

Unloved Heritage 'Socialist City'?

Today, there is a considerable need for the renewal of large settlements, built after the Second World War all over the world, as well as in Germany, Russia and Ukraine. When established, these new districts were considered results of progressive social housing planning. Now, they are often seen as problematic housing areas. New functional demands of the populations with new and various lifestyles, a new understanding and appropriation of urban environment as well as technical problems of the buildings and infrastructure require the transformation of those neighborhoods.

Making these large settlements sustainable and viable for the future is a big and ambitious task. More than 60 years after the destructions of the Second World War and the dawn of the second modern period, it is time to unemotionally analyse the challenges faced by urban development in handling the buildings of post-war modernism without any prejudices and euphoria. Prefabricated settlements are often and mostly discussed about their problems. Not in focus of the debates concerning the necessary renewal are qualities and potentials, that the districts have. Beside the spatial and architectural significance of large settlements they represent an enormous housing resource, where millions of people live? What are the values in terms of space and design, cultural and social manners? What are the specific features, that characterize the former socialist cities that have to taken into account when transforming them in order to fulfill new requirements?

The planning challenge to support the sustainable development of the large settlements of the post-war period requires a complex approach, taking social, economical and ecological aspects into account. In the context of sustainable and long-term urban development, beside considering demographic developments and quantitative aspects, it is necessary to think more intensively about the values and qualities of those neighborhoods. It is necessary to reflect the values and their potential for the future development in a broader context, which goes beyond the usual patterns and measurable range. For this purpose, many disciplines have to cooperate, with the approach having to be of holistic character rather than of sectoral nature. By no means is the reconstruction of these settlements to be reduced to a purely infrastructural and technical task.

The conference „Perspectives for the ‚Socialist City‘“ is the third and final part of the research project „Unloved Heritage ‚Socialist City‘?“ The conference wants to create a platform for the exchange of experiences and discussion of perceptions by different actors. Which requirements do exist in order to transform the prefab settlements into vital neighborhoods? Which expectations do exist, by citizens, politicians, investors? This final conference is not meant to present the results and therefor to bring the research to an end but to widen the perspective and to open the field for future activities in research and practice.

Location
Technopark IrNITU
Conference Hall 216 (2nd floor)
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Registration
Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please write to barbara.engel@kit.edu

