

CALL FOR PAPERS: 2023 INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

EDITORS' INTRODUCTION

In Between: Architecture and Development of the Urban Landscape

Now more than ever, the North American urban landscape is in transformation. Cities are growing, expanding, building, and rebuilding. These transformations, unlike in other regions of the world, are being championed by the unpredictable forces of the global markets and private capital. Furthermore, private development of urban landscapes in North America is conducted under a unidimensional framework: return on investment (ROI). However, the urban landscape is a complex collection of interdependent systems. Its performance is framed by ecological, economical, political, and social challenges. Private developers do not operate in a vacuum and often have to negotiate with a number of stakeholders in order to get things done.

What is architecture's relationship to these complex issues when developing the contemporary North American urban landscape? Why should architects be a key component in shaping the contemporary and future North American urban landscape? What must architecture focus on when developing increasingly complex cities? Which architectural strategies are emerging in the region as a response to these new challenges? Are there architectural scopes suitable to approach development of urban landscapes in North America? What is the status of the North American urban landscape development model? What has it achieved so far? What can it do? How far can it go?

This symposium aims to explore the diverse environments, where architecture performs, under four (4) core frameworks: the ecological, the economical, the political, and the social.

- **PART A (ECONOMICAL)** will address the role and reach of private capital in the development of the present-day urban landscape. This includes the required architectural strategies and urban landscapes fostered by contemporary financial structures.
- **PART B (SOCIAL)** will elaborate on the social and community-oriented challenges new development faces. Furthermore, it provides community-based perspectives on a multiplicity of mechanisms currently developing the present-day urban landscape.
- **PART C (POLITICAL)** will discuss the opportunities local city governments have in the face of increased pressures to develop new urban landscapes in already built environments.
- **PART D (ECOLOGICAL)** will center on the urban landscape in times of climate-crisis. In addition, it highlights the spectrum of architectural strategies employed towards ecologically oriented design and developments.

We look forward to similar and many other questions at the 2023 International Graduate Student Symposium, now in its 7th edition. This symposium is organized by the members of the PhD Program at IIT's College of Architecture. This event is meant to be a platform for aspiring scholars, researchers, and professionals to come together, interact, and find answers to these questions.

Selected papers will be published in *Prometheus 07*, the journal of the PhD Program in Architecture at IIT. Authors of extended abstracts will be invited to present their papers at the Symposium.

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Key Dates

- **MAY 22, 2023** Call for papers
- **JUNE 19, 2023** Extended abstract and poster submission deadline
- **JULY 24, 2023** Notification of decision for inclusion in the program
- **AUGUST 14, 2023** Full paper submission deadline
- **SEPTEMBER 4, 2023** Registration begins
- **NOVEMBER 17, 2023** Opening event
- **NOVEMBER 17-18, 2023** All paper presentations
- **NOVEMBER 19, 2023** Chicago tour
- **MAY 2024** Estimated publication date for *Prometheus 07*

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