2nd RMB Conference:

Teaching through Design: In search for interdisciplinary tools and methods for the Reuse of Modernist Buildings

Call for Papers

The 2nd RMB Conference 2018 will be held in Coimbra, in the frame of the Colloquium Teaching through Design that was first organized by the Department of Architecture and the Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra in 2012.

The RMB Conference is one of the activities of the European Erasmus Project “Reuse of Modernist Buildings - Design tools for sustainable transformations”, coordinated by Hochschule Ostwestfalen-Lippe (Detmold, Germany), with the University of Coimbra, the University of Antwerp, Instituto Superior Técnico, Technical University of Istanbul and Docomomo International.

Theme

The conference will be organized in four sessions – TOOLS, METHODS, INTERDISCIPLINARITY, RESEARCH – focusing both on the fundamentals and on the advanced issues of the design process related to the Reuse of Modernist Buildings (RMB).

Architecture is facing new challenges caused by developments like globalization in general, global warming and demographic changes. These trends have a strong impact on the role of the architect and related specialist. Because of these changes in the architects profession there is a demand for adapting the training of architects accordingly. This question is especially relevant in dealing with urban areas where the 20th century buildings are waiting for strategic interventions, ranging from renovation, reconstruction, transformation to demolishing.

The architect needs new tools, drawing and sketching is not enough to understand neither the building nor its users or inhabitants. More complex methodologies are needed as they have to integrate not only the aesthetic and technical dimensions, but also the social one. These inclusive approach demands for a dialogue with other disciplines, promoting an effective interdisciplinarity.

Proposal for the last sentence:
In order to train this interdisciplinarity spirit for future architects, in architectural education the design studio should be more a laboratorium, than a workshop, where new tools and methods are explored and tested by means of research.

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In this sense, we invite scholars to present an abstract to one of these four sessions:
- TOOLS for the Reuse of Modernist Buildings
- METHODS for Reuse of Modernist Buildings
- INTERDISCIPLINARITY on Reuse of Modernist Buildings
- RESEARCH on Reuse of Modernist Buildings

The proposals can be focus either on a professional practice (best practices) or on pedagogical experiences for RMB.

Abstract with 400 words in English (APA Style)

Informations and Abstract Submission here

Important Dates

2 January 2018 - Open the call for papers
2 February 2018 - Deadline call for papers
18 February 2018 - Results call for papers
20 March 2018 – Deadline full texts