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ABOUT COSMOPOLITAN HABITAT

With the initiative New European Bauhaus, Europe is accelerating ideas and innovation for manifest change and long-term strategies in its cities to reach the aims of the Green Deal. Cosmopolitan Habitat aims to contribute to this emerging movement. Cosmopolitan Habitat, too, gives a complex answer to the issue posed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, able to produce a multiple answer starting by the Goal 10 that aims to reduce inequalities. Cosmopolitan Habitat is affirming that Europe's future in and after the Covid-19 pandemic needs a decisive turn towards resilience in its cities and territories.

How can cities become a new concrete place to invent, explore, test, and live as open community that is able to face global challenges and at the same time to enhance urban inclusiveness and urban economies? Cities that use diffuse sensors and open data to understand problems and activate effective solutions, which recycles spaces and infrastructures, which stimulates the widespread micro-creativity to create a system, which recovers the productive vitality of urban manufacturing, linked to digital transformation.

Cosmopolitan Habitat is a dialogue for a new paradigm in urbanism in Europe: conceptual models, urban strategies, and spatial practices of the Open and Inclusive City. As international dialogue towards a new urbanistic paradigm and operative actions, Cosmopolitan Habitat aims to sharpen our understanding of current innovations in urban policies and urban planning. In the last years, innovative approaches to respond to the challenges of migration, climate change, and of openness in focus on cities are emerging and offer multiple avenues for upscaling. Combined with the aim to strengthen urban economies and to make cities and their territorial networks again places of shared and common futures, this movement is leading to new sorts of urban strategies and new ways to co-create urban change.

Cosmopolitan (from the classic Greek kosmos: world and polis: city) Habitat (from Latin: living space) as international dialogue focuses on the city as laboratory of civilisation.

MISSION

The Cosmopolitan Habitat Symposium aims to discuss new perspective and new concepts about how cultural resources, migratory flows, urban vibrancy and creativity reshape cities, neighbourhoods and spaces. Since several years, a vivid debate in urban planning academic and professional circles addresses to the need to position Open Cities as response to the societal and political topic of inclusion and migration. Focusing on cities as living spaces, the Cosmopolitan Habitat Symposium is seeking pathways to enhance and upscale successful responses in urban planning linked with avant-garde examples of urban policies and its impact on society and economy. Cosmopolitan Habitat suggests an additional horizon of debate towards the multiple ideas of Open City and Inclusive Spaces and towards a cultural and social civilisatory spirit to understand cities as internationally connected laboratories for cosmopolitan innovation, referred to recent examples in cities in Germany and Southern Europe.

The symposium is organised in three sessions:

Cosmopolitan Atmosphere: Trigger innovative spirit

How can Cosmopolitan Atmospheres be defined, enhanced and formed with urban planning and design frameworks? In which way they can create values as asset for cultural, economic and social innovation, and liveable habitat?

Cosmopolitan Accelerators: Activate spaces and networks

How can processes of activation be configured and framed that lead towards attractive places, new use for abandoned space, and new urban networks? What are possible innovations brought in urban planning and design processes?

Cosmopolitan Makers: Co-Create urban change

How can the engagement of stakeholders and active citizenship for Cosmopolitan Habitat be conceptualised towards new models of co-creation? What are necessary pathways to develop expertise in urban planning?

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09:00 Digital connection

09:30 Welcome and introduction

Hilde Léon, Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Landscape Sciences, Leibniz University Hannover

Jörg Schröder, Leibniz University Hannover

Maurizio Carta, University of Palermo

10:30 Session 1: Cosmopolitan Atmospheres

Moderation

Barbara Lino, UniPa / Alissa Diesch, LUH

Lectures

10:40 **Alessandra Badami, University of Palermo**

Gibellina: vanguard of cosmopolitan city

10:50 **Federica Scaffidi, Leibniz University Hannover**

Palermo-Hannover. Urban stories of cosmopolitan people

11:00 **Riccarda Cappeller, Leibniz University Hannover**

Urban bricoleurs

11:10 **Daniele Ronsivalle, University of Palermo**

Historic urban landscape. How to improve neocosmopolitanism in historic centres

Contributions by PhD candidates

11:20 **Marina Mazzamuto, University of Palermo**

Urban touristification, the paradox of an anti-cosmopolitan phenomenon. Causes, consequences and good practices

Key notes

11:30 **Filipe Barata, University of Evora**

The city of Évora managing old and new urban environments

11:45 **Matevž Čelik, Future Architecture Platform**

Cosmopolitan institutions as agents of change

12:00 *Discussion*

12:45 Digital break

13:15 Session 2: Cosmopolitan Accelerators

Moderation

Riccarda Cappeller, LUH / Annalisa Contato, UniPa

Lectures

13:25 **Barbara Lino, University of Palermo**

Events and cosmopolitan atmospheres

13:35 **Alissa Diesch, Jes Hansen, Leibniz University Hannover**

Postcolonial cosmopolitanisms: two port cities and the linkages between the caribbean and the baltic sea

13:45 **Maddalena Ferretti, Marche Polytechnic University**

The agency of cosmopolitan design

Contributions by PhD candidates

13:55 **Cosimo Camarda, University of Palermo**

The internal territory from the margins to cosmopolitan centres

14:05 **Caterina Rigo, Marche Polytechnic University**

Cosmopolitan accelerators: activate spaces and networks

Key notes

14:15 **Yannis Aesopos, University of Patras**

Re-valorizing Athens

14:30 **Mosè Ricci, University of Trento**

Habitat 5.0

14:45 **Socrates Stratis, University of Cyprus**

European adaptable city project: towards infrastructures for shared hybrid Territories

