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PROGRAM

**October 15-19, 2025
Potsdam, Germany**

**“What is the Architecture
of the (LIVABLE) Future?”**

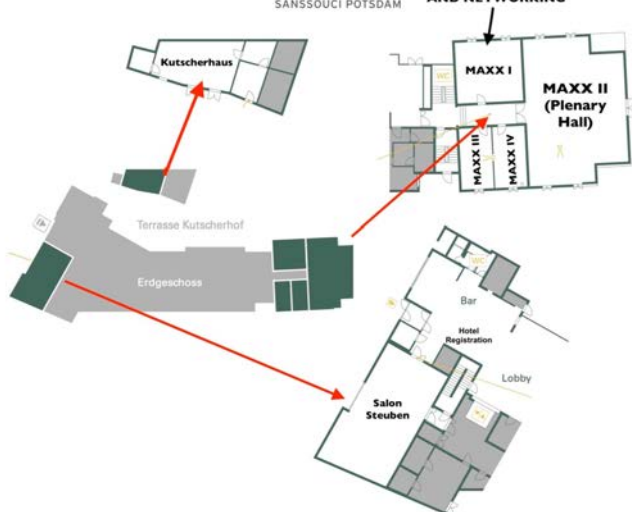


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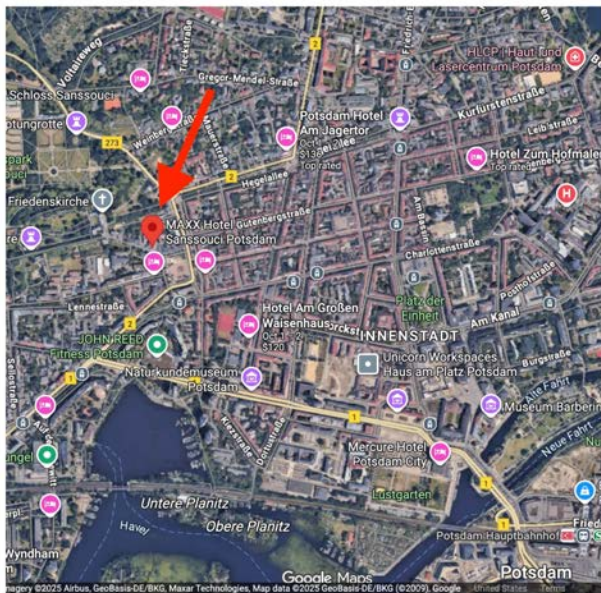
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62nd International Making Cities Livable (IMCL)

"What is the Architecture of the (LIVABLE) Future?"

MAXX Hotel Sanssouci, Potsdam, Germany, October 15-19, 2025

PROGRAM

(As of October 6 - check online app edition for updates!)

- Wednesday**
October 15th
- 2:00 PM Walking Tour of Sanssouci Park**
Gather in front of MAXX Hotel Sanssouci
Led by Saskia Hüneke, Chair of the Main Committee of the Potsdam City Council
and Bart Urban, Deputy Chair of INTBAU Germany, and Co-Host, The Aesthetic City
- 5:00 PM OPENING RECEPTION (Wine, soft drinks, hors d'oeuvres)**
Gather at MAXX Hotel Sanssouci, walk to Friedenskirche
Welcome by Bernd Rubelt, Deputy Mayor of Potsdam for Urban Development,
Construction, Economy, and Environment
Welcome by Jim Brainard, Director, Lennard Institute and IMCL
Return to MAXX Hotel Sanssouci for refreshments
- 7:00 PM End (Dinner on your own)**
- Thursday**
October 16th
- 8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Refreshments served)**
MAXX Hotel Sanssouci, Allee nach Sanssouci 1, Potsdam
- 9:00 AM OPENING PLENARY (MAXX II)**
The Role of Heritage as a Living Force in Cities:
Lessons from Potsdam's Reconstructions and New Buildings
Moderated by Michael Mehaffy, Executive Director, IMCL
- 9:00 AM Overview and Opening Film**
International Making Cities Livable: Progress and Work Ahead
- 9:10 AM Between History and the Future: Discourse in Potsdam since 1990**
Saskia Hüneke, Chair of the Main Committee and Member of the Potsdam City Council
- 9:25 AM Potsdam in Transition: Getting It Built**
Willo Göpel, Managing Director, Göpel Development
- 9:40 AM Designing for Revival: Potsdam Case Study**
Thomas Albrecht, Architect
- 10:20 AM Tradition for the Future: New Designs in Germany and Beyond**
Robert Patzschke, Architect
- 10:50 AM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)**
- 11:20 AM PLENARY TWO (MAXX II)**
The Original Green, The Original Livable:
Traditional Architecture as a Deep Resource for Modern Challenges
Moderated by James Dougherty, Director of Design, Dover Kohl & Associates

