



SOCIALIST MODERNISM

— in Central
and Eastern
Europe
18–20 April 2023

Workshop
Max-Lingner-Haus Berlin

On the occasion of the International Day of Monuments and Sites 2023 the Max-Lingner-Foundation Berlin and the German National Committee of ICOMOS wish to draw attention to the heritage of the «second socialist modernism» (from 1955 until 1990) in architecture and urban development. The reappraisal of the Cold War in the Anglo-Saxon world has prepared this attentiveness in particular. In Eastern European countries, too, there is a growing understanding that beyond the reception of interwar modernism, activated there in part as a cultural resource for the re-emergence of nation states, it is important to address the socialist phase as part of one's own building culture.

In Eastern Europe, the contributions by Dumitru Rusu and the B.A.C.U. Association have had remarkable resonance. With his books of photographs, architectural guides and the website Socialist Modernism, the Romanian architect and his team have greatly promoted knowledge about the architectures of the former socialist countries in recent years. In parallel, a SocHeritage platform has been established within the framework of the International Scientific Committee for the 20th Century (ISC 20C) founded by ICOMOS in Moscow in 2006. The return of military conflicts in Europe and finally Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the spring of 2022 have strengthened a new thinking in blocs and have abruptly interrupted the understanding that had begun about a common recent history and a shared heritage.

The initiative for an International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS) on 18 April, launched in 1982 by the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and taken up by UNESCO, is to be used this year by the Max-Lingner-Foundation in Berlin and ICOMOS Germany with partner organisations as an opportunity to offer experts a cross-border platform for the critical exchange of opinions and experiences. A starting point will be provided by the volumes published so far by Dumitru Rusu and B.A.C.U. — called «Photo Album/Digital Architectural Guide» — regarding the architectural and artistic testimonies of Socialist Modernism in the Baltic States and the Balkans (18 April), in the Russian Federation and Ukraine (19 April), and in Germany (20 April).

Guided tours and walks to monuments and sites of Eastern Modernism in the Berlin and Brandenburg region will complement the workshop programme and are intended to promote dialogue and understanding beyond the present war.

The workshop takes place at:
Max-Lingner-Haus, Beatrice-Zweig-Strasse 2, 13056 Berlin

It is organised by the MAX LINGNER STIFTUNG and ICOMOS Germany in cooperation with BTU Cottbus and kindly supported by the Landesdenkmalamt Berlin, Helle Panke and the Hermann-Henselmann-Stiftung.

PROGRAMME

18 APRIL 2023

3–6 PM Berlin Post-war Modernism EASTWESTEAST

Coach Excursion starting at Kino International

Registration: info@helle-panke.de

Fee: 10 € (Free for participants of the workshop)

7 PM Welcome: Thomas Flierl (Max-Lingner-Foundation), Tino Mager (ICOMOS Germany)

Dumitru Rusu (Bucharest) will present the project *Socialist Modernism*, particularly the book publications on the Balkan Region and the Baltic States

Discussion with Riin Alatalu (ICOMOS Europe, Tallinn), Kirsten Angermann (ICOMOS Germany, Weimar), Dora Ivanova (ICOMOS Germany, Sofia), Danica Petrović (Belgrade/BTU Cottbus); online with Emilia Kaleva/Aneta Vasileva (Sofia), Vaidas Petrusis (Vilnius) and Sandra Uskokovic (Dubrovnik)

19 APRIL 2023

4–6 PM Pankow as East Berlin's government district of the 1950s, **Walking Tour** starting at Niederschönhausen Palace — Majakovskij Ring — Intelligence Housing Estate — Soviet Memorial Schönholz

Registration: info@helle-panke.de, Fee: 4 € (Free for participants of the workshop)

7 PM Dumitru Rusu will present the volumes on Ukraine and Russia
Discussion with Anna Bronovitskaya (Moscow/Munich), Oxana Gourinovitch (Aachen/Berlin), Mikhail Il'chenko (Ekaterinburg/Leipzig), Pavlo Kravchuk (Zaporizhzhja), Yevheniia Molyar (Kiiv/Rome), Svitlana Smolenska (Char'kiv/Berlin); online with Natal'ya Dushkina (Moscow) and Vital Shulyar (Lviv) et al. (Chair: Jörg Haspel)

20 APRIL 2023

10 AM–5 PM Coach Excursion to Cottbus, visit of the Stadthalle and Campus, meeting with the *Emerging Professionals* working group of ICOMOS and experts at BTU Cottbus

Starting at Kino International, Registration: info@helle-panke.de

Fee: 40 € (Free for participants of the workshop)

7 PM Dumitru Rusu will present the volume *Socialist Modernism in Germany*

What is Socialist Modernism? On the state of the debate. Perspectives of heritage preservation and for the history and theory of architecture and urban planning

Discussion with Kirsten Angermann (Weimar), Johanna Blokker (Cottbus), Thomas Danzl (München), Oxana Gourinovitch (Aachen/Berlin), Dora Ivanova (Sofia/Berlin), Andreas Putz (Munich) and Christoph Rauhut (Berlin) et al. (Chair: Thomas Flierl)