

reSITE 2016: Cities in Migration. Globe's best experts to bring to Prague solutions for cities

On June 16-17, Prague will be hosting one of the leading architecture and urbanist events in Europe. Most of the 49 world renowned experts who will speak at reSITE 2016: Cities in Migration have experienced migration themselves. Coming from 20 countries, they will bring innovative solutions and successful strategies for European and Western cities to come to terms painlessly with the influx of new residents. Carl Weisbrod, Chairman of the City Planning Commission of NYC, Professor Saskia Sassen, sociologist at Columbia University, and Michael Kimmelman, the Architecture Critic for The New York Times will come from New York City. A huge number of speakers will come from Germany. Besides the famous landscape architect, Martin Rein-Cano from Topotek 1, Berlin, we will meet one of the city planner of Munich and the co-founders of the initiative "Refugees Welcome."

reSITE will organize an urban planning game "Play the City" that will involve up to 800 conference participants in an innovative gaming technique of collaborative city planning. It will be the biggest game of its type ever organized, led by the game designer, urbanist Ekim Tan from Amsterdam. Affordable housing, a design for sustainable and resilient cities and the opportunities of migration in urban development, these are some of the key topics reSITE will explore. reSITE will offer a variety of free public events such as salon discussions, a bike-ride, workshop and a 5th anniversary Party!

New York City and German cities, leaders in dealing with migration

„Diversity is what makes cities like New York great, and I am missing it in Prague. A recent study in Bloomberg Businessweek suggested that cities that are more culturally diverse have higher wages and standards of living than those in cities that have less immigrants. I'm convinced that a more diverse city is a more livable, equitable and sustainable one. And, it's more interesting," says Martin Barry, landscape architect and founder and chairman of reSITE.

Germany will be one of the most represented countries. The famous landscape architect **Martin Rein-Cano**, who enchanted the world with his multicultural urban park Superkilen in Copenhagen will deliver a keynote speech. Municipality leaders from across Europe, for example one of the city planners of Munich, Martin Klamt will participate, as well. Social innovators and activists such as the co-founders of Refugees Welcome **Jonas Kakoschke** and **Mareike Geiling** will highlight their initiatives. Why? *„The German experience of migration is multifaceted; this is not only the dream target country for many migrants. There was an important migration between economically distinct Eastern and Western Germany after the reunification of the country,"* explains program director of reSITE **Osamu Okamura**.

Affordable housing as one of the major challenges for the future

Carl Weisbrod, New York City expert on zoning and Chairman of the NYC Planning Commission has over 35 years of experience. He has worked in Mayor Bloomberg and Mayor DeBlasio's administrations and was the key actor of major achievements of the last decades when NYC became safer, greener, more

economically vibrant city. His key policy now is to build 200,000 affordable housing units with \$1bn usd of public space investment.

New York-based architect **Mimi Hoang**, Harvard and M.I.T. alumni and visiting professor at Columbia University, is an expert on micro-unit housing. **Ursula Struppe** from Vienna will share the city strategy for integration. **Mascha Onderwater** from Amsterdam-based Bureau B+B was behind the transformation of Vienna main traffic artery Mariahilfer Strasse into pedestrian zone. Swedish architect **Krister Lindstedt** will show how citizens involvement can help solving even extreme cases: he is directing the relocation of the city of Kiruna due to extraction of natural resources.

Innovative game is an urban innovation

reSITE has designed an urban planning "board game" so that all participants (up to 800!) can interact and collaborate with each other to solve a challenge at reSITE, together. **"Play the City"** is an innovative gaming technique of collaborative city planning, that has been played in Amsterdam, Brussels, Istanbul and Cape Town. On Friday June 17, we will experience the biggest one ever. The game has been designed by urbanist and university professor, Ekim Tan, bringing all reSITE participants a new level of collaboration about how to be a city maker, how to think differently about their work, their ideas and plans. And, about how to make them happen.

49 experts from 20 countries will speak at reSITE. The list is available on <http://resite.cz/en/conference/>.

Top experts of their generation to meet in Prague. At the borders, migration can be photographed. In cities it can be solved. *"We decided that there was no more important topic in the world right now. Moreover, everyone is talking about migration at the borders. No one talks about the challenges cities face, and by the way - the opportunities cities have by accepting new residents,"* Martin Barry explains the choice of the theme.

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Among participants you will find:

17 architects: Martin Rein-Cano, Topotek 1 (Berlin), Mimi Hoang, nArchitects (NYC), Michal Sulo and Miriam Liskova, SLLA Architects (Bratislava), Mascha Onderwater, Bureau B+B (Amsterdam) and many more

7 urbanists: Carl Weisbrod (NYC), Martin Klamt (Munche), Krister Lindstedt, White Architects (Stockholm / Kiruna) and more

13 municipality leaders: Adriana Krnacova (Mayor, Prague), Ursula Struppe (Vienna), Anu Riila (Helsinki), Petra Kolinska (Praha), Petr Hlavacek, IPR (Praha)

17 university professors: Saskia Sassen (NYC), Kuba Snopek (Moscow/Warsaw), Lukas Feireiss, Studio Lukas Feireiss (Berlin) and many more

6 social activists and innovators: Jonas Kakoschke and Mareike Geiling, Refugees Welcome (Berlin), Marta Siciarek, Immigrant Support Center (Gdansk)

3 journalists or critics: Michael Kimmelman, The New York Times (NYC), Henry Foy, The Financial Times (Warsaw), Berrin Chatzi Chousein, World Architecture Community (Istanbul)

8 curators: Philip Horst and Matthias Einhoff, ZKU - Center for Art and Urban Studies (Berlin), Valentina Zotova, CANactions (Kyiv), Samu Szemerey, Design Terminal (Budapest), Egbert Fransen and Charlot Schans, New Europe - Cities in Transition, Pakhuis de Zwijger (Amsterdam)

3 real estate developers: Petr Palicka, Penta Investments (Prague), Omar Koleilat, Crestyl (Prague)

7 design and social innovators: Marcus Westbury, Renew Newcastle (Australia), Riccardo Conti and Joana Dabaj, Catalytic Action (London), Ekim Tan, Play the City (Amsterdam).

