

# ACTORS AND AGENCY

## Co-producing the Built Future

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This theme explores the political and spatial toolkit needed to co-produce the future city fostering participatory and subsidiary decision-making about places and cities.

## INTRODUCTION AND AIMS

**Although their triggers may be global, the defining economic, socio-political and environmental challenges of today are manifest locally rather than at the scale of the nation state. This localisation makes the challenges conceptually tangible and their responses imaginable, as both policies and concrete projects for spaces. Hence, urban discourse promotes political city autonomy on the one hand, and participation beyond a mere meeting of top-down and bottom-up on the other, as the most effective and appropriate response framework for these challenges and for urban development in general.**

Such an 'opening-up' of decision-making will not only require the encouragement of engagement – from newcomers and transient inhabitants as much as from those long-committed to a place but also expert facilitation and synthesis of this engagement into co-produced visions for the future.

Which tools can replace the static, abstract and mistrusted masterplan? Which participation instruments can carry the process of commissioning public buildings and spaces or awarding industry contracts assuring accountability in the process? Can architects and planners be educated as facilitators and co-conceivers of such new tools and processes? How can room for experimentation (and failure) be afforded – in terms of time, space and budget?

## ANCB FORMATS

### Public Debates

Concise presentations jumpstart an interdisciplinary exchange between peers, involving a public audience. Our public debates are not about showcasing portfolios. Instead, key figures from architecture, planning, research, governance, industry, civil society and the arts take on topics ranging from climate change to the social fragmentation of our societies, anchored in the discussion of the built environment. ANCB's public debates aim at generating an understanding of the complex issues our cities and regions are facing today.

<b>Lab Talk</b>	Two-hour evening talks – as one-off events or a series – consisting of three to four short presentations and a moderated discussion with an interdisciplinary panel
<b>Symposium</b>	All-day events consisting of several panels
<b>Exhibition Talk</b>	Lectures and discussions in conjunction with Aedes exhibitions
<b>Book Presentation</b>	Book launches with talks involving the protagonists of the publication and a book sale

### Workshops

<b>University Design Studio</b>	Students from ANCB's international partner universities and their teachers explore a globally relevant topic through specific case study sites and/or building typologies in Berlin over a two to eight-week period. The studios are enriched with lectures and urban tours tailored to the specific topic and the outcomes are presented to our local network.
<b>Round Table</b>	Closed expert colloquia accompanying public debates to prepare them or deepen their outcomes
<b>Metro Lab</b>	Workshops with students or young professionals lasting up to a week in combination with a public debate
<b>Junior Campus</b>	Workshops to introduce children and youth to the perception of architecture and urban space and to foster an interest in design through cultural education and aesthetic development

### Collaborative Projects

ANCB and a partner from industry, governance or research collaboratively explore a particular architectural or urban question over a one to three-year period with bespoke enquiry formats including a combination of lab talks, symposia, design studios, round tables and publications.

### Publications & Outputs

ANCB collects, edits and shares the processes, ideas and proposals created in its programme and invites others to contribute their experience. A unique knowledge resource, the ANCB archive includes publications, research reports and video recordings.

## PROJECTS SO FAR

### 2021

Lab Talk Series: **Innen.Stadt.Leben** with caspar. Cologne, Hamburg

Lab Talk: **BUILDING COMMUNITIES. A Danish-German Laboratory** for Housing with the Danish Embassy Berlin, the Danish Arts Foundation and Realdania on the occasion of the Danish State Visit in Germany

Lab Talk: **Ein eigenständiges Bundesbauministerium für Deutschland?**

### 2020

Exhibition Talk: **STAGING THE NEXT GENERATION. The Russian Biennale as a Tool to Promote Young Architects**

Exhibition Talk: **Our Urban Living Room - Cobe, Copenhagen**

### 2019

Symposium: **Vielfalt mit System. Wohnformen für eine nachhaltige Stadtentwicklung** with WBM Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Berlin-Mitte mbH

Lecture: **Open Architecture: Migration, Citizenship, and the Urban Renewal of Berlin-Kreuzberg by IBA 1984/87**

ANCB Anniversary Symposium: **Recovery Spaces. How Architecture Creates a Better Living**

Exhibition Talk: **INTENCITY Dialogue** with Jean-Paul Viguier, Paris and Martha Thorne, Madrid

### 2018

Lab Talk: **FUTURE OF LIVING - URBAN AGRICULTURE - CULTURAL MEMORY: How to learn, act and innovate together across cultures and continents?** with Citymakers China-Germany

Book Presentation: **Reinier de Graaf, OMA: Four Walls and a Roof**

Symposium: **Mit System in der Mitte. Stadtquartiere nachhaltig und innovativ entwickeln** with WBM Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Berlin-Mitte mbH

### 2017

Workshop: **The Perfect City Block: How do we want to live together (in the future)?** with Bucerius Summer School/ZEIT-Stiftung, Hamburg

