

Public lectures at the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia

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Overview of lectures from May 2010 to April 2011

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Figure sources: Chantal Vanoeteren and Guillaume Bokiau, National Remote Sensing Centre (India), Carlos Smaniotto Costa, Žiga Kotnik, Monumentenwacht Noord Brabant

15 June 2010

Human cities

Urban public space between public and space

Speakers: Barbara Goličnik Marušič, Matej Nikšič Biba Tominc and Nina Goršič, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia

The successful practice of modern planning considers public space to be a process between the public and space. This topic was addressed by the *Human Cities: Sustainable Urban Design* project held within the programme Culture 2007–2013. It was carried out by the Lighthouse centre for architecture and design in Glasgow, the La Cambre school of architecture in Brussels, the

Department of Industrial Design of the Technical University of Milan, Pro Materia from Brussels and the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia from Ljubljana. Speakers presented the project, highlighted the values of public spaces in European cities and explained the various approaches that contribute to innovative and effective provision of public space in cities. The



book *Human cities: Celebrating public space* was also presented; it was jointly published as part of the project by Stichting Kunstboek, the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia and Pro Materia. It presents a variety of professional expertise in design and managing urban public spaces.

17 September 2010

The first planned city in India

Urban planning in the third world: The Chandigarh experience

Speaker: Gopal Krishan, Panjab University, Chandigarh, India
Moderator: Mojca Golobič, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia



After the division of British India into India and Pakistan in 1947, the region of Punjab was also divided. The Indian state of Punjab needed a new capital city to replace Lahore, which became part of Pakistan. After many plans for expanding existing settlements proved to be unworkable, it was decided that a new city would be built. Chandigarh was designed by the famous French

architect Le Corbusier. The city is known as the dream city of India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Picturesquely situated at the foot of the Sivalik Hills, Chandigarh is known as one of the best experiments in urban planning and modern architecture of the twentieth century in India. The lecture explained the beginnings and development of the city in the last half

century with emphasis on architectural and urban-planning concepts that seem to differ greatly from those in the other settlements of India. After sixty years, the question remains almost the same: are the architecture and urban design solutions for Chandigarh a reasonable response to the challenges and is the city of Chandigarh a modern city or not?

5 October 2010

Brasilia

The city of the future is fifty years old

Speaker: Carlos Smaniotto Costa, Leibniz Institute of Ecological and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany

Moderator: Ina Šuklje Erjavec, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

The city of Brasilia represents an important milestone in the history of town planning and is one of the most important achievements of the twentieth century. It was created in accordance with the principles of modernism and declared the capital of Brazil on 21 April 1960. It is fifty years old now and still raises conflicting opinions: some admire

the visionary and progressive urban plan and shared vision of a futuristic city, but others criticise its broad dimensions, open urban spaces and symmetry, as well as the boldness of its architecture. The lecturer presented the past and the present of the city, which is unique in its urban layout, architecture and landscaping. The future of the city was also



discussed. A contradiction between the planned city and its periphery was pointed out because it reflects the city's own double standards (which are often present in Brazil). Concerns were also expressed about the sustainability of Brasilia, which should never have grown into such a large and polarised city.

21 January 2011

Integrated waste management

The development of waste management in Austria: Its current state and future challenges

Speakers: Wolfgang Fischer and David Osebik, Institute for Geography and Regional Science, Graz, Austria

Moderator: Naja Marot, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

In 1990 the Act on Waste Management came into force in Austria and radically changed the situation in this area. The uncontrolled dumping of waste has turned into more environmentally acceptable waste reduction and recovery, with disposal taking place only after this. New, strong economic activ-

ity started as many waste-management companies were set up and started to dominate the market. Today the technical opportunities for waste management are diverse and widespread throughout Austria. In the meantime the situation has changed again: waste is being treated as a resource or material, and



waste-flow management has become a key research topic. All participants in this cycle – households, communities and companies – must continuously follow the spirit of the time, and raising awareness plays an important role. The lecturers presented some innovative approaches to waste management that have already been tested.

20 April 2011

Less is more

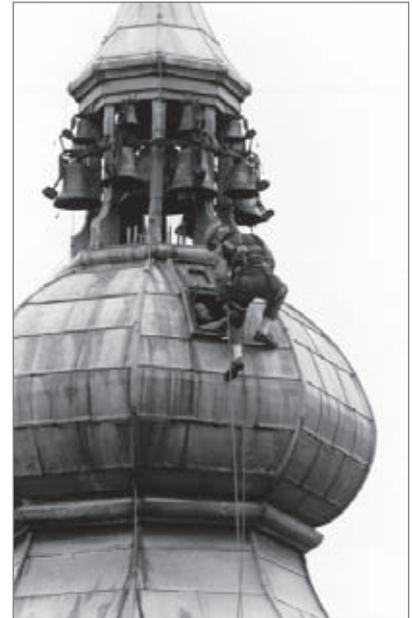
Monumentenwacht and preventive maintenance of architectural heritage

Speaker: Neža Čebtron Lipovec, R. Lemaire International Centre for Conservation, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium; and the Science and Research Centre, University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia

Moderator: Breda Mihelič, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

Monumentenwacht, a special practice of maintaining architectural heritage, comes from the Netherlands. Its start dates back to the early 1970s, but due to its performance it has served as a model for a number of related organisations elsewhere in Europe in the last ten years. It is a nonprofit independent organisation that helps achieve profes-

sionally and economically effective conservation and management of heritage for its owners and guardians. Preventive care for heritage has not only become a central theme of international professional bodies (e.g., ICCROM and UNESCO), but due to its sustainable orientation it is also a focus of European Union institutions. The lecturer pre-



sented how such organisations operate, how they achieve their goals and how they connect various actors in the field.

Public screening of documentary films at the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia

In autumn 2010, the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia held its first free public screening of documentary films. Another three documentaries followed, all of them connected with current profes-

sional architectural and spatial issues in Slovenia. The documentary films were announced in newspapers and on the website www.uirs.si, and also by e-mail for those that signed up at predavanja@uirs.si. Additional infor-

mation was available at the same address. An archive of past documentary films with abstracts is available at http://www.uirs.si/dogodki_predavanja.asp.

Overview of documentary films from November 2010 to April 2011

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Figure sources: Stills from the movies *Town in a meadow*, *Searching for an ideal city*, *Fabiani : Plečnik*, Milan Mihelič.

23 November 2010

Town in a meadow

Documentary film about building the city of Nova Gorica

Speakers: Breda Mihelič, Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Anja Medved and Nadja Velušček, Kinoateljje Institute and Kinoateljje, Nova Gorica

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