11:20 AM New Frontiers of Traditional Architecture

Steve Mouzon, Principal, Mouzon Design, and Founder, The Urban Guild

11:50 AM Ten Strategic Battles for a Transformational Ecosystem

Guy Courtois, Founder, Toward an Urban Renaissance

12:30 PM The Architectural Uprising: Toward an Architecture of Democracy and Community Engagement

Marjo Uotila, MA, Founder, Architectural Uprising Finland and INTBAU Finland

Bart Urban, Co-host, The Aesthetic City and Deputy Chair, INTBAU Germany

1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:30 PM BREAKOUT ONE (MAXX II)

The Architecture of Livability: Better Buildings and Places

Moderated by Guy Courtois, Founder, Toward an Urban Renaissance, Paris, France

Why Contemporary Buildings are Often Alienating and Inhumane:

Semiotics of Design and the Metaphysics of Modern Architecture

Shane Casey, Developer and General Contractor, Wilkes Barre PA

The New Frankfurt Old Town and the Tyranny of Authenticity: Unpacking

The Case Against Reconstruction

Michelle Sofge, Editor, Classic Planning Herald

The Classical and the Contemporary: A Tale of Two Cities - Cologne and Cincinnati

Christine Storry, Principal, Utopia Architects, Brisbane, Australia (via video)

The Architectural Uprising: Toward an Architecture of Democracy and

Community Engagement

Marjo Uotila, Founder, MA, Architectural Uprising Finland, and INTBAU Finland

2:30 PM BREAKOUT TWO (Salon Steuben)

Flourishing and Democratic Public Spaces for ALL

Moderated by Amira Osman, Professor in Architecture, Tishwane University of Technology

The Political Economy of Public Space in New York City

Lynn Ellsworth, Founder, Humanscale NYC, New York, NY USA

Uncovering Places of Connectivity to Address Loneliness and Health

Maya Ljubojevic, Researcher, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

Social Cohesion, Extremism, and the Built Environment

Crystal Murillo, Aurora, Colorado (USA) City Council Member

Juan Marcano, National Director of Governance Programs, New America Leaders

Livable and Lovable: Envisioning a Different Way of Inhabiting, Designing and Delivering Our Cities and Public Spaces

Amira Osman, Professor in Architecture and South African Research Chair in

Spatial Transformation, Tishwane University of Technology, Pretoria, South Africa

2:30 PM BREAKOUT THREE (Kutscherhaus)

Adaptive Cities I: Design for a Changing Planet

Moderated by Jeongseob Kim, Professor, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology

Water-sensitive Urban Design Guidance for the Livable Future

Şebnem Gökçen, Professor of City Planning, Department of Architecture, Faculty of Fine Arts and Design, Izmir University of Economics

Strategies for Managing Vacant Lots and Enhancing Thermal Comfort in Shrinking Cities

Gukhwa Jang Postdoctoral Researcher, Seoul National University

Co-Creating Compact-Network Cities: Lessons from Citizen-Led Living Labs in Shrinking Korean Cities

Jeongseob Kim, Professor, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, South Korea

Aquapuncture: Applying Rainwater Harvesting for Urban Cooling

Thanos Stasinopoulos, Professor, Izmir University of Economics, Turkey

2:30 PM BREAKOUT FOUR (MAXX III)

(Extra meeting space TBD)

2:30 PM BREAKOUT FIVE (MAXX IV)

WORKSHOP: Toward New Pattern Languages for a Changing World (Part I)

Richard Gane, Builder

Robert Knapp, Professor Emeritus, Physics & Sustainable Design, Evergreen State College

Robert Krasser, Director, The Pattern Institute

Jenny Quillien, Sustasis Foundation, Moderator

3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)

4:15 PM BREAKOUT SIX (MAXX II)

The Livable City Shaped: Form and Space

Moderated by James Dougherty, Principal, Director of Design, Dover, Kohl & Associates

The Circle and the Grid: Case Study of Indianapolis, IN USA

Lohren Deeg, Associate Professor of Urban Planning, Ball State Univ., Muncie, IN USA

Enhancing Legibility of Urban Ensembles at a Range of Scales Using Compositional Techniques of 19th Century Architecture

James Dougherty, Principal, Director of Design, Dover, Kohl & Assoc., Miami FL USA

