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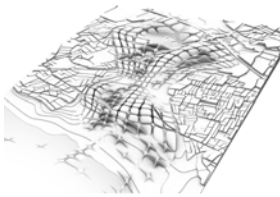
Dear Readers,

With this newsletter Planum. The Journal of Urbanism is pleased to present the magazine updates. Planum has recently updated its website, hosting a growing and updated number of articles and list of contents. The following is a selection of the most interesting articles, latest events, news, book reviews and journal presentations that can be found on our website. The Journal is articulated into a **Magazine Column**, with peer-review evaluated articles and internal evaluated by the Editorial Board articles; a **News and Events Column**, with information on call for papers, conferences and competitions; a **Journals and Books Column**, with presentation and review of international publishers' new books.

Planum is promoted by the Planum Association, which is open to academic and research institutes, practitioners associations and scientific journals. It is an **international scientific journal with a proper ISSN code (1723-0993) evaluated in the academic rankings** of scientific work. Planum follows the practice of the double-blind refereeing of submitted papers and research reports. The editorial staff is based in the DASTU - Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Politecnico di Milano (Editor: Prof. P. Gabellini; Deputy Editor: Prof. M. Cremaschi; Editor in Chief: PhD G. Fini).

**Planum is open to new proposals for articles and specific issues in addition to events, calls for papers, and book reviews. Enjoy the reading on our web site and follow *Planum* on our social networks as well! (See the links below)**

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**MAGAZINE****Parametric Urbanism: A New Frontier for Smart Cities***by Paolo Fusero*

In public opinion and on international political agendas the phenomenon of Smart Cities is fast becoming an innovative response to the need to increase the efficiency of tomorrow's cities. A new frontier of research within this scenario may be represented by the utilisation in urban design of parametric software. This paper delineates a possible line of research that applies the techniques and methodologies of parametric design in the field of urbanism.

The aim is not only that of generating simulations at the urban scale of events in the fields of architecture and design, but also of assisting planners and public administrations involved in processes of decision-making related to the development of urban planning instruments.

**From 'Peripheries. Searching the informal modernity of urban peripheries'****Section edited by M. Cremaschi:****A window on: Liverpool***by Annie Attademo*

'Peripheries' is a section which proposes glances at world cities dynamics and issues. Each article gives you an idea of the current policies and transformations underway. The new entry of the section deal with the case of Liverpool. Since the 2008 European Capital of Culture the city presented its strategies for urban regeneration to the media and the entire world, becoming a peculiar best practice in the international scenery. This new article is composed of three contributions by Annie Attademo:

- **The invention of Liverpool;**
- **Liverpool Vision: policies, practices and projects;**
- **Interview with Paul Jones - Department of Sociology, University of Liverpool**



**From 'Urban Planning Movies Archives'**  
**Section edited by L. Ciacci:**  
**Navigando a vista sulle strade del Veneto**  
*by Ruben Baiocco*

SPV Strada Pedemontana Veneta è un mediometraggio realizzato per mostrare alcuni dei luoghi interessati dalla prossima realizzazione della Strada Pedemontana Veneta ed ascoltare i commenti di 18 differenti testimoni diretti e osservatori qualificati sul senso, i rischi e i possibili impatti dell'opera. Voluto dall'Ordine degli Architetti, Pianificatori, Paesaggisti e Conservatori delle Province di Vicenza, nella forma del reportage, il film ha come obiettivo quello di attivare una riflessione ad ampio spettro sulla complessa vicenda di progettazione, finanziamento e realizzazione di un'opera considerata, almeno in origine, di vitale importanza per l'economia locale.

**MAGAZINE | Planum Archive, Reading Suggestions**



**IV Biennial Rotterdam 2001**  
**'Cultures of Cities: Transformations generating New opportunities'**

The 4th Biennial of Towns and Town Planners in Europe - held at the conference centre De Doelen in Rotterdam - was a successful event involving a lot of town planners and a number of very good projects from all over Europe. This gave rise to the idea of creating a virtual data disseminating information on presented materials. The Rotterdam Biennial took place in September 2001 and consisted of a three day seminar and exhibition. Planum dedicated in 2001 a specific Magazine Section to the event divided into two main parts: 'Projects', interesting cases giving a panorama of the transformations in European cities, and 'Reports', focusing on the main themes discussed in Rotterdam.

