

MSc
*Integrated Urbanism
& Sustainable Design
(IUSD)*

***INTEGRATED URBANISM DIALOGUES I:
Towards Sustainable Urban Transformations
in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East***

International Symposium

7-8.12.2011, Stuttgart, Schloßgarten, Planetarium, Keplersaal

attendance is free of charge, but registration is required: info@iusd.uni-stuttgart.de



From the global economic crisis to political change, societies in the Middle East, North Africa (MENA) region and Europe are changing rapidly and decisively. These transformations call not only for institutional reform but may also deeply affect planning and design practices. Integrated Urbanism Dialogues focuses on the urban arena to carefully trace and dissect ongoing shifts and examine new approaches to urban policy-making, landscape planning and architectural design. Leading urban practitioners and theorists from Europe and the MENA region are invited to consider how cities can be transformed into urban landscapes of hope in which the aspirations of changing societies can be tested.

Integrated Urbanism Dialogues I revolves around the question of how architects and planners can play a role in the re-evaluation of appropriate concepts and approaches to integrated urban change in a context of momentous change in MENA and in Europe.

The symposium coincides with the launch of a new International Masters Programme “Integrated Urbanism and Sustainable Design IUSD” jointly hosted by Stuttgart University and Ain Shams University Cairo. It marks the beginning of a series of public events in Stuttgart and Cairo which will accompany the MSc programme.

Preliminary Programme

DAY 1, 7.12.2011

Keynote 1: Mohamed Kamal Elshahed
(New York University)

Session 1: Shifting Contexts - Current Transformations in Europe and MENA

Chairs: Nina Gribat / Yehya Serag

What are current questions, challenges and expectations facing planners and the development nexus in Europe and the MENA region? How can recent political and societal transformations provide catalysts for a more just and sustainable urban change? What can comparative urban perspectives add?

Speakers:

David Sims (Author of 'Understanding Cairo')
Ebba Augustin (tandem consulting group, Amman)
Kamal Bitar (GIZ, Aleppo)

Session 2: Shifting Frameworks – From Exclusion to Inclusion

Chairs: Youhansen Eid / Philipp Misselwitz

How can political and societal transformations inform a revision of the existing urban policy frameworks and planning approaches? How can self-help, grass root initiative, local resilience be mobilized to inform new forms of urban governance? How are the claims and expectations of new urban actors negotiated?

Speakers:

Glyn Williams (University of Sheffield)
Regina Kipper (GIZ, Cairo)
Yasar Adanali (University of Stuttgart)

Roundtable: Sustainable Urban Transformations in Practice

DAY 2, 8.12.2011

Keynote 2: Jörg Schlaich
(schlaich, bergemann und partner)

Session 3: Shifting Landscapes – From Ornamental to Productive

Chairs: Mohamed Salheen / Antje Stokman

How can we initiate a paradigm shift from a uniform aesthetic and formal to a more performance-based landscape design approach? How can we make better use of innovative materials and technologies? How can our urban landscapes become spaces of ecologically and culturally performing beauty?

Speakers:

Undine Gieseke (TU Berlin)
Yaser Abunnasr (American University Beirut)
Maher Stino (SITES International)

Session 4: Shifting Architecture – Balancing High Tech and Low Tech

Chairs: Dominic Gauzin-Müller / Jose L. Moro

What is the right balance between high-tech and low-tech in architectural design and how to relate sustainable technologies to their natural, social and social context? What can we learn from the thoroughly tested and perfected traditional building concepts?

Speakers:

Manfred Hegger (TU Darmstadt)
Martin Rauch (Lehm Ton Erde)
Norbert Fisch (TU Braunschweig)

Roundtable: Integrated Urbanism

Registration

Participation at Integrated Urbanism Dialogues is free, but registration is required. Lunch and refreshments are provided on both days upon a modest contribution of 30 Euro for staff and 15 Euro for students. Payment is accepted in cash upon arrival at the symposium venue.

For registration, please send an email to info@iusd.uni-stuttgart.de stating your full name and affiliation. Please also indicate whether you wish to have lunch and refreshments.