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Press Release

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Architekturzentrum Wien, Alte Halle, Museumsquartier

Project of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning
Vienna University of Technology
Dean Rudolf Scheuven

Curators: Christian Kern, Kathrin Dörfler
Institute of Art and Design
Department of Three-Dimensional Design and Modeling

Exhibition Team: Anita Aigner, Peter Auer, Ronald Buchinger,
Raimund Krenmüller, Barbara Lechner, Kornelia Fischer, Walter Fritz, Florian Rist,
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From Furniture to Settlement Strategies

The VUT-Architecture-Biennial Presents the Broad Spectrum
of the Study of Architecture and Spatial Design
October 16th – 26th, 2013

Every two years the Vienna UT's best diploma theses from the Faculty of Architecture and Planning are exhibited. This year's archdiploma13 is shown at the Az W (the Architekturzentrum Wien) which is a first. At the Alte Halle models and books as part of the final theses of our young architecture and spatial design graduates are being presented. On two evenings discussions on the topics of presentation and career entry will take place at the adjacent Az W Podium. The exhibition and its side-events will support and promote dialogues with a broad public interested in architecture and planning.

Press Tour

Tuesday, October 15th 2013, 6 – 7 pm

Az W Alte Halle

Vernissage

Jury Prize Award Ceremony

Tuesday, October 15th 2013, 7 pm

AzW Alte Halle and Azw Podium

Podium Discussion

'(Un)Culture Exhibition – Generation Portfolio?'

Presentation: Anita Aigner, Assistant Professor, Institute of Art and Design

Friday, October 18th 2013, 7 pm

Az W Podium

Podium Discussion

'Quo Vadis – from Academia to Professional Life'

Presentation: Christian Kern, Curator, Head of Department

Institute of Art and Design

Tuesday, October 22nd 2013, 7 pm

Az W Podium

Finissage

Audience Award Ceremony

Saturday, October 26th 2013, 7 pm

Az W Alte Halle



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Location

Architekturzentrum Wien

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Duration of Exhibition

October 16th – 26th 2013

Opening Hours

Mon-Sun, 10 am – 7 pm

Free admission at the exhibition and its events.

A comprehensive catalogue will be available at the exhibition.

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Within the framework of archdiploma 13, a topical selection of the last two years' best diploma theses is presented. In the course of the exhibition the extraordinary scope of subjects explored by the two study fields, architecture and spatial design, is made visible. All approaches presented here structure or furnish our cultivated environment, thus being societally most relevant. Debates are taking place on totally different standards, the explicit reference to the environment being the essential basis in architectural planning: designs are visualised in form of models, books and on interactive screens, theoretical theses are presented in hardback and on tablets.

The location of the exhibition which will take place from October 16th - 26th 2013 is the Alte Halle of the Architekturzentrum Wien. Graduates are given the opportunity to present themselves and their work – design and theory projects as well as experimental and spatial planning projects – to an interested public.

At the archdiploma 13 exhibition a catalogue under the same name will be available in German and English, it includes extensive articles and illustrations for individual projects.

Exhibition Concept

The simplistic exhibition system meets the needs of different media and scales in a simple manner: it is organised in three alignments and filled with models, screens and books. The system offers sheltered spaces, spatially defined islands – inviting to deepen one's exploration of the theoretical theses. Visitors experience an organic spatial situation in which wide expanses and narrow, pathlike spaces alternate, thus resembling our urban environment. The diversity of theses proves the intensity architecture and planning issues are debated with. To such debates great societal relevance is inherent.

Awards

The exhibition opening is marked by the Faculty's awarding archdiploma 13 prizes for excellent diploma theses which have been determined in a pre-selection process by a panel of experts. During the closing ceremony the audience prize will also be awarded.

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The archdiploma was initiated by Klaus Semsroth, the previous Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at the Vienna UT, in the year 2000. Since then it has taken place bi-annually so the autumn of 2013 will see its 8th appearance. Its curators alternate each time, they come from the architecture faculty, every archdiploma therefore displays its own unique signature. This form of individuality reflects the expression of diverse standpoints and views characterising the study of architecture at the Vienna UT. Public interest has been considerable since its beginning, in 2011 more than 6000 interested guests visited the exhibition.

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Architecture and spatial design are universal themes affecting the daily life and environment of each one of us. Training architects and spatial designers and their future work and craft for this environment involves social responsibility which the Faculty of Architecture and Planning at the Vienna UT accepts.

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Christian Kern

Trained as machine fitter, study of architecture at the TU Stuttgart and the Curtin University Perth, West Australia. Assistant at Stirling and Wilford Stuttgart, Ken Yeang Malaysia, Behnisch and Partner Stuttgart, Auer + Weber Stuttgart, Meier-Scupin & Petzet Munich. Scientific assistant at the Department of Building Theory and Product Development, Prof. Richard Horden, TU Munich. Since 1998 his own office in Munich, 2001 establishment of BLAUWERK Architects with Michael Schneider, since 2008 with Tom Repper. Board member of European Germany registered association. Since 2007 University Professor at the Vienna UT, Head of Department of Three-Dimensional Design and Model Building.

Kathrin Dörfler

Study of architecture at the TU Graz and the Vienna UT, as well as digital art at the University of Applied Arts Vienna under Peter Weibel and Tom Fürstner, 2013 establishment of the architecture collective dorfundrust, together with Romana Rust. Assistant, among others, of gaupenraub, soma architects, MVD – Office of Architecture and Graphics and Rüdiger Lainer + Partner architects. Since 2012 University Assistant at the Institute of Art and Design at the Faculty of Architecture, Vienna UT, starting in the autumn of 2013 Assistant at the ETH Zurich.

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