reSITE 2017: In/visible City will explore the anatomy of cities. Registrations open now for the biggest architecture and urban development event in CEE



reSITE 2017: In/visible City will focus on how the invisible shapes the visible in a city. On June 22-23, 2017 reSITE will host the sixth annual international conference for architects, urbanists, landscape architects, municipalities, real estate developers and city lovers that will take place in Forum Karlin, Prague. Its theme will focus on where design meets infrastructure and the presence of these vital systems in the architecture and landscape of cities. reSITE has been called the "most interactive architecture conference in the world," a design experience itself that will present dozens of international speakers including globally renowned architects. reSITE will bring inspirational practical solutions from major cities and showcase high quality projects from around the globe. A special 2-for-1 offer has been opened. The pricing policy is especially friendly with students and municipalities. At the same dates, reSITE will organize a festival in public space, offering a diverse selection of public events within Shared Cities: Creative Momentum, an associated EU project.

An invisible city under our feet

"The things that makes a city functional, that drive the economy and real estate investment, and consumes a consequent part of municipal budgets are often invisible. Like technical infrastructure such as data lines, water or waste management. If thought of as vital architecture and not simply technical infrastructure, the associated buildings can become icons in a city, and all kinds of infrastructures have a huge impact on our quality of life," Martin Barry explains the focus of the events. Exploring the secrets of a city will involve the intersection of built infrastructure and social infrastructure, or citizen participation tools that influence decision-making processes. What infrastructure makes a world-class city? We will study the interface of infrastructure with private developments and citizens, award-winning designs and smart approaches. Getting back to reSITE's beginnings, the organization is also preparing a public space intervention that will be a free surprise for Prague inhabitants.

"Infrastructure has thrust itself to the center of the political debate in America and with the election of Mr. Trump, the topic is more poignant than ever. Infrastructure expenditures in the US - decades behind counterparts in European and Asian cities - should bring the U.S. into the 21st century by focusing on smart technical infrastructure, high speed rail, multi-modal transport centers, airports and alternative transport in cities," says Martin Barry who has chosen Prague as his second home, moving from NYC.

"We can build to invest in smart, environmentally friendly, equitable infrastructure, promoting trains, mass transit, streets and civil society or we can turn infrastructure into just another cash machine for wealthy investors and accelerate sprawl and all the unhealthy development that has gotten us into the crises we are in now. Deciding which will decide our future and fate." Michael Kimmelman, Architecture Critic, The New York Times.

This was reSITE 2016: VIDEO

The conference that attracts around 40 speakers and over one thousand visitors stands out by its overlaps across sectors and mix of people, young and old. Its objectives are to advocate for a private sector that is thoughtful about the public space, a public sector that can set sustainable and clear conditions for development, leadership and a stable legislative framework, and design that works across sectors from culture to economics. reSITE shows good practices and successful solutions for the built environment that are usually built on a bottom-up participation process with economic data analysis and civic leadership.

reSITE, a design experience, interaction and diversity

"reSITE is a design experience that pushes the limits of how we think about city making and helps to find new opportunities, partners, collaborators and ways to improve our cities. The conference will feature keynote lectures, discussions and shorter interactive formats with a rich use of multimedia," Osamu Okamura explains the program strategy. "In 2017 we will organize more workshops and roundtables and answer how to make the infrastructures architecturally appealing and economically viable, how to plan for cities with a growing population and what will be the smart, efficient and transparent management of these in the nearest future." reSITE will help identify the latest trends and innovations, and the impact of a successful infrastructure on the quality of life.

Online registrations open

The registrations have been opened with a special 2-for-1 offer valid until January 6. The tickets are available in 3 categories: for professionals, municipalities & NGOs and students. VIP packages are also on sale.

What: reSITE 2017: In/visible City

When: June 22-23, 2017

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

Info: http://resite.cz/en/

Registrations: http://resite.cz/en/registration/



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Shared Cities: Creative Momentum during reSITE

Around the dates of reSITE 2017 several public events will be produced within Shared Cities: Creative Momentum project. The four-year project co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the EU Shared Cities: Creative Momentum is on a mission to improve the quality of life in European cities. By exploring aspects of sharing and urban design we are creating new ways of living in our cities. Together. The details and events will be communicated on http://www.sharedcities.eu and the events across 6 countries and 11 partners can be followed under the hashtags #SharedCities a #SCCM2020.

About reSITE

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 **3100** people have attended the conferences and more than 300 leading personalities from around the world have presented their views in Prague, such as **Professor Saskia Sassen of Columbia University**; Cecil Balmond, engineer and philosopher; Jón Gnarr, former mayor of Reykjavík; Enrique Peńalosa, former mayor of Bogotá; Janette Sadik-Khan, commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation; **architect of the Superkilen park, Martin Rein-Cano**; 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.

About Shared Cities: Creative Momentum

Shared Cities: Creative Momentum (SCCM) is a European cultural platform addressing the contemporary urban challenges of European cities. SCCM is a joint project of Goethe-Institut (DE), Czech Centres (CZ), reSITE (CZ), Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava (SK), Association of Belgrade Architects (RS), Hungarian Contemporary Architecture Centre – KÉK (HU), Katowice City of Gardens (PL), KUNSTrePUBLIK (DE), Mindspace (HU), Old Market Hall Alliance (SK), Res Publica – Cities Magazine (PL). Co-funded by the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union.



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