

MOBILE WORKSHOPS

Mobile Workshops will take academic discussion into the city by exploring specific spaces in Vienna thematically linked to the track sessions of the conference.

Workshops are professionally guided tours by our academic staff and/or practitioners from relevant fields.

Mobile Workshops are taking place on Saturday, 22/09 from 2pm – 5pm to conclude the conference. All Mobile Workshops depart from and end at the conference venue.

You can register for specific thematic workshops now in the [online registration form!](#)

Dr. Helena Linzer

Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Planning

WORKSHOP 1:

Unknown underground Vienna

Hidden away from the eyes of locals and visitors alike, Vienna boasts a labyrinth of underground passageways, cellars and burial crypts. Although many of them were badly damaged or destroyed in the WWII or in the course of post-war re-developments, Vienna still offers plenty of spectacular and eerie surprises underneath its surface. The tour starts with the unique baroque burial crypt of St. Michael's, we continue with the Roman and medieval excavations on Michaelerplatz and end with a visit of a number of historic cellars.

Barbara Timmermann

Vienna Walks + Talks

WORKSHOP 2:

Jewish Vienna – Past & Present

There have been Jewish communities in Vienna since the 13th century. This tour is intended to give an overview over the eventful and often very tragic Jewish history of the city. We tell about Jewish life in the city from its earliest beginnings in the 12th century, its ups and downs in the course of history. We stop by the Gestapo Memorial on Morzinplatz, take you through the Jewish Textile Quarter around Rudofspatz, talk about the Austrian Documentation Archive and the envisaged Simon Wiesental Research Centre, and finish by the Holocaust Memorial on Judenplatz Square.

Dr. Peter Bleier

Vienna University of Technology

WORKSHOP 3:

Recent Architectural Projects

The architectural and urban development projects of the more recent past concentrate on the urban expansion areas to the north of the Danube and in the southern areas to the south of the Danube and in the southern part of the city. This tour takes visitors to large residential developments (e.g. Donaacity), public infrastructure facilities and numerous high-rise projects (e.g. Twin Towers, Millennium Tower), but also refurbished historical buildings converted to new uses (e.g. the Gasometer development).

Prof. Dr. Rudolf Giffinger
Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Planning

**WORKSHOP 4:
Drivers of Metropolitan and Inclusive Development. Vienna's New Main Station**

Cities alike face the fact of constant change. While some have to cope with multiple processes of decline, others are - at least politically - calling at urban growth. Vienna is targeting at becoming a Central European metropolis, implying the development and attraction of metropolitan functions. This tour is to visit one of the huge urban projects, that are currently being constructed - the new Vienna main station. From the dedicated lookout tower one can gain a great view over the quarter to see, how the project influences the fabric of the city.

MSc Justin Kadi, DI Johannes Suitner
Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Planning

**WORKSHOP 5:
Vienna Waterfront Development @ Old Danube, Now and Then**

Vienna's relation to the river Danube has always been ambivalent. As a trading route it was a co-founder of the city's economic importance, while at the same time it had to be tamed due to its devastating power. Nowadays the several branches of the river host recreational areas and social housing projects, next to economic and consumption-oriented functions. This tour takes us to Alte Donau ('Old Danube') as one branch, that is of specific interest in this concern. Besides its traditional function as a recreational area, one can observe various tendencies of real-estate development, be it publicly or privately induced, wished or unwished by local authorities - with changing objectives of serving an urban strategy over time.

DI Ian Banerjee
Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Planning

**WORKSHOP 6:
Historical Vienna**

Vienna's settlement history goes way back to Roman times (remnants of which can still be seen in the city centre). The historic city enjoyed its first period of prosperity in the Middle Ages. The destruction of the old city walls and the construction of the Ringstrasse, a broad circular boulevard lined by numerous magnificent buildings, marked the transition to the modern era. This tour highlights the development from "old" into "new" Vienna.

Dr. Oliver Frey
Vienna University of Technology, Department of Spatial Planning

**WORKSHOP 7:
Urban Transformation of labour and leisure**

The focus of the visit is a former screw factory in Vienna's 2nd District, which has latterly been reinvented as a centre for young entrepreneurs from the creative sector. On this one site, there are not only offices for single small entrepreneurs but also important shared social and cultural spaces. These tangible spaces have become critical nexuses for the structures of social interaction which constitute the entrepreneurial milieu. We will visit places local places of private and professional leisure and use this as an opportunity to discuss in more general terms the process of gentrification and urban renewal in the 2nd district of Vienna.