**EVENTS & NEWS**



XXVIII Congresso  
 Istituto Nazionale di Urbanistica  
 Salerno  
 Palazzo di Città  
 24/26 Ottobre 2013

**Città come motore  
 di sviluppo del Paese**

**XXVIII National Conference INU**  
**Cities as an Engine of Development of a Country**  
**INU - Istituto Nazionale Urbanistica**

*Salerno, Italy*  
 24 - 26 October 2013

The conference will be held in Salerno, Italy, from the 24th to the 26th of October 2013. In order to enrich the discussion with particularly innovative ideas which can significantly contribute to the construction of the conference thesis, INU is encouraging the widest participation to the debate not only among the members of the Institute, but also of professionals, public officers and scholars in the field of the territorial government. All Authors are invited to participate to the general discussion of the Congress. The main topic is divided into three themes: Urban regeneration as resilience; What form of Plan and the new tasks of Planning; The resources for the government of the territory, the public city and urban welfare.

**See also:**

**[III Rassegna Urbanistica Regionale - INU Campania](#)**  
**Salerno, Italy | Complesso di Santa Sofia | 21-26.10.2013**

SOCIALIST AND POST-SOCIALIST  
 URBANIZATIONS:  
 ARCHITECTURE, LAND AND  
 PROPERTY RIGHTS

ABSTRACTS **CALL FOR PAPERS** CONFERENCE TRIPS MAP AND TRAVEL GUIDE

**International Conference | Call for Papers**  
**Socialist and Post-socialist Urbanizations: Architecture, Land and Property Rights**  
**Urban Studies Faculty of Architecture**  
**Estonian Academy of Arts**  
**Deadline: 02.12.2013**

*Tallin, Estonia*  
 8 - 11 May 2014

Although most European cities both in the 'East' and in the 'West' grew rapidly in the post-war decades, the important questions regarding the difference between urbanization under the two conflicting political regimes has never been deeply analyzed and resolved in the urban studies. Thus, the post-1989 success and current renaissance of the notion of 'post-socialism' seems

surprising. At the same time, however, the number of critical voices has been growing. In this context, the aim of the conference is to initiate a fresh debate regarding the future of (the concepts of) socialism and post-socialism through engagements with different geographical contexts such as Eastern Europe, Asia, South America, and elsewhere.



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**International Conference & Exhibition - Call for paper & Invitation to exhibit**  
**Making cities healthy for all**  
**Deadline Call for paper: 01.11.2013**  
**Deadline Invitation to exhibit: 20.11.2013**

*Portland, Oregon*  
8 - 12 June 2014

The principles of the International Making Cities Livable movement, initiated in 1985 to make our cities and communities more livable, have become part of a national US agenda, and are being applied by many cities in Europe and other parts of the world. At these conferences world leaders, city officials, practitioners and scholars in architecture, urban design, planning, social sciences, health policy, law and urban affairs gather to exchange experiences and ideas to improve city livability.



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**International Conference**  
**City Futures III. Cities as strategic places and players in a globalized world**  
**EURA - European Urban Research Association**  
**UAA - Urban Affairs Association**  
**Université Paris-Est**  
**Deadline: 31.10.2013**

*Paris, France*  
18 - 20 June 2014

Cities have become ever more strategic in a globalizing world. Whilst they have always been at once social and cultural centers, key 'spatial fixes' for the reproduction of capitalist development, and loci of political control, their central role in a host of interlocking social, economic and political dynamics has been reinforced as they become the privileged sites of the actions of, and tussles between, national States, local authorities, firms, civil society and other actors. The purpose of this conference is to document, investigate and question this reinforced position and status of cities in a globalized world.

