

GUDNews.9 July-August 2026

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GUD NEXT ACTIVITIES

7 July 2026 2.00pm CET

- **On Complexity, Seminar**

Emanuela Margione, Politecnico di Milano

LINK:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGMwNmZkOTAtYjRjMy00MDE1LTk4MTEtNTBmNjdHMDFiMDRj%40threadd.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%220a17712b-6df3-425d-808e-309df28a5eeb%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b103c225-db05-4447-abda-28e3fc3d1009%22%7d

9 July 2026 2.30-4pm CET

- **GUD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

LINK: <https://meet.google.com/djm-cmr-xka>

22 January 2027

Inu Study Day **GUD/EURA Special session:**

- **Designing Transformation. Public Space as a Driver of Change**

Deadlines for 1600 characters abstract submission: 15 July 2026

READ MORE for abstract submission: <https://www.gsinu.com/sessioni-parallele>

February 2027-February 2028

I Festival of University Campus Public Spaces - Sapienza Università di Roma

- **Public spaces for community campuses and universities - II International Urban Design Conference** Call for paper and poster

Deadlines

20 November 2026 – submission to publicspaceforcommunities@gmail.com of:

25.000 characters extended paper (word format) + max 2 images **or**

2500 characters short paper (word format) + 1 Poster in A1 format vertical jpeg 300dpi

12 December 2026 - paper acceptance

5 February 2027 - Conference

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CALL FOR GUD BLOG POSTS

The GUDBlog is now online: <https://blog.gudesign.org>

Deadline for post submission (1500 or 5000 characters + 1-2 images + 3-5 tags) is:

15 August 2026 to marichela.sepe@gmail.com

CALL FOR PAPERS

International conference on urban affairs; New York, 14-16 April 2027

Submission deadline 15 August 2026

READ MORE: <https://www.ipu.hr/article/en/2149/right-to-housing-projects-policies-and-knowledge-exchange-after-the-second-world-war>

- **CFP Design Principles & Practices**

Twenty-First International Conference on Design Principles & Practices, the annual meeting of the Design Principles & Practices Research Network, taking place 10–12 March 2027 in Dublin, Ireland, and online, in partnership with our host institution, TU Dublin School of Art & Design.

Launch to 9 August 2026

READ MORE: <https://designprinciplesandpractices.com/2027-conference/call-for-papers?dlv-emuid=0460ae31-de61-444b-8bca-c79b4d25b05b&dlv-mlid=49025336>

CFP Vittorio Gregotti. *The Architect's Territories* (Milan, 19-20 Mar 27)

Politecnico di Milano / CASVA – Centro di Alti Studi sulle Arti Visive, Mar 19–20, 2027

On the occasion of the centenary of the birth of Vittorio Gregotti (1927–2020), the Politecnico di Milano and CASVA – Centro di Alti Studi sulle Arti Visive are organizing an international conference dedicated to this complex figure of intellectual and architect, whose work deeply shaped postwar Italian and European architectural cultures. Contributions are invited from architectural historians and critics working across all scales of design.

Contributions in this session will be presented through round tables and thematic forums. Rather than proposing a conventional paper or presentation, participants are invited to formulate a set of themes, propositions, and critical positions to be discussed collectively.

Abstract submission deadline: 31 July 2026

Notification of abstract acceptance or rejection: 1 September 2026

Full paper submission (approx. 4.500 words): 31 December 2026

Notification of peer-review results: 15 February 2027

Conference: 19–20 March 2027

Deadline: Jul 31, 2026

READ MORE: <https://arthist.net/archive/52651>

- **Many Digital Lives of Urban History**

22-24.10.2026 Center for Urban History, Lviv

The conference "The Many Digital Lives of Urban History" explores the methodological connections between urban history and the digital humanities. Its goal is to comprehend the complexity of urban history and the cultural or social contexts within it, using digital tools, as well as to ask: how — and if at all — do digital technologies change scholarly argumentation in urban history research? Alongside with this overarching question remains: does the digital realm offer new methodological achievements — does it produce knowledge that would have been impossible in analog research? We see, for example, how digital tools help us work with large datasets — yet the question of the nature and limits of this knowledge remains open.

We invite scholars and practitioners in the fields of digital humanities and urban history to submit proposals; in particular, we encourage applications from early-career researchers. The conference will take place on 22–24 October 2026 in Lviv (Ukraine). Online participation will be possible; however, preference will be given to in-person attendance. The organizers will cover travel and accommodation costs for all participants who are not funded by their home institutions.