Most of the speakers play many roles and work across sectors.

Free services and information for participants

Regularly priced tickets are available until June 12. After this date the price will increase. Registration of 20 more student tickets (sold out category) has been opened.

Conference organizers will provide daycare and a kid's corner. A playful environment will be set inside the Forum Karlin venue and a professional staff will take care of children and babies from 6 months of age. The service will be free for conference participants.

Thanks to the partnership with Leo Express, registered participants can take advantage of free train ticket to Prague, no matter if they travel from other Czech cities or from abroad: Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine. The conference sessions will start on both days at 9.30 am, the registrations will open at 8.00. The sessions will end at 17.30 and will be followed by public events.

#reSITE2016 festival: free public events

reSITE 2016 will offer a variety of side events for the general public - salon discussions, workshops, a bike ride, and a party. All will take place alongside a 2-day international conference. reSITE 2016: Cities in Migration will be held in Forum Karlin and features dozens of experts and keynote speakers. reSITE will offer a unique opportunity to meet and discuss urban topics with them in person on June 16-17 at various public events organized around Prague. On Friday, June 17 the program will peak with an open-air party at pop-up bar Stalin at the Letna park (under the metronome) powered by Containall with DJs from the label Endless Illusion. reSITE supporters might also get little birdie tattoo, the creative brand of the 5th annual reSITE, which will focus on issue of migration and cities.

On Thursday June 16 and Friday June 17 at 7 pm two salon discussions with architects will be organized at Maharal Club, Emblem Hotel. First, Migrating Knowledge: Emergent City, moderator Philip Horst will invite to speak Mimi Hoang, Michal Sulo and Miriam Liskova from SLLA Architects or Martin Klamt, city planner from Munich. On Thursday also at 7 PM, Jakob Hurrle from Multicultural Center will be leading an evening workshop on integration and participation. On Friday evening at 6 pm you might take an urban 10 km-long bike ride co-organized by IPR and Rekola. Petr Kucera will lead you through contemporary architectural developments at Holesovice, Karlin, Liben, Rohanske waterfront or newly designed bridge in Troja. Friday at 7 PM will offer another salon debate at Maharal Club on advantages of diverse communities chaired by Mónica Márquez Bobadilla together with Marcus Westbury and Marta Siciarek. And Friday program will culminate at 9 pm with an exciting outdoor party at pop-up bar Stalin at Letna park, with Endless Illusion DJs. reSITE invites cordially all its friends and supporters to celebrate together 5 years of our efforts to make cities more livable places! The event is hosted by Containall.

VIDEO: See and share the reSITE 2016 [video trailer](#)! Creative direction by Yulia Yakushova, production and animation by Canal 180.

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reSITE: About Us

reSITE is a non-profit platform, supporting the understanding and synergies of urbanism, politics, culture and economics in the world where cities are incessantly growing. It presents the ideas and projects of internationally renowned experts to professionals and to the wider public. In the past four years and now in its fifth edition, reSITE has been inviting the world's top experts to Prague in the fields of urban planning, architecture and urban development, and political leaders of inspirational cities. reSITE is not a closed-door conference; it brings a multitude of side events, debates, film screenings, exhibitions and bike rides for the general public. reSITE was founded in 2011 by Martin Barry, landscape architect, originally from New York. reSITE's program director is architect Osamu Okamura.

Thanks to reSITE, over **2300** people have attended the conferences and more than **250** leading personalities from around the world have presented their views in Prague, such as **Cecil Balmond**, engineer and philosopher; **Jón Gnarr**, former mayor of Reykjavík; **Enrique Peñalosa**, former mayor of Bogotá; **Janette Sadik-Khan**, commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation; **Alexandros Washburn**, Chief Urban Designer of New York City, and **James Corner**, landscape architect and urban designer, both linked to the High Line project in NYC; **Craig Dykers** from the Norwegian studio Snohetta; **Michael Sorkin**, urbanist and architectural critic; **Reinier de Graaf**, urbanist from the cutting-edge studio OMA; **Michael Kimmelman**, architecture and urbanism critic from *The New York Times*; **Edward Glaeser**, professor and urban economist from Harvard University; **Adriaan Geuze**, architect and urbanist from studio West 8; **Greg Lindsay** from the World Economic Forum, and **Winy Maas**, of the leading Dutch architecture studio, MVRDV. They all contributed to making reSITE one of the biggest, the most innovative and most engaged festivals on urban design and development, public space and architecture in Europe.

WHAT: reSITE 2016 Cities in Migration

WHEN: June 16-17, 2016

WHERE: Forum Karlín, Pernerova 53, Prague 8, Czech Republic

REGISTRATION: Click [here](#) for more information and registration.

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