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**Follow the [AESOP](#) Annual Congress 'From control to co-evolution' | Delft 9-12 July 2014**  
**Call for Abstract | Deadline: 1st January 2014**

## **JOURNALS & BOOKS**

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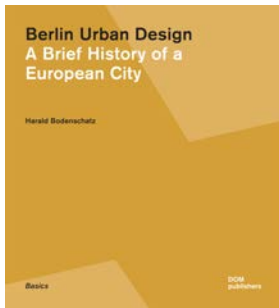
**Urban Catalyst. The Power of Temporary Use**  
**edited by Philipp Oswalt, Klaus Overmeyer, Philipp Misselwitz**

Published by DOM Publishers, Berlin | 2013

In many cities, urban wastelands and vacant structures suddenly metamorphose in exuberant places. After city planners and the real estate market have failed in their initial attempts to develop them, these sites become the setting for clubs and bars, start-up firms and art galleries, migrant economies and informal markets, recreational activities and nightlife. The Urban Catalyst research team explored these unplanned temporary uses in five European countries over the course of several years, and did far more than merely analyze their hidden logic. Building on the team's own participation in a number of different projects, Urban Catalyst examines various ways in which city planning can incorporate informal processes and describes important lessons architects and city planners can learn from temporary users.

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**Berlin Urban Design. A brief History of an European City**  
**edited by Harald Bodenschatz**



Published by DOM Publishers, Berlin | 2013

Berlin has become a model for European urban design. But Berlin was not always seen as a model. The unflattering title of 'the world's largest tenement city' served for decades as a bogeyman, as did the large scale social housing estates in both East and West that have been much criticised since the 1970s. Despite this, the city has largely avoided the suburban sprawl that plagues cities worldwide.

This book presents a history of Berlin's urban design from a European perspective. Numerous plans, drawings and photos, including exceptional aerial photography, illustrate Berlin's key urban developments, which have shaped one of Europe's most attractive, liveable and yet contested cities.



### **Hoyerswerda. The Shrinking City** edited by Stefan Boness

Published by JOVIS Verlag, Berlin | 2012

The city of Hoyerswerda in north-eastern Saxony, and especially the ten enormous residential complexes of the Neustadt district, were once the paragon of socialist urban construction in the GDR. In Socialist Germany, the industrially built, prefabricated residential blocks were considered the epitome of modernity, functionality, and progress. Today, the name Hoyerswerda has become a synonym for radical social and urban change in Germany, owing to the fact that Hoyerswerda-Neustadt, once a project based on a new way of living and driven by socialist utopias, became a portent of the modern era after German reunification. With the utopia been shattered, it feels empty and haunted.



### **Governo del Territorio e Pianificazione Spaziale** by Luca Gaeta, Umberto Janin Rivolin, Luigi Mazza

Published by Città Studi Edizioni, Milan | 2013

L'urbanistica ha forti, precise responsabilità nell'aggravarsi delle disuguaglianze. Nelle culture occidentali la città è stata a lungo immaginata come spazio dell'integrazione sociale e culturale. Oggi più che in passato, nelle grandi aree metropolitane, le disuguaglianze saltano agli occhi e strategie di distinzione ed esclusione sono state spesso favorite dallo stesso progetto urbanistico.

Bisogna tornare a riflettere sulla struttura spaziale della città, riconoscere l'importanza che nel costruirla ha la forma del territorio. Tornare a conferire agli spazi urbani una maggiore e più diffusa porosità, permeabilità e accessibilità; d insegnarli con ambizione, tenendo conto della qualità delle città che ci hanno preceduto e ragionare di nuovo sulle dimensioni del collettivo.

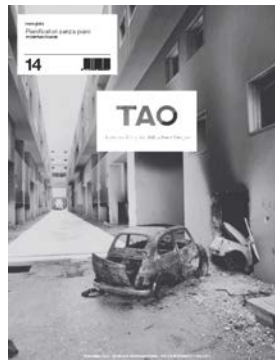
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**SPAZIO E SOCIETA'**  
Founded and directed by  
Giancarlo De Carlo  
Coming soon!  
The complete digital  
version will be soon available  
on Planum.

**TERRITORIO no.65 | 2013**

**TAO - no. 14 | 2013**  
Pianificatori senza piani

**MICIAP CITTA' APERTA**  
Journal of Urban  
Photography  
no.17 | Autumn 2013



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