesser, Switzerland-Bern: *Overview of the architecture of the 1960s in Central and Eastern Europe and how these buildings are handled*

Eugen Panescu, Romania

Hatvani Ádám, Hungary

12.30-13.30 Lunch break

13.30-17.30 1.2. Workshop (Block houses)

Filip Tittl, Czech, Republic-Prague: *"Research project „Housing estates, what's next?"*.

Jan Sekan, Slovak Republic

Joachim Barloschky, Germany-Bremen: *Participation not for Decoration - but for real Interference of real People for their interests! Experiences from 35 years grassroots community work, basis-democratic participation, social movement and culture activities in Bremen*

Szemerey Samu, Hungary

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Zelenák Fruzsina, Hungary

Clemens Bauder, Austria-Linz: *The Höhenrausch's development and the impact of Linz09 on art in public space, Bellevue („the yellow house") as a multilayered participative and iconic cultural project and DER BERG as a temporary structure for an artistic survey*

20.00- Dinner