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New approaches to heritage development in Eastern Europe

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The topic of “residential heritage” in the post-Soviet context is at the core of the cbc project. The research has attempted at developing new approaches to the sustainable management of everyday built heritage, exploring the ways in which this legacy has been valorized, transformed, managed, and appropriated in the post-socialist period. The conference reflects on the findings and conclusions, while also looking for ways to develop further perspectives for analysis and action. It is conceived as an interactive exchange debating the current challenges of residential heritage in Eastern Europe from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective, against the background of the multiple crises currently affecting the region, among which the war in Ukraine, migration, and scarcity of resources figure prominently. While urban regeneration, adaptive reuse of buildings, and participatory planning are some of the key terms and strategies proposed in this regard, the implications of these concepts for ordinary neighborhoods in Eastern Europe and their heritage is still to be discussed.

Topics:

- Methodologies for the study of residential heritage
- Soviet architectural heritage today
- Redefining heritage boundaries
- Transformations of open spaces in mass housing estates

Round Table:

Strategies for Large Housing Estates

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