Para-Doxa: Historical Immanence in Contemporary Architecture

Carlos Rueda, Associate Professor, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, Canada

Celebrating the heart of Athlone, a fortified town on the River Shannon - Urban fabric reimagined as a catalyst for renewal

Teresa Josephine Sweeney Meade, FRIAI, RIBA, Assistant Principal Architect, Office of Public Works, Dublin, Ireland

4:15 PM BREAKOUT SEVEN (Salon Steuben)

Livability and Affordability for ALL: Metrics, Tools, Strategies

Moderated by Nichole Wiedermann, Assoc. Professor, The University of Texas at Austin

Livability in First Nations Settlements: Western Australia's Pilbara Region

Iain Butterworth, Principal, Iain Butterworth & Assoc., Kyneton, Australia

Urban Greening and Gentrification in New York City

Glen Johnson, Associate Professor, CUNY Grad. School of Public Health, New York USA

Lessons from Central Vermont (USA): Small Homes + Tiny Lots + TIF funding = Neighborhoods for Everyone

Sandra Vitzthum, Architect, Montpelier, Vermont USA

Messy Maps: Reimagining Representational Tools in Architecture and Urban Design to Better Support Equitable, Livable Cities

Nichole Wiedermann, Assoc. Professor, The Univ. of Texas at Austin School of Architecture

4:15 PM BREAKOUT EIGHT (Kutscherhaus)

Adaptive Cities II: Changing Populations, Changing World

Moderated by Sachoon Kim, Professor and the Vice Dean, Seoul National University

A Study on Visitors' Perceptions of the Old Downtown Area: Focusing on Daejeon, Korea

Hyeonju Jung, Researcher, Seoul National University, South Korea

Defining a Shrinking and Livable City: Adaptive Built Environments in an Era of Depopulation

Sachoon Kim, Professor and the Vice Dean of the Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul National University, South Korea

Sustaining Urbanity through Commercial Power in the Shrinking City

Hyein Kwon, Ph.D. Candidate, Seoul National University, South Korea

What Happens to Villages and Towns When Populations Decline?

Kwangjun Woo, Ph.D. Candidate, Seoul National University, South Korea

4:15 PM BREAKOUT NINE (MAXX III)

Urbanism, Big Data and AI: Meeting the Opportunities... Confronting the Dangers

Moderated by Justin Heejeon Lim, Assistant Professor, Seoul National University

A Microscopic Pedestrian Simulation Approach for User-Centered Transit Design

Hyein Kwon, Ph.D. Candidate, Seoul National University, South Korea

Unraveling the Integrated Impact of Pedestrian Activity Rhythms and Street Spatial Contexts

Haeryung Lee, Ph.D. Student, Seoul, South Korea

Parametric Simulation of Urban Rainwater Flow Using Grasshopper: Toward Designer-Centered Flood Resilience

Justin Heejeon Lim, Assistant Professor, Seoul National University

Space Syntax and Visibility Graph Analysis: Case Study of Gwanghwamun, South Korea

Hyungyeum Seo, Student, Seoul National University, South Korea

4:15 PM BREAKOUT TEN (MAXX IV)

WORKSHOP: Toward New Pattern Languages for a Changing World (Part I)

Richard Game, Builder

Robert Knapp, Professor Emeritus, Physics & Sustainable Design, Evergreen State College

Robert Krasser, Director, The Pattern Institute

Jenny Quillien, Sustasis Foundation, Moderator

5:30 PM End: Group Walking Tour to Alter Markt Area

Led by Thomas Albrecht (followed by dinner on your own)

**Friday
October 17th**

8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Refreshments served)

MAXX Hotel Sanssouci, Allee nach Sanssouci 1, Potsdam

9:00 AM PLENARY THREE (MAXX II)

Changing the "Operating System for Growth:

The Role of Mayors and the Public Sector

Moderated by Jim Brainard, IMCL Board Member

9:00 AM Lessons from Carmel

Jim Brainard (former Mayor of Carmel, Indiana)

9:30 AM Lessons from Bristol

George Ferguson (former Mayor of Bristol, UK)

10:00 AM Lessons from Vancouver

Patrick Condon (Professor, University of British Columbia)

10:30 AM Panel with Mayors and Councilmembers

With Hon. Robert Sullivan, Mayor of Brockton MA; Mike Duggan, Councillor for Gatineau, Quebec; and Crystal Murillo, Councilmember for Aurora, Colorado USA

11:00 AM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)

11:30 AM PLENARY FOUR (MAXX II)

Not Just Western Classicism:

Beauty and the Timeless Way of Building

Moderated by Jenny Quillien, Board Member, Sustasis Foundation

11:30 AM AI, Living Structure and the "Beautimeter"

Bin Jiang, Professor of Urban Informatics, LivableCityLAB, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou)

12:00 PM Implementing Christopher Alexander's 'Living Process': The Civilla Campus in Detroit

Or Ettlinger, Building Beauty Program

12:30 PM Video and Panel: New Science, New (Old) Architecture?

