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## reSITE and Airbnb partner on a new multi-city dialogue series

*"We are agents of change; of identifying it, of embodying it."* Martin Barry, reSITE's Chairman

*"Rapid urbanization and the resultant influx into big cities require fresh thinking and a new and innovative approach to urban planning. The efficient use of resources is a critical consideration in this regard. Equally important is countering anonymity and bringing people closer together again."* Alexander Schwarz, Country Manager, Airbnb Germany

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On December 1<sup>st</sup>, reSITE will host an evening salon "My City / Your City: Constraints of the Collective," co-curated by Lukas Feireiss and in partnership with Airbnb. This is the kickoff event in a pilot series that will focus on sharing, innovation and cohesion in cities. Four international guests from art, architecture and creative fields will seek inspiring and innovative models of urban and architectural development that benefits more people.

### Discussing the Constraints of the Collective

The panel discussion 'My City / Your City' will critically explore the design and experience of heterogeneous urban space that plays a crucial role in intelligently responding to the plurality of the city. Four international thought leaders from arts and architecture, who tend to swim against the current, will bring those questions into broader perspective. The discussion will be moderated by one of them, the Berlin-born curator and writer Lukas Feireiss. *"Every city strives from this diversity: It needs consensus as much as it needs conflict as its enabling forces,"* explains Lukas Feireiss.

The event will take place in the Freunde von Freunden Friends Space and includes a party and DJ. The Salon is open to social innovators, architects, researchers, journalists, students, artists, cultural and municipal leaders, and everybody else who is concerned about a better future of our cities. The entry is free upon registration.

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## Guests

### Martin Rein-Cano

*"Many people wish to live in their city in a stable harmony. The conflicts of a society reveal themselves in a park,"* says the creator of one of the most exciting and diverse squares on the planet, Superkilen Park in Copenhagen. Enfant terrible of today's landscape architecture and urbanism world, Martin Rein-Cano is the Founder and Managing Partner of Topotek1 in Berlin.

**Anna Scheuermann** is most recently known for her curation of Making Heimat at La Biennale di Venezia in 2016. The work was internationally lauded for its timeliness and provocation. She is an architect, curator and author working with DAM, the German architecture museum in Frankfurt a/M.

Dutch artist and writer **Charlie Koolhaas** is intrigued by the *"tensions that arise from the clashing together of differing ideologies and lifestyles."* She documents the process through which multi-culturalism spurns new cultural hybrids, examining the meaning of 'identity' at a time when identities are constantly dissolved and re-made.

**Lukas Feireiss** is a curator, writer and educator. His Berlin-based creative practice Studio Lukas Feireiss focuses on the cultivation of contemporary cultural reflexivity through the discussion and mediation of architecture, art and visual culture in the urban realm. He teaches at various universities worldwide, and is the director of the Master's programme Radical Cut-Up at Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam.  
*"The city as a commons is a shared resource that belongs to all of its inhabitants, and as such should be actively shaped by everyone, often considered a possible answer to rampant privatization and top-down decision making. When there is an 'us', there is always a 'them,' and the threat of isolation for those not integrated or included."*

## Program

19:00-19:30	Welcome drinks
19:30	Welcome Address: Martin Barry   reSITE; Alexander Schwarz   Airbnb
19:45-21:00	Panel discussion with international guests
21:00-22:00	Cocktail Party and DJ Sasha Michailidis, former director of Prague legendary Radio 1

WHAT: My City / Your City | Constraints of the Collective

VENUE: Freunde von Freunden Friends Space,

Glogauer Straße 2, 10999 Berlin

WHEN: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, 7 pm – 10 pm

INFO & REGISTRATIONS: [Click here](#)

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POWERED BY: reSITE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Airbnb

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Goethe-Institut Prag, Studio Lukas Feireiss

## 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, through events, media and consultancy. For the past six years, reSITE became a leading voice in Europe in the field of rethinking urban planning, architecture and urban development, attracting political leaders of inspirational cities to its Prague's flagship event. Being a bottom-up start-up, reSITE connects leaders across disciplines and 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.

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## About Airbnb



Founded in 2008, Airbnb's mission is to create a world where people can belong when they travel by being connected to local cultures and having unique travel experiences. Its community marketplace provides access to millions of unique accommodations from apartments and villas to castles and treehouses in more than 65,000 cities and 191 countries.

With Experiences, Airbnb offers unprecedented access to local communities and interests, while Places lets people discover the hidden gems of a city as recommended by the people that live there. Airbnb is people powered and the easiest way to earn a little extra income from extra space in a home or from sharing passions, interests and cities.

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