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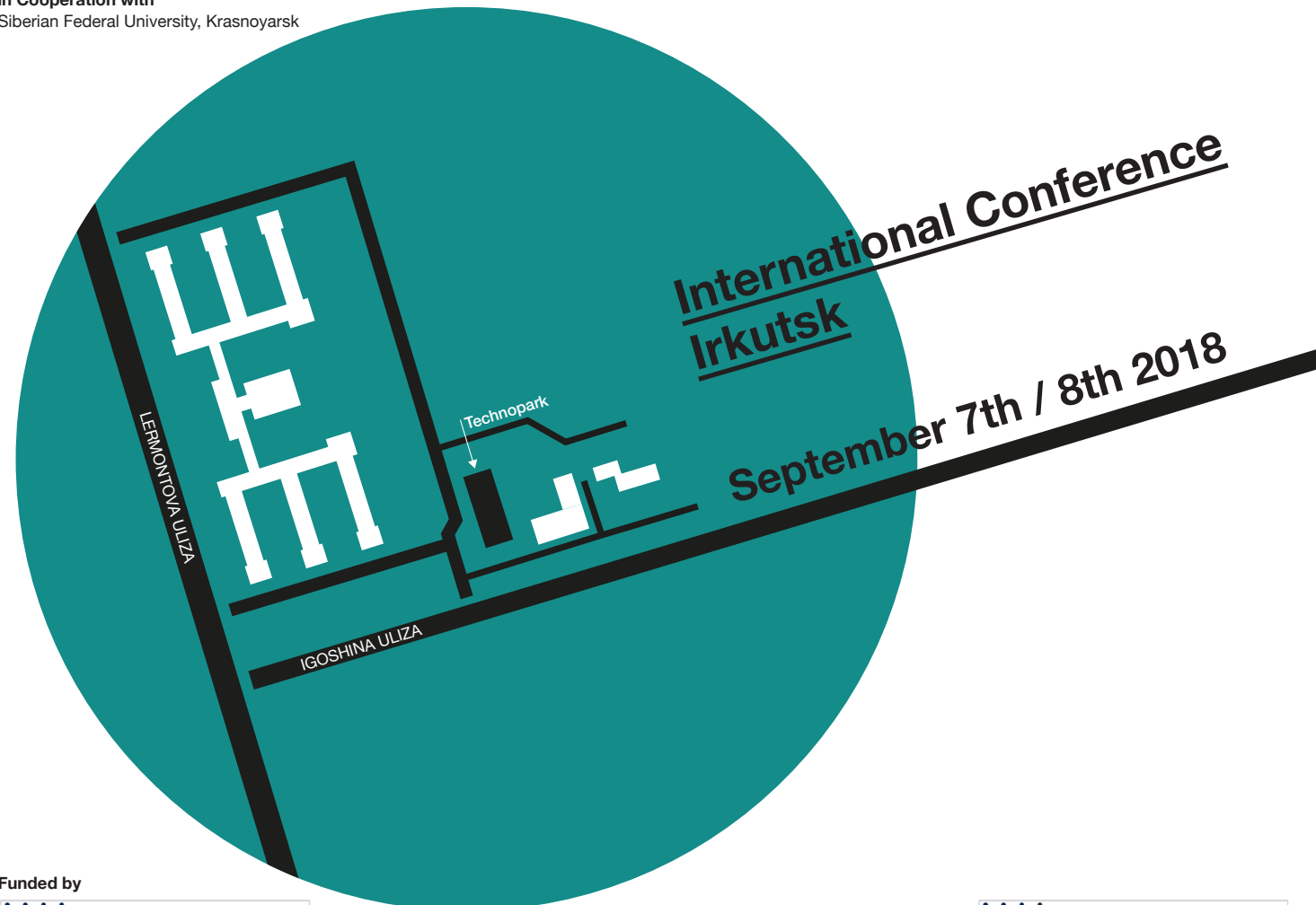


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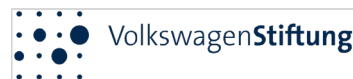


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Perspectives for the ,Socialist City'



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Friday, September 7th, 2018

9.00 am Registering

9.30 am Welcome

Mikhail Viktorovich Korniaikov [Rector of Irkutsk National Research Technical University]

9.45 am Introduction

Barbara Engel [Head of Chair of International Urban Planning and Design, KIT, Karlsruhe]

SECTION 1 / Values and Evaluation

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10.00 am Inner Perception and External Image

Petr Ivanov [Urban Sociologist, Moscow School of Architecture, Moscow]
Maria Bystrova [Community Manager of the Neighborhood Center „Obraztsovo“, Krasnoyarsk]

10.15 am Intangible Heritage

Olga Kazakova [Architectural Historian, Institute of Modernism, MARHI, Moscow]

10.30 am Investment und Market

Bernd Hunger [Competence Center Large Housing Estates e.V., Berlin]

Contacts and Coffee

11.15 am Discussion Session 1A

12.00 am Discussion Session 1B

Room 139 / Dr. Bernd Hunger / Moderator: Nikolas Rogge
Room 216 / Olga Kazakova / Moderator: Anastasia Malko
Room 309 / Petr Ivanov, Maria Bystrova / Moderator: Luliia Frantseva

Lunch

SECTION 2 / Aesthetics – spatial and architectural Qualities

Many districts of the 1960/70es are shaped by monotonous buildings. In common opinion the built results of that period are estimated as grey and ugly. But second view allows to discover individual qualities of aesthetical claim and innovative spirit. What are the specific spatial and architectural qualities? What features characterize the heritage from this period that should be kept for the future?