Video: Nikos Salingaros, Urbanist and Mathematician, University of Texas at San Antonio

Panel: Richard Gane, Rob Knapp, Robert Krasser and Yodan Rofo

1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:30 PM BREAKOUT ELEVEN (MAXX II)

Health, Quality of Life and Vitality in the Livable City

Moderated by Patrick Condon, Professor of Urban Design, Univ. of British Columbia

Architecture, Air, and Art: Preserving Civic Identity Through Green Retrofitting in a Transit-Oriented Downtown

Troy Clarkson, Chief Financial Officer, City of Brockton, Massachusetts USA

Hon. Robert F. Sullivan, JD, Mayor, City of Brockton, Massachusetts USA

Urban Leisure Environments and Quality of Life in Shrinking Cities: The Mediating Role of Health Behavior

Xiuyuan Piao, Ph.D Candidate, Seoul National University, South Korea

Greening the City: Rethinking Green Space in the Context of Urban Form

Veronica Westendorff, Researcher and Landscape Architect, Davidson, ND USA

Water Features in Our Urban Spaces – Recognizing and Promoting their Benefits

Josh Stewart, Architect, Salt Lake City, Utah

2:30 PM BREAKOUT TWELVE (Salon Steuben)

The Accessible City, The Connected City

Moderated by Ricardo Fernandez, CUADRA Urbanismo, Mexico City, Mexico

Upgrading Metro Systems for Universal Access and Wayfinding for All: Case Study of Metrorrey, Monterrey, Mexico

Ricardo Fernandez, Urban Designer, CUADRA Urbanismo, Mexico City, Mexico

Evaluating the 15-Minute City: Insights from Seattle and Gothenburg on Accessibility, Mobility, and Urban Form

Devon McAslan, Researcher, Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg, Sweden

The 15-Minute City in Smaller and Mid-Density Contexts

Ana Clara Caixeta Szymanski Nogueira, Student, Technical Univ. of Munich, Germany

Transport 2060: Pros and Cons of Autonomous Vehicles

Chris Stapleton, Stapleton Transportation and Planning, Sydney, Australia

2:30 PM BREAKOUT THIRTEEN (Kutscherhaus)

Reforming the "Operating System for Growth" I: Codes, Systems, Economics

Moderated by John Burrell, Principal, Burrell, Foley, Fischer Architects

Grey Land: A Long Campaign to Utilise 'Unseen Land'

John Burrell, Principal, Burrell Foley Fischer Architects

Remaking Housing, Remaking the City: The 2018 Housing NW Arkansas Initiative

Anne Fougeron, Fougeron Architecture, San Francisco, California USA

Kent Macdonald, Emeritus Faculty, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California USA

Strategic Interactions in the Adoption of Prefabricated Construction: A Game-Theoretic Analysis of Government, Developer, and Community Dynamics

Xiangyi Li, Ph.D. Candidate, The University of Hong Kong, China

21st Century Town: A Regenerative System for Building Livable, Human-Scaled Communities

Max LeMarchant, Principal, New Amherst Homes, 21st Century Town, Cobourg, Canada

2:30 PM BREAKOUT FOURTEEN (MAXX III)

WORKSHOP: Montpelier, Vermont Mini-charrette for a 135-Acre Urban Extension (An actual RFP by the City of Montpelier)

Sandra Vitzthum, Architect, Montpelier, Vermont

2:30 PM BREAKOUT FIFTEEN (MAXX IV)

WORKSHOP: Building Beauty: Life, Wholeness and The Quality Without a Name (Part I of a workshop on Christopher Alexander's work and ideas)

Or Ettlinger, Building Beauty

Yodan Rofé, Building Beauty

3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)

4:15 PM BREAKOUT SIXTEEN (MAXX II)

Good homes for ALL: Challenges and Solutions

Moderated by Patrick Condon, Professor of Urban Design, University of Vancouver, Canada

Land Lift and the Limits of Vancouverism: Lessons in Urban Density, Speculation, and Civic Finance