The conference is organized by the Center for Urban History of East Central Europe in partnership with the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe at the University of St. Gallen, Centre for Digital Humanities at the Ukrainian Catholic University and the Centre for Contemporary and Digital History (C2DH).

Submissions should be sent to conferences@lvivcenter.org with the subject line "Many Digital Lives of Urban History" by **July 15, 2026**. Notifications regarding conference participation will be sent by the end of July, 2026.

READ MORE: <https://www.lvivcenter.org/en/conferences/many-digital-lives-of-urban-history-2/>

CALL FOR BOOK CHAPTERS AND JOURNALS

- **Special Issue Future Cities and Their Downtowns: *Urban Studies and Planning***

This Special Issue seeks robust and original research on the future of cities and their downtowns. Contributions are welcome on any relevant topic and disciplinary perspective, specifically focused on the city centre or on the relationships between the core and the wider urban system. Papers exploring responses in city centres to change, such as the adaptation and repurposing of buildings, and the connections between buildings and public spaces are particularly welcome, as are studies considering policy and regulation. Such themes could include smart cities and digital construction, zero- carbon city centers and buildings, the futureproofing of downtowns, repurposing and lifecycle perspectives for buildings and spaces, governance and funding, as well as planning, spatial equity, inclusiveness and fair transitions.

Manuscript submissions: **31 August 2026**

READ MORE: <file:///C:/Users/User/Downloads/820CT76B58.pdf>

- **Urban Planning, Open Access Journal**

Street Transformations and Urban Justice

Submission of Abstracts: 1-15 September 2026

Submission of Full Papers: 15-31 January 2027

Publication of the Issue: July/September 2027

READ MORE: <https://www.cogitatiopress.com/urbanplanning/issue/futureissues>

- **Spacecraft Urbanism: Designing Habitats and Infrastructure for Life Beyond Earth**

Call for chapters for a book scheduled to be published by CRC Press, a part of Taylor & Francis Group

Prospective authors are invited to submit an abstract along with relevant details about their proposed chapter by **July 1, 2026**

Editors: Justin Hollander (Tufts University), Caitlin Ahrens (University of Maryland, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center), Yuye (Julia) Zhou (UC Berkeley).

We are inviting researchers, scholars, and practitioners to contribute rigorously grounded chapters to an upcoming volume on spacecraft urbanism and orbital habitat design. As human activity in space expands, the need for well-researched, interdisciplinary approaches to designing livable environments beyond Earth becomes increasingly urgent. We welcome contributions that draw on established methods and evidence-based analysis across fields such as urban architecture, space habitat systems, human health and life-support, experimental modeling and simulation, and the economic and political dimensions of off-world habitation. This volume aims to synthesize current knowledge and advance thoughtful, scholarly dialogue on how we plan, design, and sustain human habitats in orbit. Contributors will join a collaborative effort to define the academic foundations of living and working in space. This book will be actively promoted across multiple channels to maximize its visibility and impact. We welcome submissions from authors worldwide. We look forward to reviewing your contributions and to collaborating on a rigorous volume that will support and inform future research and practice in the evolving field of space urbanism planning.

READ MORE: <https://architexturez.net/pst/az-cf-247769-1779516207>

CFP Fabrications, vol. 37, no. 3: Decolonisation x Architecture

Fabrications: The Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Australia & New Zealand invites papers for a special issue (Vol. 37, No. 3) “Decolonisation x Architecture” edited by Isabel Rousset and Susan Holden.

If understanding of architecture’s relationship to decolonisation has often been sought in built projects, some of its most significant effects may be located within the postwar expansion of professional networks and conference cultures associated with Third World internationalism. The 1976 United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat I) looms large in this history; yet equally important was the proliferation of regional networks and organisations that often consciously sought to assert a decolonising imperative through advancing situated forms of professional cooperation and knowledge-sharing.

We are particularly interested in contributions that explore the historical ambiguities and conflicts implicit in decolonisation, including moments where architects navigated competing decolonising projects. We welcome papers that concern histories of Australia, New Zealand, the South Pacific and South-East Asian regions, as well as those that cast the geographical net further afield.

