

## The world's most influential architects and tours of Prague's underground at reSITE 2017

For its sixth edition, reSITE is preparing a 360-degree custom podium to showcase 54 of the world's leading architects; investors; mayors; economists; and chiefs of transportation, water and waste management companies. They will explore infrastructure topics under the banner of the In/visible City.

Participants will experience a once in a lifetime moment when meeting the Japanese Pritzker Prize winner, architecture's highest praise, Kazuyo Sejima of SANAA. Additionally, respected American architect Teddy Cruz and the newly announced Winy Maas will present their latest award-winning work.

Invisible infrastructure is an underlying theme. The general public will be able to explore all secrets of the invisible city, thanks to over one dozen guided tours of underground city infrastructure, and the very first NightSeeing™ in Prague with Leni Schwendinger. Between June 21st and 25th, Prague will be the very center of a global discussion about the future of our cities.

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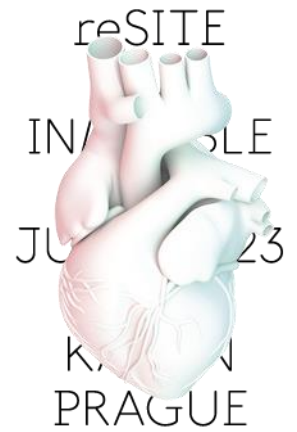
(Unique footage of Prague is inspired by Danny Boyle)

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#### **Best of the best at reSITE**

Architect Kazuyo Sejima, Deputy Mayor of Paris Jean-Louis Missika, transportation hubs specialist Caroline Bos, the urban economist Gabriel Ahlfeldt from LSE, or the acclaimed US urbanist Teddy Cruz. These five influential voices in designing cities and other 50 admired architects, experts and inspiring mayors will meet at the 6th annual reSITE conference on the In/visible City at Forum Karlin, a venue designed by Ricardo Bofill. Winy Maas will also give a special lecture on June 23. More than a half of the speakers are women.

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*"Infrastructure is literally the beating heart and veins of the city. We're looking to expose the design of infrastructure while stressing that we need to think about it as an investment tool for private and cultural development in the city,"* explains reSITE's Chairman Martin Barry. This year's exceptional program offers 11 interactive workshops and 3 discussion panels, moderated by brilliant editors of leading media such as Monocle, The Atlantic Citylab and Forbes. reSITE will confirm its position of one of the most interactive architecture events.

With the help of digital apps, fieldwork, smart devices and 1:1 scale building sets, the participants will explore the potential of unpleasant neighborhoods (Just Add People), try to save the ferry between two Prague's districts Holesovice and Karlín (Luxus for all!), give back the public space occupied by cars to pedestrians (Highways to Hell), display and visualize city data, improve citizen's engagement in public space, discuss the sharing economy with Shareable and address the future of the brownfield area around Smichov Railway Station. All the workshops are organized as part of Shared Cities: Creative Momentum project and are included in the regular registration fee for the conference.

### Free events for the public

In addition to the conference, there are 17 extra day and nighttime events planned for the public. On June 21st, global urban lighting expert Leni Schwendinger will lead her first NightSeeing™ tour through the streets of Prague's Old Town and riverbank. The evening program will feature several bar crawls to different legendary places in four Prague's neighborhoods, including Old Town, as well as the most dynamic places of Letna and Holesovice. Bar crawls will be followed by a party in one of the most charming Renaissance courtyards, the Bokovka wine bar.

During the weekend on Saturday and Sunday (June 24-25), anyone can enjoy free tours of "invisible Prague". This includes exploring Prague's underground and infrastructures with the insights of experienced guides. *"We wanted the visitors of reSITE to experience and touch the inner structure of the city, as we usually don't even realize its existence as far as everything is functioning,"* explains Osamu Okamura, reSITE's Program Director. The tours will include a trip on the old subway train, visits of waste and water treatment plants, or a graffiti workshop in the stock of urban furniture. The public is also invited to discover the Big Bang Data exhibition in the DOX Center for Contemporary Art.

