

Call for Papers

International Conference

'Housing Development in Metropolitan Cities: Analysis, Comparison, Debate'

19 – 20 December 2024 in Berlin, Germany

The objective of this international conference is to analyse and compare housing in metropolitan cities around the globe – with a focus on Arab countries and Germany – from an interdisciplinary perspective. The aim is (i) to analyse the architectural and urban characteristics of traditional, modern and contemporary residential spaces, (ii) to compare their distinctive features, and (iii) to reflect on their spatial organisation, design, and appearance in different urban contexts.

The topic of the conference is not limited to a special kind of architectural style. Instead, the contributions should aim to emphasize different approaches to face the challenges of contemporary housing projects and pay special attention to affordability, flexibility, and adaptability to people's culture and needs.

In metropolitan cities, public facilities and infrastructure development are of particular importance to both social and economic stability. The residential areas were built progressively within their reach, following a general plan, in order to create a coherent assemblage of various districts, of different types of architecture, and dwellings around an attractive and modern centre.

However, today, with urbanisation, it seems difficult to escape a repetitive architecture, due to prefabrication processes used by property developers all around the world. The ideology of globalisation suggests that sooner or later, it will be impossible to escape from a uniform way of life, where certain common needs are met, and cities follow similar patterns of construction. What effects will this have on urban lives?

For present and future generations and the long-term liveability of a metropolis, best practices are needed in order to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions. Moreover, greater efforts must be made in increasing inhabitants' participation into all stages of the development process. The conference will give emphasis to local architecture, urban planning, and socio-cultural aspirations in the contexts of various metropolises.

Contributors may focus on one or several of the following themes (non-exclusive list):

1. Traditional Housing in Metropolitan Cities

- Traditional houses and modern requirements
- Traditional buildings and energy efficiency
- Traditional urban networks and urban spaces specificities

2. Residential Design in Metropolitan Cities

- Housing and standardisation
- Housing and design quality
- Architectural typology and cultural identity

3. Residential Projects in Metropolitan Cities

- Housing and affordability
- Housing and local participation
- Housing and inhabitants' satisfaction

4. Residential Facades in Metropolitan Cities

- Architectural transformation and gentrification
- International style and energy efficiency
- Urban landscape and built environment

Interested participants are invited to submit an abstract in English (**max. 250 words**) to the organiser and AGYA member **Dr. Lilia Makhloufi**, Ecole Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme (EPAU) in Algiers, Algeria, **until 20 September 2024** to: l.makhloufi@epau-alger.edu.dz

A scientific committee consisting of AGYA members and further experts with various academic backgrounds will evaluate all abstracts and articles.

Important Dates:

20 September 2024: Submission of abstracts (max. 250 words)

23 September 2024: Notification of accepted abstracts

22 October 2024: Submission of articles (max. 6000 words)

31 October 2024: Notification of accepted participants

19-20 December 2024: International conference in Berlin, Germany

This conference is organized within the framework of an AGYA research project by Dr. Lilia Makhloufi, Ecole Polytechnique d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme (EPAU) in Algiers, Algeria, and Dr. Claire Bullen, University of Tübingen, Germany. The travel and accommodation costs will be covered by AGYA for the selected participants. Funding is still subject to approval.

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