Deadline: Jan 29, 2027

READ MORE: <https://www.sahanz.net/2026/06/25/cfp-fabrications-3/>

[dis]place

Call — Wolkenkuckucksheim / *Cloud-Cuckoo-Land* | Vol. 30 | Issue 47

The new issue with the working title “[dis]place” seeks to explore the simultaneous processes of emergence and disappearance of environments. It aims at examining the intertwined practices of inhabiting, designing, and building architectures and landscapes in the context of mobility, change, [dis]placement, and [dis]appearance.

Submission **Deadline 06th July 2026**

READ MORE: https://cloud-cuckoo.net/fileadmin/hefte_de/allgemein/cfa-issue-47.pdf

Calls for Papers

Empathetic and Inclusive Urban Design in *Urbanie and Urbanus (U+U)*

Cities are sites of intensifying spatial inequality, demographic transition, and contested belonging. Across scales, the built environment continues to reflect and reproduce exclusions: of older adults navigating inaccessible infrastructure, of children whose play needs are subordinated to traffic and commerce, of people with disabilities confronting built environments that assume a standardised body, of women whose safety and comfort in public space remain conditional, of migrants and minorities whose cultural landscapes are systematically erased, and of low-income communities displaced by the aesthetics and economics of urban renewal.

U+U welcomes research articles, design project presentations, critical essays, empirical case studies, and policy analyses. Contributions may draw on qualitative, quantitative, mixed-method, or design-led research approaches. The journal's open-access publishing model means there are no article processing charges — publishing in U+U is entirely free of charge for all contributors.

Submissions should follow the U+U author guidelines available at uandujournal.com/guidelines.php. The issue is scheduled for publication by the end of August 2026, and the **deadline for submission is July 20, 2026**

READ MORE: <https://architexturez.net/pst/az-cf-247594-1775284783>

PUBLICATIONS

- **Book**

Victor Muñoz Sanz and Robbert Jan van der Veen (2025) *Reconnecting Cities, People, and Nature. Exercises in Urban Design*, De Gruyter Brill

- **Book**

Marichela Sepe (2026) *Designing the Contemporary City*, Inu Edizioni, Rome

Open Access: <https://www.inuedizioni.com/it/prodotti/pubblicazione/progettare-la-città-contemporaneadesigning-contemporary-city>

- **Book**

Giusy Pappalardo, Martin Westin and John Forester (2026) *Planning for possibilities through critical pragmatism. John Forester in conversation with Giusy Pappalardo and Martin Westin*. AESOP Young Academics Booklet Project, Conversations in Planning, Booklet 12. Association of European Schools of Planning (AESOP). ISBN 978-94-6498-186-5

<https://archive.aesop-planning.eu/items/23344cab-abbb-47cb-af88-0ba2f33dad14>

URBAN DESIGN EVENTS

- **Congress**

UIA World Congress of Architects 2026, Barcelona, 28 June-2 July

READ MORE: <https://uia2026bcn.org>

WORKING GROUPS

- **EURA WORKING GROUP “Flexible, Healthy and Liveable Public Spaces”**

Coordinator: Prof. Marichela Sepe (DICEA, Sapienza University of Rome)

Focus areas: liveable & healthy public spaces; healthy streets; campus public realms; proximity spaces; waterfronts; places for ageing and fragile people; foodscapes; flexible/multirisk public spaces; parklets & pocket parks

Aim: identify international best practices and produce transferable guidance for urban and spatial planning

Partner: GUDesign network — www.gudesign.org

READ MORE: <https://eura.org/news-newwg-publicspaces/>

Email for expression

of interest: marichela.sepe@gmail.com

- **Your ideas for spatial transformation: Call for working groups and transfer formats**

Academy for Spatial Development in the Leibniz Association

Do you work in planning practice or the spatial sciences, and did you complete your first degree no more than 12 years ago? Are you looking forward to critically discussing and developing your ideas together with other planners from academia and practice? Are you keen to jointly develop action-oriented knowledge for sustainable spatial development and want to end up with a concrete result and see your idea make an impact?

Apply with your ideas for innovative working groups and knowledge transfer formats via the ARL's online application process! This call marks the launch of an initiative specifically tailored to your target group. You can submit your ideas as a team comprising representatives from academia and practice between 1 June and 1 September 2026.

READ MORE : <https://www.arl-net.de/en/blog/your-ideas-spatial-transformation>

APPLICATIONS, FELLOWSHIPS AND POSITIONS

Research funding in Urban Urgencies

- **Professor in Spatial Landscape Analytics at Aalto University, Finland**

The position will open on **Sept. 1, 2027**, or as agreed. For more information and link to the application form please visit: Professor in Spatial Landscape...