Exhibition: **Neues Wohnen für Berlin! Projekte der HOWOGE Wohnungsbaugesellschaft**

Exhibition Talk: **Future Urbanisms, Genetic Cities** with Thom Mayne, Los Angeles and Aaron Betsky, Scottsdale

### 2016

Symposium: **Mit System nach oben** with WBM Wohnungsbaugesellschaft Berlin-Mitte mbH

Red Carpet Event: **Peter Cook Enjoys Being Silly**

Lab Talk and Exhibition: **Hoffnung bauen. Ein Haus für geflüchtete Waisen Kinder im Nord-Irak** with TU Braunschweig and the network Mala Heviya/Haus der Hoffnung

Workshop: **Urban (in)securities. Science. Fiction. International Politics** with Bucerius Summer School/ZEIT-Stiftung, Hamburg

Collaborative Project: **Urban (in)securities** with Nadine Godehardt, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin and ZEIT-Stiftung, Hamburg (2016-17)

### 2015

Collaborative Project: **Taksim, Tahrir, Occupy & Co. Interdependencies Between Urban Space, Society and International Politics in Times of Crisis** with Nadine Godehardt, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin and ZEIT-Stiftung, Hamburg

Dialogue: **Das Kulturforum. Baukultur ohne Verfahrenskultur?** Nikolaus Bernau in conversation with Volkwin Marg

Exhibition Talk: **Medellín: Topography of Knowledge. Urban Transformation Through Collective Processes**

Lab Talk and Round Table: **The Politics of Practice-Oriented** with Technische Universität Berlin, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg, University College London and Urban Lab+

Lab Talk Series: **Critical Dialogue Series: The New Urban Agenda 'on the ground'** with Katleen De Flander, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam

Book Presentation: **Partizipation macht Architektur. Potenziale und Grenzen** with Baupiloten, Berlin

## 2015

Lecture: **Architecture - Urban Planning - Social Diversity: A Transatlantic Dialogue with Roberta Washington**

## 2014

Book Presentation: **Transforming Cities. Urban Interventions in Public Space** with the Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment Berlin

Exhibition Talk: **Inflexión / Turning Point. The Transformation Process in Spanish Architecture**

Book Presentation: **Make\_Shift City. Die Neuverhandlung des Urbanen** with Francesca Ferguson

## 2013

Lab Talk: **Hardt-Waltherr Hämer – Streitbarer Geist und Stadtvisionär. Weichenstellungen der Stadterneuerung in der IBA Alt 1984/1987 und heute** with S.T.E.R.N. Berlin

Conference: **3rd International Architectural Education Summit (IAES)** with UCLA Department of Architecture and Urban Design, Los Angeles and IE School of Architecture, Madrid

Exhibition Talk: **Bogotá - Caracas - São Paulo: Bottom-Up Urbanism to Design the City of the Future**

Lab Talk Series: **Zu Hause in der Stadt** with Wüstenrot Stiftung, Ludwigsburg

## 2012

Symposium: **Migration and City** with Heinrich-Böll Stiftung, Berlin

Dialogue: **Thomas Sieverts and Lars Lerup: Lacunas - The Middle Landscape**

## 2011

Round Table and Exhibition: **Creative, Informal, Temporary Berlin**

Exhibition Talk: **Who Activates Cultural Space Today? A Seoul-Berlin Dialogue**

Lab Talk and Exhibition: **Sensible Materie: Junge katalanische Architekten / Matèria sensible: arquitectes joves catalanes** with the Representation of Catalonia in Germany

Collaborative Project: **Design and Politics: the next phase** with Henk Ovink, The Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment (2011-2013)

## 2010

Symposium: **Weniger ist Zukunft. Sachsen-Anhalt: Ein Labor für die Stadt von morgen**

Lab Talk: **Baukultur Salon NRW. RUHR.2010: Re-designing the Metropolis**

Film Screening: **Denk mal Berlin - Wer baut die Stadt?** with Regula Lüscher and Georgia Tornow

## 2009

Symposium: **What Makes India Urban?**

ANCB Inaugural Symposium: **Educating the Global Architect**

**ANCB** The Aedes Metropolitan Laboratory in Berlin is a unique interdisciplinary platform for urban discourse, exploring the interplay between built environment and social life for the future of our human habitat at an international level. Since 2009, ANCB has curated an internationally renowned discussion and enquiry programme, complementing Aedes Architecture Forum. At the centre of a global network, ANCB initiates interdisciplinary processes into critical issues facing the built environment. By bringing together proposals from architecture and spatial practice with societal and cultural discourses, technical research, political considerations and industry products, ANCB generates collaborations across conventional boundaries and facilitates exchange to explore potentials for improved sustainable living conditions around the world. Through its programme, ANCB contributes substantially to the discourse of space making in its changing political, societal and cultural frameworks. The outcomes and ideas thus generated have been captured in a series of ANCB publications and are documented in an open-access video archive.

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