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2nd International Workshop, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Interferences in Architecture and Urban Planning
Architectural Teaching and Research

Workshop Theme: Expressions - Behaviours - Communities
case studies, concepts, relationships, theories, and philosophies

date

JULY 14-16, 2013

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INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP 2nd edition

Announcement

We are pleased to launch the invitation to the second edition of *Questions*, a workshop series organized by the Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca. The events will take place on the 14th, 15th and 16th of July 2013.

WORKSHOP EVENTS

- 1st day – **diploma-project exhibition**
- 2nd day – **conference and roundtable**
- 3rd day – **guided sightseeing tour**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The **conference and roundtable** taking place on the 15th of July seek to gather international professionals and scholars active in architectural higher education, research, design and/or related areas, in order to explore their interferences and the challenges facing them. We invite contributions in the form of 20-minute presentations, addressing one or both of the two main topics:

- **roundtable:** concepts, processes and learning systems in architectural education, reflecting and responding to the current challenges of the built environment and professional realm;
- **conference:** objects, subjects and methods in architectural and urban planning research, in the frame of doctoral and/or other research programmes and contexts.

Proposals from scholars and Phd students/candidates in any area of the architectural humanities are most welcome.

Abstracts of papers, not exceeding 300 words, should be sent to questions@arch.utcluj.ro before the **15th of May**. The paper proposals should include a brief author(s)' presentation of about 100 words, as well as the author(s)' affiliation and contact information.

The language should be English or French.

Following review of the Scientific Committee, notifications of acceptance will be sent before the **20th of May**.

All the workshop events will be free to attend.

WORKSHOP THEME: Expressions - Behaviours - Communities

The space in which we live is formed in time, through superposition and accumulation. The physically established boundary between the public and the private property or between the inside and the outside is subdued. In contemporary architecture, the wall is no longer a limit. The community space is a setting of life, which supports through elements of language and significant gestures the life of a group of people, who, in the same time, as users, invest it with qualities and sometimes shape it, according to their own needs, interests, and exigencies, defining what we commonly call an identity. Once appropriated, that space becomes a physical expression of a specific history, of certain traditions and ideas. Through it, the past breathes, the present lives and the future is envisaged. Thus, the function, the role, and the significance of a built environment mean much more than being a valuable cultural, architectural or urban space. The symbolic value remains questionable, too. Centrality, however it may be defined, is contradicted by fluidity. The non-place opposes the place.

Therefore, speaking in these terms, we propose a challenging search for the potential sources that give us landmarks and identifying opportunities, and that shape a symbolic dimension of the space in which we live. We would like to seek together the significant spaces of the communities from yesterday and today, in a debate on the interferences and implications in architecture and / or urban planning.

POST-EVENT PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

After the event and following blind peer-review process, **the extended papers of both roundtable and conference** will be published in a Special Issue of the journal *Acta Technica Napocensis: Civil Engineering & Architecture* ISSN 1221-5848 (international indexed journal). In order to submit a scientific paper, you need to follow the [Guide for authors](#) and [Paper template](#). Please find these requirements on the homepage of the Journal: <http://constructii.utcluj.ro/ActaCivilEng/>.

Paper submission for this journal's Special Issue is due by **15th of September 2013**.

PRELIMINARY WORKSHOP PROGRAM

14 th of July		the opening of the diploma-project exhibition
14 th of July	18.30	Registration
	19.00	Conference and roundtable opening
	20.00	Dinner
15 th of July	09.30	Opening session
	10.30	Coffee break
	10.45	Parallel conference and roundtable sessions
	13.00	Lunch break
	14.30	Parallel conference and roundtable sessions
	16.30	Coffee break
	18.30	Conclusions
	19.30	Dinner
16 th of July	09.30	Guided sightseeing tour in Cluj-Napoca or surroundings

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