READ MORE: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/open-positions/professor-in-spatial-landscape-analytics>

- **PhD Position, Architecture and Environmental Studies, Mendrisio**

Academy of Architecture, Mendrisio (USI), Switzerland, Jan 1, 2027–Dec 31, 2032

PhD Position in Architecture and Environmental Studies

- **Senior Lecturer in Human Geography, especially Urban and Regional Planning, Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University**

Last application date 07.Sep.2026

READ MORE: <https://aesop-planning.eu/resources/news-archive/jobs/senior-lecturer-in-human-geography-especially-urban-and-regional-planning>

- **Lecturer/Assistant Professor in Regional and Urban Planning, UCD School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin**

- Three years expected to begin on September 1, 2026 or as soon as possible thereafter

Close Date : 10-Jul-2026

READ MORE: https://my.corehr.com/pls/ucdrecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.display_form

- **Vacancy for a full time research professor in landscape and urbanism at KU Leuven**

You can apply for this job no later than **September 01, 2026**

READ MORE: <https://www.kuleuven.be/personeel/jobsite/jobs/60628113?lang=en>

IDEAS URBAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS

- **Call for submissions: International Urban Project Award 2026**

Type: Competition Announcement (Built Projects & Masterplans)

Organizers: Bauwelt and World Architecture Magazine

Submission Deadline: August 01, 2026 10:18 AM

READ MORE: https://iupa.bauwelt.de/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Announcement-IUPA-2026.pdf?utm_medium=website&utm_source=archdaily.com

- **AgriTectural Village in Iraq | A new model for rural living in Badiyah Al-Samawa, Iraq, Dewan Award for Architecture 2026**

Dewan Award invites participants to propose an 'AgriTectural Village' — a new and replicable model for integrated rural living in Badiyah Al-Samawa, where agriculture, settlement, and landscape are conceived as a single, interdependent system.

Vision: The Vision for the AgriTectural Village begins with the well-being of the people who will live there. It seeks the renewal of rural life in Iraq's arid and climate-stressed regions not through productivity alone, but through a settlement that supports quality of life, social cohesion, and environmental resilience in equal measure. Design Challenge: Participants should approach the village not as a collection of separate components to be designed in isolation, but as an integrated system in which every decision — from the masterplan to the individual dwelling — reflects and reinforces the project's overall vision.

Design Scope

1. The Village Masterplan

2. Architectural Prototypes

2.1. Farmhouse

2.2. One Village Core Building

Registration Deadline: 28th September 2026

Submission Deadline: 30th September 2026

READ MORE: <https://dewan-award.com/>

- **The Garden of University House, Bucharest**

Competition

The Romanian Order of Architects (OAR) and the Contracting Authority – the University of Bucharest, are glad to announce the official launch of "the Garden of University House, Bucharest" International Design Competition.

The purpose of this design competition is to select the best design for the refunctionalization and activation of the existing auxiliary buildings in the courtyard of the University House, the enhancement and refunctionalization of the old greenhouses and the restoration of the garden of the University House in Bucharest, in accordance with the contemporary needs of use, in order to award the design contract.

However, the current situation offers a rare opportunity: to completely rethink this space with the help of an integrated project, which responds to both the needs and requirements of heritage protection and those of sustainable development of the contemporary city. In this sense, the design competition becomes an essential tool for a coherent, quality intervention, which enhances the site and restores its urban and cultural relevance.

Submission Deadline 17th July 2026

READ MORE: <https://oar.archi/en/concursuri/oar/garden-of-university-house/>

URBAN DESIGN AWARDS

- **APR Awards 8th edition Urban Design & Architecture Design Awards 2026**, organized by APR

Registration Ends. 30th September 2026

Submission Deadline. 15th October 2026

READ MORE: <https://www.architecturepressrelease.com/udad-awards-brief/>

NEW PROJECTS

Sagrada Familia completion

READ MORE: <https://sagradafamilia.org/en/history-of-the-temple>

MASTER AND WORKSHOPS

- **Shaping the Future City: Innovations in Urban Planning and Design, - 9 July 2026**

Online

READ MORE: <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/events/shaping-the-future-city-innovations-in-urban-planning-and-design-9-july>

INFO: Les-enquiries@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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