

International Seminar

# New Dwelling Landscapes

Intimacy, Interface, Infrastructure in Contemporary Urban Design

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Coordination:

**Cino Zucchi with Chiara Aliverti**

Place: **Politecnico di Milano, Aula Rogers**

Via Ampère 2, 20133 Milano

subway stop MM2 Piola

2:30 pm

**Cino Zucchi**

Cino Zucchi Architetti, Milano

***Urban Grafting: the Legacy of Milan's post WWII reconstruction and contemporary housing design***

3:00 pm

**Johannes Tovatt**

Tovatt Architects and Planners, Stockholm

***The Challenge of the Artificial***

4:00 pm

**Frits van Dongen**

Van Dongen-Koschuch Architects and Planners, Amsterdam

***Transformation***

5:00 pm

**Remo Dorigati, Corinna Morandi, Alessandra Segantini**

***Panel***



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in Housing and Urbanization

The seminar will focus on the research on housing and urban design in contemporary urban dimension.

- \* Is what we call “urban design” a specific discipline, or just the overlapping between different competences?
- \* Are the “classical” instruments of master planning – such as building massing, profile rules, functional zoning – the most efficient ones to determine new urban environments?
- \* Does the term “landscape urbanism” indicate a viewpoint or describe a process?
- \* How can the debate on sustainability enhance urban design practices and what scientific support we need to shape “ecological settlements”?
- \* What do we learn from existing city structures and from a critical review of the Modernist tradition?
- \* Does globalization raise unseen problems of method and conduct?
- \* Can new lifestyles adapt well to existing urban environments or do they require original solutions?
- \* Do we still believe in a correspondence between physical communities and social ones or do we have to accept a relative independence between them?
- \* Is there any way to model or “test” an urban design project before its implementation?
- \* Are the evolving relations between the public sector and private actors changing the way we approach the design of new urban settlements?

These general questions will be observed not through the eyes of theoretical speculation but rather through the narration of concrete examples by two leading figures of European practice, Johannes Tovatt and Frits Van Dongen; Cino Zucchi will present the ongoing research on Milano by the students of GSD-Harvard University and submit it to the panel of discussants.



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