

## Bauhaus-Institut für Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur und der Planung

The *Bauhaus-Institut für Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur und der Planung* was established as a research institution at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar in 2012. Its purpose is to offer an appropriate platform for the intensified academic discussion of questions regarding architecture, built heritage conservation, urban design and planning. The platform aims to promote theoretical reflection, networking in research and future generations of academics.

It integrates professorships of the Bauhaus-Universität Faculty of Architecture and Urban Studies, the Modernist Archive and renowned experts from other universities. Institute members from the TU Berlin, the University of Kassel and the University of Konstanz are also involved in our current research on urban design under the European dictatorships of the 20th century.

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The admission to this event is free.

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## SYMPOSIUM

### Urban design and dictatorship in the 20th century:

Italy, Portugal, the Soviet Union, Spain and Germany.

History and Historiography

November 21-22, 2013



## Urban design and dictatorship in the 20th century: Italy, Portugal, the Soviet Union, Spain and Germany History and Historiography

For decades in Germany, historical research on dictatorial urban design in the first half of the 20th century focused on the National Socialist period. Studies on the urban design practices of other dictatorships remained an exception. This has changed. Meanwhile, the urban production practices of the Mussolini, Stalin, Salazar, Hitler and Franco dictatorships have become the subject of comprehensive research projects. Recently, a research group that studies dictatorial urban design in 20th century Europe has emerged at the Bauhaus-Institut für Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur und der Planung. The group is already able to refer to various research results.

Part of the research group's self-conception is the assumption that the urban design practices of the named dictatorships can only be properly understood from a European perspective. The dictatorships influenced one another substantially. Furthermore, the specificities of the practices of each dictatorship can only be discerned if one can compare them to those of the other dictatorships. This approach requires strict adherence to the research methods of planning history and urban design theory. Meanwhile, these methods must be opened to include those of general historical studies.

With this symposium, the research group aims to further qualify this European perspective. The aim is to pursue an inventory of the various national historiographies on the topic of "urban design and dictatorship". This inventory should offer an overview on the general national level of historical research on urban design as well as on the level of particular urban design projects, persons or topics.

English will be the working language at the plenary session.

Direction: Harald Bodenschatz, Piero Sassi, Max Welch Guerra

### DAY 1 | Thursday 21st November 2013

8:30	Arrival, Coffee
9:00	Introduction Max Welch Guerra <i>Bauhaus-Institut, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar</i>
9:15	<b>Opening Remarks and Presentation of the Network ATRIUM (Architecture of Totalitarian Regimes of the XXth Century in Urban Management)</b> John Patrick Leech <i>Councillor for Culture, EU Politics and International Relations of the City of Forlì (Emilia Romagna)</i>
<b>Block I</b> <b>Moderation: Max Welch Guerra, Bauhaus-Institut</b>	
9:30	<b>Urban Design and Dictatorships: Overcoming Conceptual Hurdles</b> Harald Bodenschatz <i>Bauhaus-Institut, Center for Metropolitan Studies, Technische Universität Berlin</i>
10:00	<b>Urban Design in Rome from Fascism to the Postwar Period. History and Historiography</b> Marco Cremaschi, <i>Università Roma 3</i> Giulio Ernesti, <i>IUAV Venezia</i>
10:30	Coffee break
11:00	<b>On Architecture and Urbanism in the Early Years of Francoism</b> Carlos Sambricio <i>Departamento Composición Arquitectónica, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid</i>
11:30	Discussion
12:00	Guided visit through historical Bauhaus buildings
13:00	Lunch
<b>Block II</b> <b>Moderation: Christian von Oppen, Bauhaus-Institut</b>	
15:00	<b>Junior Scholars Present Their Work</b>
17:00	Coffee break
17:30	<b>Urban Planning in Portugal in the Mid-20th Century: The Work of Étienne de Groër</b> Teresa Marat <i>Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE)</i>
18:00	<b>Urbanism, Dictatorships and Historiography. A Forward Oriented Critique</b> Max Welch Guerra <i>Bauhaus-Institut, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar</i>

18:30 Discussion

19:00 **Presentation of the "Urbanism of European Dictatorships During the XXth Century Scientific Network" (UEDXX)**  
Piero Sassi  
*Bauhaus-Institut*

### DAY 2 | Friday 22nd November 2013

**Block III**  
**Moderation: Piero Sassi, Bauhaus-Institut**

9:00 **Junior Scholars Present Their Work**

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **The Newsreels and Their Role in Modernizing the City in Italy 1927-1937**  
Leonardo Ciacci  
*IUAV Venezia*

11:30 **Housing and Urban Planning Policy in Nazi Germany – a Partial Modernization Process?**  
Tilman Harlander  
*Institut für Wohnen und Entwerfen, Universität Stuttgart*

12:00 **Landscape and City During Fascism: Enrico Del Debbio's Foro di Mussolini**  
Maria Luisa Neri  
*Scuola di Architettura e Design „E. Vittoria“, Università di Camerino*

12:30 Discussion

13:00 Lunch

**Block IV**  
**Moderation: Daniela Spiegel, Bauhaus-Institut**

15:00 **The Spatial Production of Community in Francoist Postwar Spain: The Case of 'Colonia del Parque Móvil'**  
Alvaro Sevilla  
*Departamento de Urbanística y Ordenación del Territorio, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid*

15:30 **Built Stalinism? Periodization and Conceptualization**  
Thomas Flierl  
*Bauhaus-Institut, Universität Konstanz*

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Final discussion

17:30 Concluding Remarks by Harald Bodenschatz, Piero Sassi and Max Welch Guerra