

ABSTRACT

The conference "Authenticity in European cities; Creating, visualizing and contesting urban and built heritage" focuses on how buildings, neighbourhoods, urban spaces and actors are perceived as "authentic". What makes a city "unique", "characteristic", and "urban"? How have these images of urbanity changed over time?

Debates about the image, identity and memory of cities have become increasingly intense since the 1970s as a result of important transformations in the economic, political, socio-cultural and ecological spheres. In Germany and Eastern Central Europe, the political changes in 1989/90 also influenced how cities were perceived. Notions of historical and urban authenticity have powerfully promoted urban heritage debates.

The attribution of historical authenticity and discourse about urban authenticities are part of the production of urban space and its conceived, perceived, and lived dimensions. The conference will discuss how buildings, objects, discourses and practices in urban spaces represent a city's multiple pasts, creating multiple identities and possibilities of belonging.

The conference is part of the research project "Urban Authenticity. Creating, visualizing, and contesting built heritage in European cities since the 1970s" funded by the Leibniz Association. It is a collaboration between the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, the Institute for Contemporary History Munich-Berlin, the Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, the Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam, and the Association of Museums in Brandenburg.

Conveners:

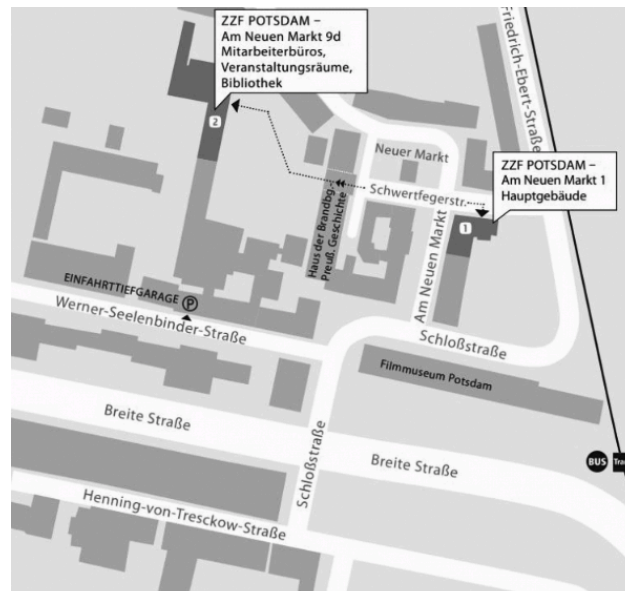
- Dr. Achim Saupe, ZZF Potsdam
- Dr. Anja Tack, ZZF Potsdam
- Prof. Dr. Christoph Bernhardt, IRS Erkner
- Dr. Daniel Hadwiger, IRS Erkner

WELCOME

The Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam (ZZF) is a research institute focusing on 20th-century German and European history and its impact on the present.

The academic work of the institute is divided into four departments (Communism and Society, Economic Thought and Practice, Contemporary History of Media and Information Societies, Regimes of the Social Sphere). The ZZF is also responsible for the Leibniz Research Alliance "Value of the Past".

The ZZF collaborates with numerous universities and other research institutes in Germany and abroad. The institute has an international visiting scholar programme and offers infrastructure for researchers, as well as knowledge transfer.



CONFERENCE

AUTHENTICITY IN EUROPEAN CITIES



Gegend Foto (c) Elias Franke

CREATING, VISUALIZING, AND CONTESTING URBAN AND BUILT HERITAGE

MARCH 16-17, 2023 · ZZF POTSDAM

March 16, 2023

- 13.00 Frank Bösch
Welcome address
- Christoph Bernhardt (IRS Erkner)
Achim Saupe (ZZF Potsdam)
Introduction: Historical and urban authenticity in European cities
- 13.45 **Panel 1: Historical authenticity after World War II**
Chair: Annette Vowinckel (ZZF Potsdam)
- Tanja Vahtikari (University of Tampere)
Multiple authenticities and the production of urban space in post-war Finland
- Małgorzata Popiołek-Roßkamp (IRS Erkner)
Genius loci. Agents and narratives of authenticity in reconstructed old towns in Poland
- Dovilė Bataitytė (DHI Warschau)
Photography as a tool of power in the former East Prussia region. Klaipėda after Second World War – “City of Great Future”
- 15.30 **Coffee break & Poster session**
European urban authenticity: Case studies
Daniel Hadwiger (IRS Erkner)
The old quarter of Le Panier (Marseille)
Tabitha Redepenning (Herder Institute)
Plac Solidarności – Centrum Dialogu Przełomy (Szczecin)
Anja Tack (ZZF Potsdam)
Potsdam’s Old Market. The effect of the visual
Julia Ziegler (IfZ München)
Former Nazi Party Rally Grounds (Nuremberg)
- 16.30 **Potsdam city tour**
Guide: Robert Leichsenring
- 18.00 **Buffet**

- 19.00 **Podium discussion / Öffentliche Diskussion**
Preußen-Renaissance oder Stadtreparatur?
Historische Rekonstruktionen in Berlin und Potsdam als Herausforderung / A Prussian revival or inner-city regeneration? The challenge of historical reconstruction in Berlin and Potsdam
- Magnus Brechtken (IfZ München-Berlin)
Anja Engel (Rechenzentrum Potsdam)
Judith Prokasky (Stiftung Humboldt Forum)
Martin Sabrow (LFV “Wert der Vergangenheit”)
Moderation: Achim Saupe (ZZF Potsdam)

March 17, 2023

- 9.00 **Panel 2: Politics of identification and citizen initiatives**
Chair: Magnus Brechtken (IfZ München-Berlin)
- Paul Franke (University of Marburg)
”Flee to the Rock“: Nation building, cosmopolitanism, and the quest for authenticity in Monaco’s Organization
- Aimée Plukker (Cornell University, Ithaca)
Spaces of consumption: Fashioning authenticity and urban tourism in Cold War Rome and West Berlin
- Margarita Pavlova (ZZF Potsdam)
The obscurantism of “history crap diggers”: Grass-roots heritage preservationism in Samizdat journals of Leningrad during Perestroika
- 10.45 **Coffee break**
- 11.15 **Panel 3: Emotions and urban authenticity**
Chair: Christoph Bernhardt (IRS Erkner)
- Rebecca Madgin (University of Glasgow)
Urban authenticity: A place for felt experiences

Anna Piotrowska (University of Krakow)
The musical legacy of Krakow as another tourist attraction? The case of Romani musician Stefan ‘Corroro’ Dymiter (1938-2002)

Susan Hogervorst (Open University Netherlands Free University of Amsterdam); Vincent Baptist (University of Rotterdam)
Urban redevelopment and inhabitants’ need for authenticity: The case of Katendrecht’s Deliplein Square, Rotterdam

13.00 **Lunch break**

14.15 **Panel 4: Creating authenticity: Gentrification and democratic participation**
Chair: Christian Lotz (Herder-Institute Marburg)

Sandra Guinand (ÖAW Wien)
Towards a new heritage regime? Financialization of housing stock in Porto, Portugal
Orkun Kasap, Monika Grabski (ETH Zurich)
Use the potential! Preserving intangible qualities in existing neighbourhoods, Altstetten/Zurich

15.30 **Final discussion**
Chairs: Christoph Bernhardt (IRS Erkner)
Achim Saupe (ZZF Potsdam)