Patrick Condon, Professor of Urban Design, University of Vancouver, Canada

Allumette Houses in Gatineau: Heritage and Densification in Comparative Perspective with Soviet-Era Krushchevka Apartments

Mike Duggan, Municipal Councillor, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

The Invisible Cost of Inaction: Long-Term Neglect in Aging Apartments and the Erosion of Urban Livability

Jeonghye Kim, Ph.D. Candidate, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

Transforming Existing Housing: Case Study of Les Coteaux (Mulhouse), an Adaptable Masterplan for a Fair and Liveable Neighbourhood Transformation

Marion Zeller, Student, OST University of Applied Sciences, St. Gallen, Switzerland

4:15 PM BREAKOUT SEVENTEEN (Salon Steuben)

(Extra meeting space TBD)

4:15 PM BREAKOUT EIGHTEEN (Kutscherhaus)

Reforming the "Operating System for Growth" II: Innovative Processes

Moderated by John Gaber, Professor and Program Director, Clemson University

Seeing We: Community Working Relationships with Local Governments

John Gaber, Professor and Program Director, Clemson University, Clemson SC USA

Reimagining Urban Futures Through Integrated Design: Case Study of LeBreton Flats, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Chris Hardwicke, Principal, Agent Urban, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Reframing Urban Decline through Temporal Livability: Developing the Time Vitality Index (TVI)

Yeoryung Seo, Ph.D Candidate, Seoul National University, South Korea

Smart City 5.0/CSCOPE: The Pattern Way to Asingularity

Andrey Volkov, Chief Research Officer, Asingularity Initiative, Moscow, Russia

4:15 PM BREAKOUT NINETEEN (MAXX III)

WORKSHOP: Montpelier, Vermont Mini-charrette for a 135-Acre Urban Extension

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Sandra Vitzthum, Architect, Montpelier, Vermont

4:15 PM BREAKOUT TWENTY (MAXX IV)

WORKSHOP: Building Beauty: Life, Wholeness and The Quality Without a Name

(Part II of a workshop on Christopher Alexander's work and ideas)

Or Ettlinger, Building Beauty

Yodan Roft, Building Beauty

5:30 PM End; Ticketed Dinner Guests Walk to Zur Historischen Mühle

Discussion and Awards Dinner (tickets at website)

**Saturday
October 18th**

8:00 AM REGISTRATION (Refreshments served)

MAXX Hotel Sanssouci, Allee nach Sanssouci 1, Potsdam

9:00 AM PLENARY FIVE (MAXX II)

Still Getting it Wrong: The Perpetuation of Unsustainable Practices

9:00 AM Residential Towers and Condominium Tenure: An Unhappy Marriage and Its Consequences

Rachelle Alterman, Emeritus Professor of Planning and Law, The Technion, Haifa, Israel and Visiting Scholar, Touro Law School, NY

9:30 AM Biometric Readouts of Emotional Reactions to Buildings: Emerging Research and Implications

Alexandros Lavdas, Researcher, EURAC Bolzano

10:00 AM Panel and Video

(With Justin Hollander, Tufts University, and Cleo Valentine, University of Cambridge)

10:30 AM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)

11:00 AM PLENARY SIX (MAXX II)

A Global Network for Public Space and Livable Cities: Collaborations and Next Steps

11:00 AM The Work of the Congress for the New Urbanism

Mallory Baches, President, Congress for the New Urbanism

11:20 PM The Work of UN-Habitat

Dyfed Aubrey, Chief, UN-Habitat Office for Europe and European Institutions

11:40 PM The Work of the King's Foundation

Ben Bolgar, Executive Director of Projects, The King's Foundation

12:00 PM The Work of Educational Institutions

Markus Tubbesing, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, and Notre Dame

12:20 PM Panel and Video

(Video with Kristie Daniel of HealthBridge, and panel with speakers)

1:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

2:30 PM PLENARY SEVEN (MAXX II)

Report-back by breakout rapporteurs

3:45 PM BREAK (Coffee, tea, snacks)

4:15 PM PLENARY EIGHT (MAXX II)

Final Discussion and Declaration Document

5:30 PM End; Start of Closing Reception

**Sunday
October 19th**

**10:00 AM Walking tour of Central Potsdam, Reconstructions and New Buildings
Gather in front of MAXX Hotel Sanssouci**

*Led by Saskia Hüneke, Chair of the Main Committee of the Potsdam City Council
Markus Tubbesing, Professor, University of Applied Sciences Potsdam, and Notre Dame
and Bart Urban, Deputy Chair of INTBAU Germany, and Co-Host, The Aesthetic City*