

Urban Thinkers Campus Mannheim

International Urban Labs - Saturday 21st May 2022

Location: Stadthaus Mannheim

Towards gender-balanced and resilient urban spaces in times of climate change

Climate change affects men and women differently, and there is a need to act towards better urban adaptation actions on a gendered approach, to ensure that proposed solutions do not exacerbate existing gender inequalities in cities. Indeed, many climate adaptation plans fail to capitalize on women's knowledge who are often the first responders when disaster strikes and often hold the role of the household and community educators, especially related to urban spaces and placemaking. It is barely considered that women are more than beneficiaries/vulnerable groups to respond to climate change. Moreover, since women tend to be poorly represented in urban decision-making on climate action, gender dimensions are rarely prioritized in urban policies on climate action and adaptation. The urban labs will explore two aspects of gender-balanced urban space development, one on **gender-balance and placemaking**, and another one on the landscape dimension of **gender-adapted open spaces**. The Labs will explore the different aspects of gender balanced development, involving key actors, such as decision-makers, designers, sociologists, landscape architects, and more. The labs are part of the New European Bauhaus lectures series and will include some New European Bauhaus aspects, including promotion.

The labs will be structured as follows: after keynote addresses and roundtable discussions, the participants will be invited to debate and work (world cafe process) on the presented topics with the speakers and elaborate key messages on paperboards.

Urban Lab 14 - hybrid

Landscape dimension of gender-adapted open spaces

10.00 AM - 12.00 AM CEST

The Urban Lab will explore the landscape dimension of open spaces design – it will describe the approaches and methodologies to comprehend spaces for inclusive activities: how can landscape design be more inclusive, climate proof, and contribute to the urban climate in a positive way? Which tools and co-creative actions can be applied for a better balanced and integrative open space design?

Keynotes

- Milena Ivkovic, urban planner and placemaking expert, Placemaking Balkans (15min)
- Iris Dijkstra, lighting and open space expert, Atelier LEK, Rotterdam (15min)(tbc)

Roundtable discussion on the topic of landscape design and inclusive open spaces (30min)

Moderation: Didier Vancutsem, Vice-President IFLA EU

Haris Piplas, urban planner and landscape design, Zurich

Nicholas You, Senior urban specialist Guangzhou Awards

xxx, landscape expert Germany

xxx, expert City Mannheim

World Cafe debate (45min)

Conclusions (15min)

Presentations by the participants

Urban Lab 20 - hybrid

Gender-balanced urban spaces and Friendly Placemaking

13.00 PM - 14.45 PM CEST

The Urban Lab will explore placemaking methods and tools for the making of gender-balanced urban spaces: how urban spaces can be designed in an integrative and cohesive way? How to transform existing urban spaces – mostly open spaces – into non-segregated and inviting urban spaces without barriers? How safer spaces can be designed towards better inclusion and justice?

Keynotes

- Nicholas You, Senior urban specialist Guangzhou Awards, China (15min)
- Prof. Ines Sanchez de Madariaga, Adjunct Director en Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Chair GenSTE association (online) (15min)

Roundtable discussion on the topic of inclusive urban spaces and placemaking (30min)

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Milena Ivkovic, urban planner and placemaking expert Rotterdam, Placemaking Balkans

Sri Husnaini Sofjian, Huariou Commission (online)

Li Fan, Urban Planner Technical University Berlin

Patricia Alberth, Head World Heritage Office, Bamberg

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Speakers

Nicholas You, Senior urban specialist Guangzhou Awards, China

Nicholas You is a veteran urban specialist and thought leader. He served as the senior policy and planning advisor to UN-Habitat and the manager of the Habitat II Conference held in Istanbul in 1996. He is the founder and honorary chairman of the UN-Habitat World Urban Campaign Steering Committee, Chair of the Urban Strategy and Innovation Council for ENGIE, the co-Chair of the Global Cities Business Alliance, former chairman of the Assurance Group for Urban Infrastructure of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development.



