HERcity

Housing Environmental Resilience

October 9, 2019
Venue: European Solidarity Centre / Gdańsk
pl. Solidarności 1, 80-863 Gdańsk

International scientific conference and debate in the spirit of heritage Gdańsk Solidarity Center

International Scientific Conference on the urban planning issues seen through the experience with political system transformation represented in the idea of the Gdańsk Solidarity Center.

Debate open to the public (registration required)
International Conference:

**HER CITY: Housing – Environment - Resilience**

**Conference organizer:**
Gdansk University of Technology, GUT  
Massachusetts University of Technology, DUSP MIT  
European Solidarity Center, ECS

**Date:**  
9th of October, 2019  
1:00 pm – 6:30 pm

**Place:**  
European Solidarity Center (Temporary Exhibition Hall)  
Plac Solidarności 1, Gdańsk

**Event description:**  
The conference *HER CITY: Housing, Environment, Resilience* addresses the issue of urban conversion, drawing inspiration from the Polish experience of the last three decades, which combines the issues of infrastructure modernization with building a democratic society and its modern institutions. The widespread improvement of the quality of life that took place at this time has inspired concluding debates. The European Solidarity Center, symbolically created on the edge of the former shipyard areas in Gdańsk, in order to support the democracy-strengthening activity, is the main center implementing the rich calendar of the jubilee-year events – the commemoration of the anniversary of the first, in the post-war history, free elections in 1989.
HER City conference is an event organized by Gdańsk University of Technology and MIT SPURS and underpins the idea of Regional SPURS Alumni Meeting to emphasize the importance of urban planning in building and consolidating multidimensional democracy. The last three decades have significantly changed the nature of the processes determining the development of cities in the integrating Europe and around the world. The conference speeches proposed will signal the complexity behind the understanding of the slogan of urban transformation, in the context of strengthening the characteristics of cities as organisms resistant to the threats caused by the effects of globalization and climate change. The debate on the constantly-present themes of housing and the environment, in the context of the transformation of urban structures, conducted through a global prism, based on Polish experience, allows a positive balance between the local and the universal significance of the results achieved via a general social effort. A new, reverse perspective is needed here, first of all, to get a full understanding of the real effects of the "shock-therapy" experiment implemented in Poland at the beginning of the 1990s, secondly, to balance the currently-changing internal assessments of the achievements obtained during the development of Polish cities. Summary of the conference dialogue conducted between the voices of politicians and planners - practitioners and theoreticians, titled The city in the face of change: from RESISTANCE to RESILIENCE, will constitute a particular challenge in a city such as Gdańsk, requiring full involvement of the public in the building of a program for the next meeting.

In the morning hours, as an introductory element to the conference issues, the participants of the conference are invited to participate in an organized tour of the permanent exhibition prepared by the European Solidarity Center, on the history of the systemic transformation of the 1980s in Poland, accentuated with the slogan “Solidarity”. (guided in ENGLISH)

Simultaneously, a meeting of the informal Polish scientific network will take place

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Please reserve the dates!
**Pre-EVENT**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Guided tour around the ECS Exhibition:
**Roads to Democracy: the Solidarity Movement of the 1980s, its genesis and historical impact**
on the political changes in Poland and Eastern Europe.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOzl-0zM04
(English language)
(registration by name)

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

a meeting of an informal Polish scientific network integrating Polish urban researchers, planners and designers
**NPM: Nauka_Planowanie_Miasto [eng. Science_Panning_City]**
(language: Polish)
(registration by name)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm OFFICIAL Opening of the Conference

- Opening WELCOME - Representatives of the Conference Organizers: University Authorities and the Authorities of European Solidarity Center
- Welcome address to the conference participants of Aleksandra Dulkiewicz - the Mayor of the City of Gdańsk and Katarzyna Gruszecka-Sypacha the Deputy Major of the City of Gdynia
- Welcome speech - Hashim Sarkis - Dean MIT School of Architecture and Planning

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Part One: CITY in the time of transformation

- Diane Davis, Graduated School of Design, Harvard University
- Kristalina Georgieva, Chief Executive World Bank, MIT DUSP SPURS FELLOW (pending confirmation)
- Danuta Hübner, Europarlament Deputy

3:45 pm – 5:00 Part Two: HOUSING: planning in the times of conversion

- Hanna Gil-Piątek - Ministry of Investment and Development, Partnership Program The Initiative of City Networks - Revitalization
- Marlena Happach - Director of the Office of Architecture and Spatial Planning (the Office of the Capital City of Warsaw)
- Iris Reuther - Senatsbautdirektorin Freie Hansestadt Bremen