2.00 pm Statements from IRNITU and SFU

Anastasia Malko, Ludmilla Kozlova [Irkutsk Nat. Res. Techn. University]
Klavdiia Kamalova [Siberian Federal University, Krasnoyarsk]

2.30 pm Loving the Unloved

Thomas Knerer [knerer lang architects, Dresden, Germany]

2.45 pm Open Space and Landscape

Zala Velkavrh [Project Coordinator, Researcher «prostoRož», Ljubljana]

3.00 pm

Modern Urbanism

Melinda Benko [Architect, Budapest University of Technology and Economics]

Contacts and Coffee

3.45 pm Discussion Session 2A

4.30 pm Discussion Session 2B

Room 139 / Thomas Knerer / Moderator: Nikolas Rogge
Room 216 / Zala Velkavrh / Moderator: Anastasia Malko
Room 309 / Melinda Benko / Moderator: Luliia Frantseva

Contacts and Coffee

Saturday, September 8th, 2018

9.00 am Welcome

Barbara Engel [Head of Chair of International Urban Planning and Design, KIT, Karlsruhe]

SECTION 3 / Transformation. Innovation?

For the transformation of the prefabricated areas is needed to overcome technical problems and to fulfill new functional demands. How do develop those districts in order to enhance sustainable development? What bigger picture does exist for those neighborhoods? How to transform the urban fabric by keeping the identifying character of building and landscape elements? Is there any new approach visible, how to organize the modern urban layout?

9.15 am Statements from OSACEA and KNUCEA

Gleb Antipenko [Kharkov National University of Civil Engineering and Architecture]
Yevhen Zapotochnij, Olga Savytskaja [Odessa State Academy of Civil Engineering and Architecture]

9.45 am Renovation and Revitalization

Julia Burdova, Olga Aleksakova [Buromoscow studio, Moscow]

10.00 am Public Planning Strategies

Sergej Alexandrov [Chief Architect, City of Irkutsk]

10.15 am Private Interests

Dmitrij Tronin [Construction Company „SibLider“, Krasnoyarsk]

Contacts and Coffee

11.00 am Discussion Session 3A

11.45 am Discussion Session 3B

Room 139 / J. Burdova, O. Aleksakova / Moderator: Nikolas Rogge
Room 216 / Dmitrij Tronin / Moderator: Anastasia Malko
Room 309 / Sergej Alexandrov / Moderator: Luliia Frantseva

Lunch

SECTION 4 / Planning with and for People

Times of top-down-planning belong to the past. More and more citizens ask for their right to be part of the planning process, they want to be informed and be respected with their specific needs and wishes. How can civil engagement contribute to the success of a planning process? How to integrate the citizens knowledge in order to improve the planning results and the inhabitants satisfaction?

2.00 pm Statement from KIT

Nikolas Rogge [Karlsruhe Institute of Technology]

2.30 pm Civil Engagement as a Planning Tool

Dmitrij Lebedev [Urban Activist, Novosibirsk]

2.45 pm Formal and informal Planning

Polina Zaslavskaya [Architect, Siberian Laboratory of Urbanistic, Irkutsk]

3.00 pm Role of Municipality

Elena Terpugova [City Administration, Irkutsk]

Contacts and Coffee

3.45 pm Discussion Session 4A

4.30 pm Discussion Session 4B

Room 139 / Dmitrij Lebedev / Moderator: Nikolas Rogge
Room 216 / Elena Terpugova / Moderator: Anastasia Malko
Room 309 / Polina Zaslavskaya / Moderator: Luliia Frantseva

Contacts and Coffee

5.30 pm Panel Discussion / Challenges and Perspectives

Galina Kuznjanaja [Deputy General Director, „Nowyj Gorod“, Irkutsk]
Sergej Alexandrov [Chief Architect Irkutsk]
Bernd Hunger [Competence Center Large Housing Estates, Berlin]

6.15 pm Resume

Summary

6.30 pm Closing