

reSITE brings top architects and infrastructure experts to Prague



One of the most respected architects in the world, Kazuyo Sejima, from Tokyo-based studio SANAA, and the architect and professor Teddy Cruz are the first keynote speakers announced for the upcoming reSITE conference. Deputy Mayor of Paris, Jean-Louis Missika, in addition to 40 global experts will speak in Prague. The annual event that aims to improve the urban environment will explore smart and inspiring solutions, infrastructure and urban innovations that are sometimes invisible to citizens. „*This is a dream line-up, we have been trying to bring these guests for over two years,*“ reveals Martin Barry, reSITE’s Chairman and an awarded urbanist himself. Europe’s most interactive architecture and cities forum, reSITE 2017: In/visible City will take place on June 22-23 at Prague’s Forum Karlin.

“We will make the connections visible between the invisible infrastructure that drives real estate, cultural and economic development in smarter cities.” Martin Barry, reSITE’s Chairman.

The unbearable lightness of sustainable building. And controversy

Japanese architect **Kazuyo Sejima**, Principal of the studio SANAA, marked history by being the second woman to win the Pritzker Prize, the “nobel prize of architecture,” and the first female curator of the prestigious Venice Architecture Biennale, in 2010. She is the architect of the New Museum in NYC, the Naoshima Ferry Terminal in Japan, and Rolex Learning Center in Lausanne. She has created dozens of award-winning designs around the world using glass, metallic and concrete surfaces – causing fascinating interactions with surrounding public space. She has also designed several elegant infrastructure projects, an invisible train and whimsical furniture for leading brands such as Vitra.

Guatemala-born American architect, **Teddy Cruz**, Principal at Estudio Teddy Cruz + Forman and professor at the University of California San Diego, will address the highly controversial topic of Donald Trump’s dividing wall on the US-Mexican border. Together with his research partner professor **Fonna Forman**, Director of the Center on Global Justice at the University of California, they will present how this infrastructure – the wall – affects the urban development, urban economies, architecture and the lives of communities of San Diego and Tijuana.

Paris Deputy Mayor **Jean-Louis Missika**, in charge of urban planning, architecture and attractiveness, will give a special lecture about Reinvent Paris, one of world's biggest and most ambitious urban development projects fully based on participation of the community and developers that defined new uses for as many as 23 city-owned sites. A useful example for cities of all sizes.

Lighting designer **Leni Schwendinger**, Associate Principal & Global Urban Lighting Leader at Arup, will lead in Prague one her famous NightSeeing™ guided walks. reSITE has also invited **Kathryn Gustafson**, landscape architect and founding partner at Gustafson Porter + Bowman, London, and Gustafson Guthrie Nichol based in Seattle. Her work includes the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain, Cultuurpark Westergasfabriek in Amsterdam, Seattle City Hall Plaza and many more major projects.



Infrastructure and smart data for the future smart cities

Martina Ableidinger from the municipality of Vienna will share state-of-the-art strategies in sustainable waste management that results in consequent energy savings, cleaner streets or re-use of still functional household equipment.

reSITE will also meet information architects **Amanda Taylor** and **Jacopo Hirschstein** from London-based practice Tekja to talk about smart data infrastructure. They have designed a situation room for the City of Prague that generates visualization of real time data provided by inhabitants.

Online registrations open

The registrations have been opened and discounted rates will last until the April 30. Tickets are available in 3 categories: professionals, municipalities/NGOs and students. VIP packages are also on sale. In addition to lectures and discussions, reSITE has designed its most innovative program yet with interactive games, workshops, roundtables, and 1:1 meetings with experts.

What: reSITE 2017: In/visible City

When: June 22-23, 2017

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

Program partner: **Prague Institute of Planning and Development**

Premium Partner: **Penta Investments**

Auspices: **City of Prague**

In/visible City is organized by reSITE as part of the project **Shared Cities: Creative Momentum**.

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About reSITE

reSITE is a non-profit platform, supporting the understanding and synergies of architecture, urbanism, politics, culture and economics. It presents the ideas and projects of internationally renowned experts to professionals and to the wider public.

For the past five years, 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.



About Shared Cities: Creative Momentum

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 www.sharedcities.eu and the events across 6 countries and 11 partners can be followed under the hashtags #SharedCities and #SCCM2020.

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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