5:00 pm – 5:15 pm coffee break

5:15 pm – 6:00 pm Part Three: ENVIRONMENT in the face of global challenges

- Semida Silveira - Professor in Energy Systems Planning KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, MIT DUSP SPURS FELLOW, (pending confirmation)
- Dewi Shinta Wulan Dini Soebari Putri - Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London, MIT DUSP SPURS FELLOW
- Sandra Gutiérrez Poizat

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm CONFERENCE WRAP-UP
- The city facing changes: from RESISTANCE to RESILIENCE

7:00 pm – 9:00 Gala dinner
Diane Davis - Charles Dyer Norton Professor of Regional Planning and Urbanism, and Chair of the Department of Urban Planning and Design at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design

Trained as a sociologist, Davis’s research interests include the relations between urbanization and national development, comparative urban governance, socio-spatial practice in conflict cities, urban violence, and new territorial manifestations of sovereignty. Her books include Transforming Urban Transport (with Alan Altshuler) (Oxford University Press, 2011), Cities and Sovereignty: Identity Conflicts in the Urban Realm (Indiana University Press, 2011), Discipline and Development: Middle Classes and Prosperity in East Asia and Latin America (Cambridge University Press, 2004; named the ASA’s 2005 Best Book in Political Sociology), Irregular Armed Forces and their Role in Politics and State Formation (Cambridge University Press, 2003), Urban Leviathan: Mexico City in the Twentieth Century (Temple University Press 1994; Spanish translation 1999). A prior recipient of research fellowships from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Heinz Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Social Science Research Council, the United States Institute for Peace, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, and the Carnegie Corporation of New York, Davis recently authored a study of Urban Resilience in Situations of Chronic Violence, prepared for USAID, which examines the coping and adapting strategies adopted by citizens and authorities to push back against violence in seven cities around the world.

Kristalina Georgieva - Chief Executive Officer (CEO), World Bank

Georgieva has been CEO of the World Bank since January 2017. From February 1, 2019 to April 8, 2019, Georgieva was the Interim President for the World Bank Group. As Interim President, Georgieva was responsible for the World Bank Group’s efforts to end extreme poverty by 2030 and to boost shared prosperity around the world.

Georgieva has built a reputation as a gender equality champion, humanitarian, and leader in the global fight against climate change. As co-chair of the Global Commission on Adaptation, she is working alongside Ban Ki-Moon and Bill Gates to bring the issue of climate change adaptation on equal footing with mitigation on the policy agenda. At the World Bank and the European Commission, she has driven progress on gender balance, pushing toward a target of 40 percent women in management by 2019 at the European Commission, and achieving parity in senior management at the World Bank. And as co-chair of the United Nations Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing, she secured the adoption of a much more effective system to meet the needs of record numbers of vulnerable people.

Danuta Hübner - Professor of Economics, Member of European Parliament

Danuta Hübner is a Polish politician and Diplomat and Economist and Member of the European Parliament. She has served as European Commissioner for Regional Policy from 22 November 2004 until 4 July 2009, when she resigned to become a Member of European Parliament for the Civic Platform. In 2012, Professor Hübner became a member of the International Honorary Council of the European Academy of Diplomacy. In the years 2004-2009 she was the European Union Commissioner for Regional Policy and the first Polish member of the European Commission. From the early 1990s, she was co-creating Polish economic policy and was introducing a new approach to industrial policy in the Polish government. She was introducing Poland to the European Union as a Minister for European Affairs. She chaired the Social Planning Council at the Central Planning Office, has been the adviser to the deputy prime minister, and deputy minister of Industry and trade, the Chief of the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland. She led Poland to the OECD.
**SPEAKERS**

**Iris Reuther**
Prof. Dr., Senate Building Director of the City of Bremen
https://www.bauumwelt.bremen.de/bau/rita_senatsbaudirektorin_prof_dr_iris_reuther-14380

**Hashim Sarkis**
Prof., An architect, educator, and scholar, Dean of the MIT School of Architecture and Planning
https://sap.mit.edu/school/dean/hashim-sarkis

**Aleksandra Dulkiewicz**
Mayor of the City of Gdańsk
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleksandra_Dulkiewicz

**Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała**
Deputy Mayor of Gdynia

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Professor in Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas

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**Katarzyna Gruszecka-Spychała**
Deputy Mayor of Gdynia
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  - Nimfa de Leone, Assistant Director of the SPURS Program, MIT

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