Prof. Ines Sanchez de Madariaga, Adjunct Director en Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Chair GenSTE association (online)

Inés Sánchez de Madariaga, Arch, PhD, MSc, is an internationally recognized expert on gender in research, architecture, planning and development. Inés is Professor of Urban Planning and Rector's Delegate for Gender Equality at the Technical University of Madrid. She has been Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, NY, the London School of Economics, and the School of Architecture Bauhaus -Weimar. In addition to her academic appointments she has held public office as Director for the Women and Science Unit at the Cabinet of the Spanish Secretary of State for RTD; Deputy General Director for Architecture; Executive Advisor to the Minister of Housing; member of the Board of Directors of the Spanish Public Society for Rental Housing; member of the Cabinet of the Minister of Research and Innovation.



Iris Dijkstra, Atelier LEK Rotterdam

Iris Dijkstra finished her Masters degree in Industrial Design Engineering at the Technical University of Delft (“Design for Sustainability”) and since has specialized in lighting design. In 2004 she founded Atelier LEK (Light & Color) a widely-oriented, independent lighting design company that focuses on the quality of lighting experience: in public spaces, exterior and interior of buildings. Atelier LEK works at a variety of levels: master planning (Amsterdam Sloterpas (NL), Tilburg (NL)), illuminating architecture and art (Janskerk in Utrecht, Witte de With, Rotterdam) and interior lighting. (Headoffice Randstad, Theatre LantarenVenster, Library Rotterdam). Also corporate identity and product-design are skills of our Atelier, such as the design of the Bicycle Chain Luminair for the 11 km cycling route ‘RijnWaalpad’ and the award winning Central Plaza Rotterdam.



Milena Ivkovic, urban planner and placemaking expert Rotterdam, Placemaking Balkans

Public Space Designer / Civic Participation Innovator. Architect by trade, and storyteller by heart. Interest is public space in all its complexities, from design to planning, from co-creation to urban renewal. Passionated for uncovering unique ways to use public space, creating new tools for better understanding of public space potentials. Currently Board Executive (CEO) of the Association Placemaking Western Balkans in Belgrade, Serbia and the Creative Director of BLOK 74 Urban Simulations / Urban Communications in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Board member of Placemaking Europe. Working fields are place-led participation and place-led development as well as digital communication and urban gaming.



Sri Husnaini Sofjian, Huariou Commission (online)

Senior Program Administrator & Strategist. For 20 years, Sri has worked in the fields of human settlements, gender equality and information technologies, and was formally trained in economics, political science and public administration. In 2012, she became the first CEO of Penang Women's Development Corporation, established to engender public and private sector policies and programs, and work towards gender and social justice. Sri was the Program Manager of the United Nations Women's Development Fund, now known as UN Women, in Aceh, Indonesia. She served as Program Officer for the Urban Governance Initiative (TUGI), where she facilitated the introduction of the Good Governance Report Card on Gender and Governance, as well as the Local-to-Local Dialogue that led to the inclusion of poor urban women and their communities in local governance processes. From 1993 to 1998, Sri was Program Officer at two United Nations Development Program regional projects. Sri is currently a member of the Advisory Group on Gender Issues of UN-Habitat and of the UNDP's Local Governance and Local Development global working group.



Haris Piplas, urban planner and landscape design, Zurich

Master of Urban Design from Berlin Technical University and Dr. sc. from ETH Zürich. Experienced Expert in Urban Design and Development with a demonstrated history of projects in the architecture & planning industry, policy and academia. Skilled in Analytic Research and Urban Strategic Design Conception & Management.



Li Fan, Urban Planner Technical University Berlin

Dr. Fan studied Urban Planning at Tongji University and received Ph.D. from Habitat Unit, Technical University of Berlin with summa cum laude. Dr. Fan has worked both as a practitioner and a researcher in China and in Germany. She served as a heritage consultant for conservation and regeneration projects funded by national and international institutions, including UNDP and ADB. She is a German Chancellor Fellow, a DAAD fellow and the board member of International Association of World Heritage Professionals. Her ongoing research interests are urban regeneration in China and in Germany.



Patricia Alberth, Head World Heritage Office, Bamberg

World Heritage expert with extensive experience within the United Nations system (Europe and Asia-Pacific) with responsibility for international heritage projects and liaising with governments. A well-organized networker with excellent conceptual and management skills who successfully led cultural projects in China, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Germany, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, The Netherlands and Viet Nam.

