

## **Report from the International Conference on Architectural Culture and Society & Housing London (United Kingdom), 29-30 November 2019**

The Annual SPACE International Conference on Architectural Culture and Society & Housing was held from the 29th to 30th of November 2019 in Docklands Academy in London. This year's motive for the conference is the meaning of space in terms of social architecture. The event was organised by the SPACE Studies of Planning and Architecture Institute in central London. The organisation which was established with a mission to build multi-layered bridges through space and architecture. The participants of the annual meeting were hosted from around the world in the Docklands Academy located in the unique outskirts of London.

The two-day conference was opened on the first day by the SPACE Studies of Planning and Architecture Committee with the opening speech of Dr Pinar Engunean. After that, Dr Michael E. Leary-Owhin delivered the keynote lecture: "The City, Spaces of Difference and Henri Lefebvre" which touched the case of publicness and quasi-public space. The second person in this opening panel was Cynthia Musafili-Wright from Australia with her speech "Building Communities Initiative". No words can sum up the passion and creativity of this lecturer about the current situation in Africa with proposed solutions that might change countless lives there. The opening section finished with a short but very edifying coffee break.

The first session was fully devoted to the topic of architectural culture and society. Laila Sabsabiova was the first one to introduce her topic: "A reading of the phenomena of continuous space in architecture in the 20th century". The next speaker, Yusfan Adeputera Yusran talked about "Visual and Spatial Aspect of Translocated Jaavanese's Omah in Kampong Djawi Wonosalam". The last presenter in this session was Melek Demiroz with his speech: "Evaluation on Public Space Notion with Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Through Non-Place Phenomena".

The second session which focused on the housing in a broad sense was represented by three specialists: Foyuan Li and Jian Dai presented speech "Research on Residential Space Design Based on Shared Housing". Next, Iris Reuther and Andrea Jany with a presentation titled: "Conceptual Proceeding: From Theory to Practice: New Design Practises in Residential Buildings".

The last one in this session were Lidiana Maria Batista, Hugo Farias and Joao Branco Pedro with their speech "Flexibility Analysis of Tiny Houses".

After the lunch break, the third session started. In this part, there were four speeches widely focused on spatial development and the effect on changing housing policies. Santa Freeman presented the speech "Spatial Development of Riga 21st Century Residential Environment". Afua Wilcox and Amira Osman delivered a speech "When Two Worlds Collide: Reflections on Informally Occupied Inner-City Buildings and How They Could Become Catalysts for Inclusive Hou-

sing in Johannesburg". Cansu Korkmaz and H. Filiz Alkan Meshur gave a speech "The Effects of Changing Housing Policies on Urban Space and Housing Problem in Turkey". The last one in this session were Bambang Purwoko Kusumo Bintoro, Tri Susanto, Eli Jamilah Mihardja, Mirsa Diah Novianti, Jouvan Chandra Pratama Putra who presented speech based on their long-term research "Sustainable Development: A Pilot Study Regarding Factors Considered on Low-Cost Health Housing in Jakarta, Indonesia". In that way, the participants finished the whole day lectures and discussions.

On the second day of the conference, the sessions were held in the same friendly and well-organised way. The first two morning sessions were planned to cover the topics of modern housing and current research on architectural culture and society. During the fourth session, the following speeches were delivered by Side Kanyar "Architecture as a Cultural Discourse: An Assessment on the Impact of the Globalization on Junction Between Culture and Material Structure of the Cities", Jakub Adamczewski (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan) with his speech „Between Church and City Hall. Where Should We Build Our Schools?" and last but not least, Sanaz Shobeiri "Human-Nature-Human Interactions in Urban Parks – Case Study".

After the short break, there was a time for another, the fifth session dedicated to modern housing. The first project was presented by the group of architects: Jouvan Chandra Pramata Putra, Bambang Purwoko Kusumo Bintoro, Tri Susanto, Eli Jamilah Mihardja, Mirsa Diah Novianti titled "Study of Significant Factors in Low-Cost and Healthy Housing". Next one was Imane Hamdi and Meriem Chabou-Othmani with their speech on "Recognition of The Appropriation of Space as a Right to the City in Algeria: Informal Self-Construction, From Demolition to Regularization. What Role for Civil Society?". The section ended with "Impact of Globalisation on Housing and Its Inhabitants" presented by Harshita Deo.

Later on, participants could take part in a joint session which was in the form of virtual presentations. In this part, there were four speeches dedicated to the theory and practice of housing and society architecture supported by several case studies. The following presentations were as followed: Tugba Ozer with "Window as a Tool for Framing a View", Naeem Abrar with her speech "Contemporary Architecture in Historical Context Guidelines from Important International Charters", Arti Jaiswal, Anjali Gupta and Jayshri Gautam presented speech on "Enhancing Rental Housing Provision for Indian Cities – a Case of Bhopal City in India" and the last one presented by Canay Tuncer Yildirim and Ahsen Ozsoy "The Origins of Kitchen Office Space and Its Reflections on Modern Turkish Housing".

The sixth session started right after the part of the virtual presentations. The following academics delivered a speech: Cisem Soylu "Importance of Interior Space Setup in Exhibition Spaces: A New Hopelessness by Sener Ozmen in Pilevneli Gallery Istanbul as a Reverse Exemplar, Chunhui Zheng and Qi Wang "Metaphorical Expression of Building from the Museum Content" and the last but not least, Naime Esra Akin with her presentation "Using Social Media Data for The Cultural and Social Sustainability in Architecture".

The last session of the conference was dedicated to the new findings in architectural culture and society. The final presentations were given by Melissa Di Giovanni "A Proposed Conceptual Framework of Drawing Ability: Implication for Research in Design Education", Valter Fabietti and Carlo Pozzi "The Minimum Urban Structure" and the last one from Mohammed Alghafis, Eshrar Latif and Magda Sibley about "A Review of Existing Literature on Architectural Identity of Saudi".

The SPACE International Conference on Architectural Culture and Society & Housing in London was one of the best global meetings of theoreticians and practitioners in a field of architecture, sociology, political science and education I was the part of. The SPACE Institute was able to create a great space for exchanging thoughts and experiences among scientists from around the world. The presented ideas and solutions I believe can change the world. Even the conference ended, I am looking forward to the next editions of this conference in the future.

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