

# 25 YEARS TRIALOG

## THE URBAN QUESTION BETWEEN YESTERDAY AND TOMORROW

### INVITATION

Over the last 25 years TRIALOG has published 100 editions of its specializing Journal on key issues related to planning and building in countries of the South. This achievement was facilitated by the continuous and voluntary support of TRIALOG association. While other journals went 'commercial' and due to their elevated price are only accessible at libraries that are obliged to acquire certain journals at any cost, TRIALOG managed to survive on its own force as an academic publication accessible to every interested colleague for a quarter of a century and remains indispensable reading for its targeted academic and professional sectors.

It would be equally easy and somewhat boring just to reflect on our and the world's experiences with the rapidly changing built environment and attempts to deal with its ever growing challenge to intelligently regulate the apparently unavoidable problems. TRIALOG – as it always was eager to do – intends to look forwards and to explore promising approaches for today's and tomorrow's urgent claims in housing, urbanism, spatial planning... In this jubilee gathering we want to bring together the wisdom of the experienced experts with the dynamism of the upcoming generation of planners, architects, thinkers and practitioners. As always at the yearly TRIALOG conferences, we appreciate 'work in progress' reports of scholars that are still in the process of finding answers to their research questions and do not rely on the confirmation of already published statements. Therefore we invite our friends, colleagues and TRIALOG members to meet at the jubilee conference and to discuss perspectives for the urban future. Suggestions for rather spontaneous interventions, on-the-edge-research proposals, conflictive case studies or job experiences or – even – well elaborated papers are welcome and may still be incorporated in the programme. Please contact the addresses at the bottom of the programme if interested in active intervention in the event.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

#### Friday 15 January 2010

- 10:00 Inscription and coffee
- 11:00 Opening of the conference:
  - President of TU Darmstadt on current role of universities in society
  - TRIALOG steering collective on emergence and adolescence of TRIALOG
  - Writing or doing? Arch+/Bauwelt/Open House International versus Practice (Albert Speer)
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Unresolved urban development tasks left for dawn (Thomas Sieverts)
- 15:30 Can planners re-invent the wheel? (Amos Rapoport, confirmed)
- 16:30 Coffee Break
- 17:00 Foreign aid of the South towards the North. Why not? (Jörg Haas, GTZ)
- 18:00 Urbanism of emergency (Ignasi Perez, Barcelona)
- 19:30 Dinner & Party

#### Saturday 16 January 2010

- 10:00 Education for better cities (Hans Harms)
- 11:00-13:00 WORKSHOP SESSION
  - 1. Cities under pressure of Global Warming (Chair: Christoph Hesse)
  - 2. New Town development and Gated Communities (Chair: Peter Gotsch)
  - 3. City fragmentation and ruralization (Chair: Wolfgang Scholz)
  - 4. Cities celebrating the right of the strongest or Urban Darwinism ( )
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Lecture: City Visions (Rem Koolhaas or better)
- 15:00 WORKSHOP SESSION
  - 1. Globalization and the contrary – whatever it may be (Chair: Rod Burgess)
  - 2. PhD ideas- or rather not? (Chair Kosta Mathey)
  - 3. Europe: The Third World (Chair Sergej Holm)
  - 4. Down to Earth: everyday urban issues (NN)
- 17:00 Lecture instead of conclusions
- 18:00 Closure