### Practical information

#### Most of the events require a ticket or pre-registration

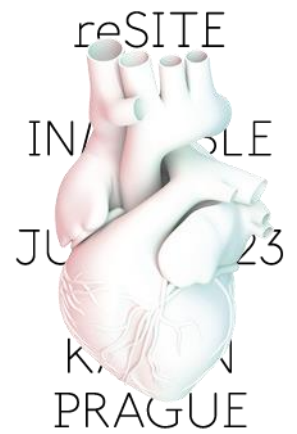
- Tickets for the two-day reSITE conference at Forum Karlín (June 22-23) are available in three price levels for professionals, municipalities, non-profit organizations and students. Workshops, conference materials, meals for both days, application and preferential offers for other events are included in the fees. Registration is done online at [reSITE.org](http://reSITE.org).
- Registration is available on GoOut.cz for: Bar Crawls, Salon lecture Restless Influence: Introduction to Instagram Best Practice, and free events like NightSeeing™ and tours of Prague infrastructure.

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### Meet the speakers of reSITE 2017

**Kazuyo Sejima**, the second woman to win the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2010 and the first woman in history to take on the curatorship of the Architecture Biennale of Venice. Her keynote lecture will focus on her recent cultural and educational structures, serving as a rather invisible field for human activity. These include Louvre Museum in Lens, Grace Farms in Connecticut or newly planned National Gallery in Budapest. SANAA is also competing to redesign Veletržní Palác in Prague.

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**Jean-Louis Missika**, Deputy Mayor of Paris, is the leading personality of Reinvent Paris project, one of the most ambitious urban redevelopment initiatives. Within one call, the City of Paris found investors and new use for 24 city-owned sites at strategic locations.

**Winy Maas**, Dutch architect, landscape architect and urbanist, co-founding Director of MVRDV who designed the Markthal in Rotterdam.

**Kathryn Gustafson** is a landscape architect, known for her contextual design work that blends seamlessly into the physical environment, biology, climate and cultural history of the site. She is responsible for projects such as the Princess Diana Memorial in Hyde Park London and Millennium Park Chicago.

**Teddy Cruz** and **Fonna Forman** are co-principals of the Estudio Teddy Cruz + Forman, which rethinks urban policies and infrastructures. Together they study the impacts of the border wall between San Diego and Tijuana and elaborate on the political, cultural and mental borders shaping our cities.

**Caroline Bos** co-founded the UNStudio in Amsterdam, globally renowned for their large railways and transit hubs such as Arnhem Central Station, urban redevelopment projects, creating new connected and well networked city centers for the cities of the future.

**Adriana Krnáčová**, Mayor of Prague, promotes Smart Cities policy and collaborates with international experts to rethink the city planning for a more efficient and livable Prague.

**Leni Schwendinger**'s work focuses on urban lighting and the city at night. How can sensitive and innovative lighting designs change the perception of public space? Her NightSeeing™ tours give a deep understanding of the lighting tools and the nightscape of the city potential.

**Marlena Happach** is the chief planner of Warsaw, a city that has gone through a period of fast development and innovation.

**Martina Ableidinger** leads the waste management department of the City of Vienna, contributing to the cleanliness and functioning of the city. She will present the complex reuse, recycle and upcycle infrastructure and policy of the one of the most livable cities.

**Amanda Taylor** and **Jacopo Hirschein** are the co-founders of the Tekja studio in London, which creates patterns, visuals and interactive installations from real-time collected social networks data, in order to understand better the instant emotions of citizens. Tekja will present the Prague Control Room project and lead a data visualization oriented workshop.

#### Request your press pass

Editors and reporters are welcome at reSITE! Request your press pass by June 16 at [press@resite.cz](mailto:press@resite.cz) so that the discussion and best ideas about making cities better places can reach even more audiences. Should there be an excess demand of requests, long-term interest in topics related to urban development and in reSITE activities will be taken into consideration. Please specify your editorial plan and if you are interested in interviewing any of the announced speakers or reSITE leaders.

What: **reSITE 2017: In/visible City**

When: June 22-23, 2017 (conference), June 21-25 (public events)

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

Premium Partner: **Penta Investments**

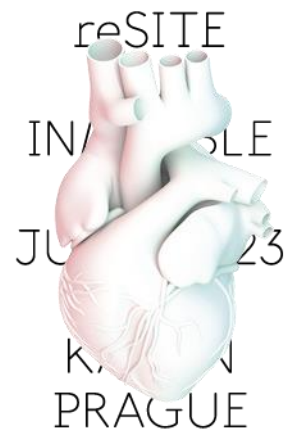
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### About reSITE

reSITE is a non-profit platform that is 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](http://www.sharedcities.eu) and the events across 6 countries and 11 partners can be followed under the hashtags #SharedCities a #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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