15:10 *Discussion*

15:55 Digital break

16:15 Session 3: Cosmopolitan Makers

Moderation

Federica Scaffidi, LUH / Daniele Ronsivalle, UniPa

Lectures

16:25 **Annalisa Contato, University of Palermo**

The cosmopolitanism of communities

16:35 **Emanuele Sommariva, University of Genoa**

Creative food nodes: innovating the role of urban markets in the cosmopolitan habitat

16:45 **Sabrina Sposito, Creative Food Cycles**

Cosmopolitan habitat: water and food accelerators of urban change

16:55 **Carmelo Ignaccolo, MIT**

Overtourism in Venice

17:10 **Martina Massari, University of Bologna**

The city as space of interactions

Contributions by PhD candidates

17:20 **Maria Giada di Baldassarre, Marche Polytechnic University**

Designing resilience: trans-scalar co-design strategies for resilient habitats

17:30 **Dalila Sicomo, University of Palermo**

'Towards a living-oriented approach to urban design by 'cosmopolitan risk communities'

Key notes

17:40 **David Grahame Shane, Columbia University**

Heterotopias as hybrid places of change in the cosmopolitan habitat

17:55 **Luisa Bravo, CitySpace Architecture**

Cosmopolitan public space: fostering urban change through transdisciplinary and collaborative research and practice

18:10 *Discussion*

18:55 Discussion of a research agenda

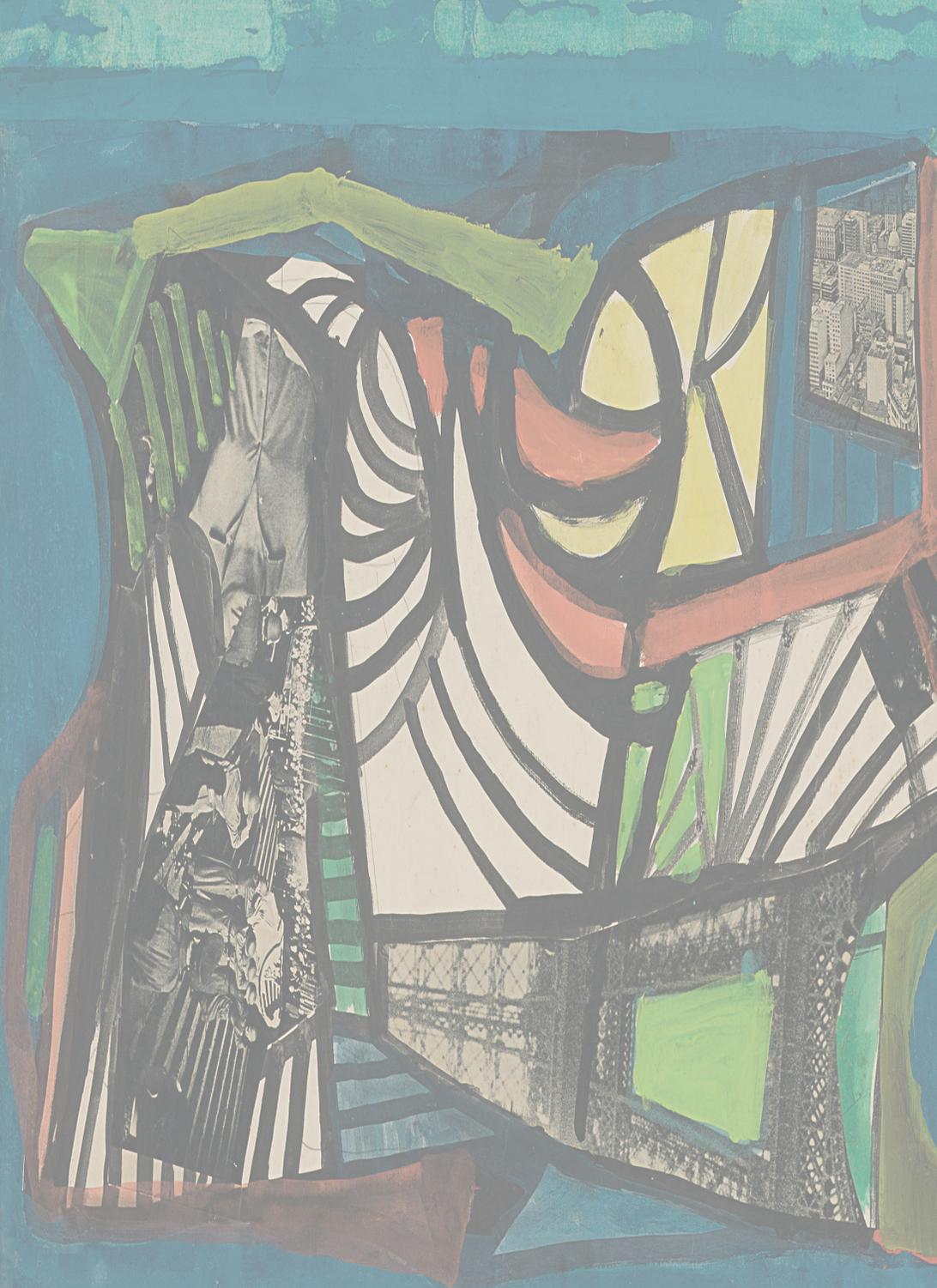


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