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**Community Spaces
Conception – Appropriation – Identity**

Network 45plus:
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Large housing estates of the post-war era have shaped the face of many cities throughout Europe. In the original plans of the 1950s-1980s they were to amend the urban structure and in many cases they were expected to enable a superior form of communality and urbanity. The estates were built to ease the housing shortage, but were also thought to quite literally become the home for a “new society”, be it under socialist regimes or the democratic welfare state. The reformation of society was linked to plans for a constructed environment and was expected to be supported by through the environment of the estates and, most crucially, their community spaces.

By focusing on community spaces, such as community centers, schools, churches, hospitals, shopping districts but also parks, open spaces and sport-grounds, this 45plus conference addresses spaces that were thought to be a particularly important

points of identification for the “new societies” these estates were expected to foster. Community spaces were planned in order to hold the housing estates together – as well designed and attractive built environments, as social hubs and especially as symbolic anchors. Quite often, they boasted prominent design features, intended to serve as recognisable markers of the estates and their programmatic subtexts. While planners and politicians conceptualized community spaces with their potential to shape identification in view, communities tended to appropriate such spaces in different ways and to reinterpret their meanings. In short, local inhabitants – as well as the broader public – possibly identified with community spaces, their individual features and with the ideas and practices they associated with them in significantly different ways than originally intended. Today, the continuing tension between intention and appropriation of community spaces can be understood as an indicator of identification processes and appears to be one of the major challenges in the redevelopment of large housing estates, but might also provide unexpected opportunities.

Programme

Friday, September 7.

12.00 Registration and Coffee

12.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Maren Harnack | Sebastian Haumann | Mario Tvrkovic

13.00 **Housing for the masses**

Piotr Marciniak, Poznan University of Technology
From Social Housing Estate to Urban Community: Public Space in Residential Estates in Poland after 1945.

Malgorzata Popiolek, TU Berlin
Wedding-Brunnen Street Revitalization Area in Berlin: Planning and Implementation

15:00 **Heimat**

Sonja Dümpelmann, University of Maryland
Open space and landscape architectural design in model urban developments. QT8, Milan and Hansaviertel, Berlin

Antonia Fernandez Nieto, Marta Garcia Cabonero
Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, Madrid
The Dream of Welfare: Identity and Community Ideals in Madrid's Housing estates of the 1950's

17:00 **Network Meeting**

19:30 **Dinner**

Saturday, September 8.

9.00 Coffee

10.00 **Medial Representation**

Anne Kockelkorn, ETH Zürich
Discipline, Chase and Hide: The community space in Ricardo Bofill's Les Espaces d'Abraxas

Sharon Irish, University of Illinois
Two Doves to Tower Mosaic: Artists in Public at Warwick and Brindley Estate, London

12.00 Lunch

13.00 **Civic Centres**

Sergiu Novak, Uni Weimar
Archaeologies of a Civic Center: Urban Centrality and Romanian Socialism in its 'Second Phase'

Jane Brake, Manchester Metropolitan University / John van Aitken, University of Central Lancashire
Fragments from a housing Estate: Salford Shopping City

15.00 **The In-between**

Marta Sequeira, Universidade de Évora
Towards a gathering place. Le Corbusier's city after World War II.

Gunnar Klack, TU Berlin
Spaces with an educational mandate: dormitory for the Free University of Berlin. Designed by Hermann Fehling, Daniel Gogel and Peter Pfankuch (1956-59)

17.00 **Concluding Discussion**

18.00 End

18.30 **optional**

tour of Darmstadt-Kranichstein
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