Experts of "housing research" (MA 50), City of Vienna

**WORKSHOP 8:
Social Housing Past and Present**

In Vienna, social housing has a long tradition dating back to the early 20th century. With some 230,000 councilowned flats (25% of all flats in Vienna), the City of Vienna is one of the world's largest landlords. Among the destinations of this tour are well-known "Red Vienna" municipal housing developments of the 1920s and 1930s (e.g. the Karl Marx-Hof) with their ample green spaces in the inner courtyards and generous communal facilities. To provide a comparison, the tour will also visit a number of more recent developments.

Students of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning
Vienna University of Technology

**WORKSHOP 9:
My Vienna (guided by Students)**

Vienna is a city which is formed by quite strong and successful stereotypes. Young people who come to Vienna to study are often interested in aspects and areas of the city apart those stereotypes to extend their impressions of the city. This tour, which is guided by students from the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, puts the spotlight on rather "different sides" of Vienna.

Dr. Elke Krasny,
author, curator, urban and cultural researcher

**WORKSHOP 10:
Urban Renewal**

At the beginning of the 1970s, many areas - notably in the city's inner districts - were earmarked as "urban renewal areas". In these zones, then characterised by a deplorable urban and residential environment (poorly equipped flats, an overaging population, loss of local amenities, etc.), the city authorities first adopted the approach of "soft urban renewal", which, involving the participation of the residents, focused on the refurbishment of existing buildings and the reclamation of urban space.

Claudia Nutz
Management of Wien 3420 AG

WORKSHOP 11:
New urban development site: "asperm Vienna's Urban Lakeside"

asperm Vienna's Urban Lakeside covers an area of 2.4 million sq m (roughly equalling the combined 7th and 8th municipal districts of Vienna or 340 football pitches; comprises 8,500 housing units for 20,000 residents; offers 20,000 workplaces: 15,000 of the planned jobs will be in offices and for service providers; 5,000, in production and commercial enterprises; will be a hub for research, development and education in Vienna. In addition, the area will be serviced by two tube stations, trams and bus lines. Behind the city of tomorrow, there is a strong brand: the name "asperm Vienna's Urban Lakeside" with its logo shaped to recall the future ring-road as well as the slogan "The Full Life" convey already today a picture of the living, housing and working spaces of tomorrow. The whole development process is scheduled at over two decades. For this reason, the brand is set to speak of what is not yet visible today but will become reality in the future. The plus sign stands for the sum total of all advantages and qualities embodied by asperm.

Dr. Reinhard Seiß
Urban+, spatial planner, author, film-maker

WORKSHOP 12:
Gasometer and surroundings

With the extension of the metro line U3 at the end of the 1990ies, the East End of Vienna raised into the focus of politicians, planners and investors as an attractive zone for urban development. The center of that area are the historic buildings of the "Gasometer", four 72 Meter high industrial monuments, that have been converted by international star architects into 615 apartments, a dormitory, offices a concert hall and a shopping mall ten years ago. Today the Gasometer as well as their heterogenous surrounding do not spread an impression of a break-up or of a beginning urbanity as it was promised by the city government. The urban planner and critic Reinhard Seiss guides through that peculiar zone and gives information about the reasons and backgrounds of the development.

DI MSc Tihomir Viderman, Johanna Aigner
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WORKSHOP 13:
Creating urban microcosms – establishing a link between strategic planning and Vienna's neighborhoods

For more than 20 years the City of Vienna has been chanting the mantra "Vienna is different", while improving its urban environment, which is valued worldwide for its high quality of living. Yet, large-scale infrastructural, waterfront and urban (re-)development projects, as well as urban policies dedicated to boosting the city's competitiveness do not seem to evoke a substantially distinctive planning approach. In search of planning distinctiveness, this tour takes the participants to Hernals, a neighborhood not part of the city's central spaces, and brings them into contact with local planning actors. The aim is to gain an insight into how diverse interests, initiatives and strategies negotiated at different planning levels shape planning culture of this neighborhood, as well as to understand how (both institutionalized and informal) local actors' work is embedded into the City of Vienna's planning hierarchy. The question to be discussed is how they merge firm regulations of the city's master plan with communication-based planning at the local level.