Transforming Cities

Three Cases



March 11th 6 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. Hörsaal 1

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Invitation for an evening symposium, Zurich University of the Arts, Toni Areal, March 11th, 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m., Hörsaal 1

Global and rapidly growing urbanization leads to numerous challenges and problems, but also fosters innovative and sustainable opportunities and solutions. A new generation of creatives embraces these opportunities for transformation, using research, participative planning methods, and art and design as action tools.

The International Affairs Dossier of the Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK) would like to look into these phenomena as part of an event dedicated to the transformation process of cities from different aspects and in different regions. To that end, three experts will present their approaches that imply urban and environmental transformation, which both enable social development.

Transformation out of Resilience: Medellín Case

Ana Maria Villegas Ramirez, Medellin, Colombia

Ana Maria Villegas Ramirez is a Social Innovation Professional, residing in Medellin, Colombia. Ana works for "Ruta N" and describes the urban and social transformation of Medellin, from one of the most violent and dangerous places to the "Most Innovative City 2013". She will present the social transformation of "Moravia", a complex urban neighbourhood in Medellin.

Social, Environmental, Governance: search for a method

Hubert Klumpner, Zurich, Switzerland

Hubert Klumpner is Professor of Architecture and Urban Design at ETHZ. Klumpner and his team are developing methods, tools and projects with a long term commitment in alliances with governments and NGO's. They combine teaching, research, and production to generate impact for socially responsive urbanism. They realize and test approaches for integrated infrastructure, housing and public spaces with local stakeholders networks in post-crisis, and risk areas. Projects are being developed in South-Africa, South America, and Eastern Europe.

The Transformative Power of Cities: Toni Campus and the Western District of Zurich

Janine Schiller, Zurich, Switzerland

Janine Schiller is a cultural scientist and architectural historian and a researcher at the Zurich University of the Arts. She conducted a research project "Transformative power of cities. Art and design in the context of urban change processes". This close look on the urbanization on a local level is discussed against a global background, and reflects on the interaction of universities and urban development.

Organized by the International Affairs ZHdK. The event will be in English.