FINAL REMARKS

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KEY ISSUES EMERGING FROM PAPERS

Theme 1

• Low-income residents – sustainable design/energy consumption. Use of renewable sources of energy.
• Urban renovation. Heritage preservation. Diversity of EU housing conditions and approaches to housing development.
• Challenges of urban renewal.
• Community cohesion. Public space issues. Design of housing environments.
• Social housing design. Social aspect/value of sustainability.
• Environmental characteristics. Cultural/traditional design vs. modernity. Responsive to climate.
• Pedagogy. Global issues.
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Theme 2

• Mapping the urban fabric. Pedagogical tool.
• Monotony of large mass housing in post-socialist Europe.
• External wall design/materials/construction. Environmental impact.
• The role of technology in supporting sustainable design/buildings.
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Theme 2

• Where should innovation be placed?
• Global approach to housing in pedagogy – reaching out beyond the architect.
• The global dwelling is not context-free. Complexity of the context. Transfer of knowledge requires contextual information.
• How to teach housing? Terminology (abstract, tangible/physical aspects). Vocabulary, terminology use.
• Population ageing. Role of architects in providing innovative housing solutions to enable ageing-in-place. Mobility.
• Users needs. Approaches to sustainability. Integration of various dimensions.
• Architectural programming. Observation studies.
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Theme 3

- Pedagogy and action research. Need of trust from community.
- Image of neighbourhoods. Social mix. Housing mobility.
- Traditional vs contemporary housing forms/schemes. Semantic analysis. Social aspects?
- Residents feedback/concerns from community meetings.
- Participation is ongoing process; a partnership. Takes place at different stages of the design and building process.
- Housing culture and form... how to connect them again through participation?
- Changing the democratic system/decision making process.
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Theme 3

• The challenges of shared public space.
• Concept of co-housing; sharing process/design process.
• Legacy of modernism.
• Spatial-political issues and challenges.
• Speculative housing... social housing.
• User participation in housing regeneration process.
• Squatted space. Occupying/claiming space.
• How we might empower and take more control how public space works?
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• City? A complex amalgamation of entities... fragmentation. Fragmented architectural practices. Its impact on teaching architecture?
• Community dimension (scale). Scale of developments.
• How to manage community expectations?
• Housing vs homes. Meaning of home.
• What can we learn from co-housing approaches? Values & beliefs.
• Lack of resources -> innovation.
• Social capital; social cohesion; territorial cohesion.
• Inclusive participatory process. Trust in partnership.
• Housing supply and affordability.
• Engaging all user groups in participation. Help those who can’t.
• Migrants relocation?
Number of Papers by Country of Affiliation

Total: 24 papers
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