



We invite you to submit applications for the 2nd International Conference «Modernistki. Violence in Architecture and Urban Space», that will take place in Kyiv on September 15-16, 2017.

VENUE:

Zabolotny State Scientific Library of Architecture and Construction,
Kyiv, 50 Peremohy Ave. (Shuliavska metro station)

DATES:

September 15-16, 2017

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED:

until August 15, 2017

WORK LANGUAGES:

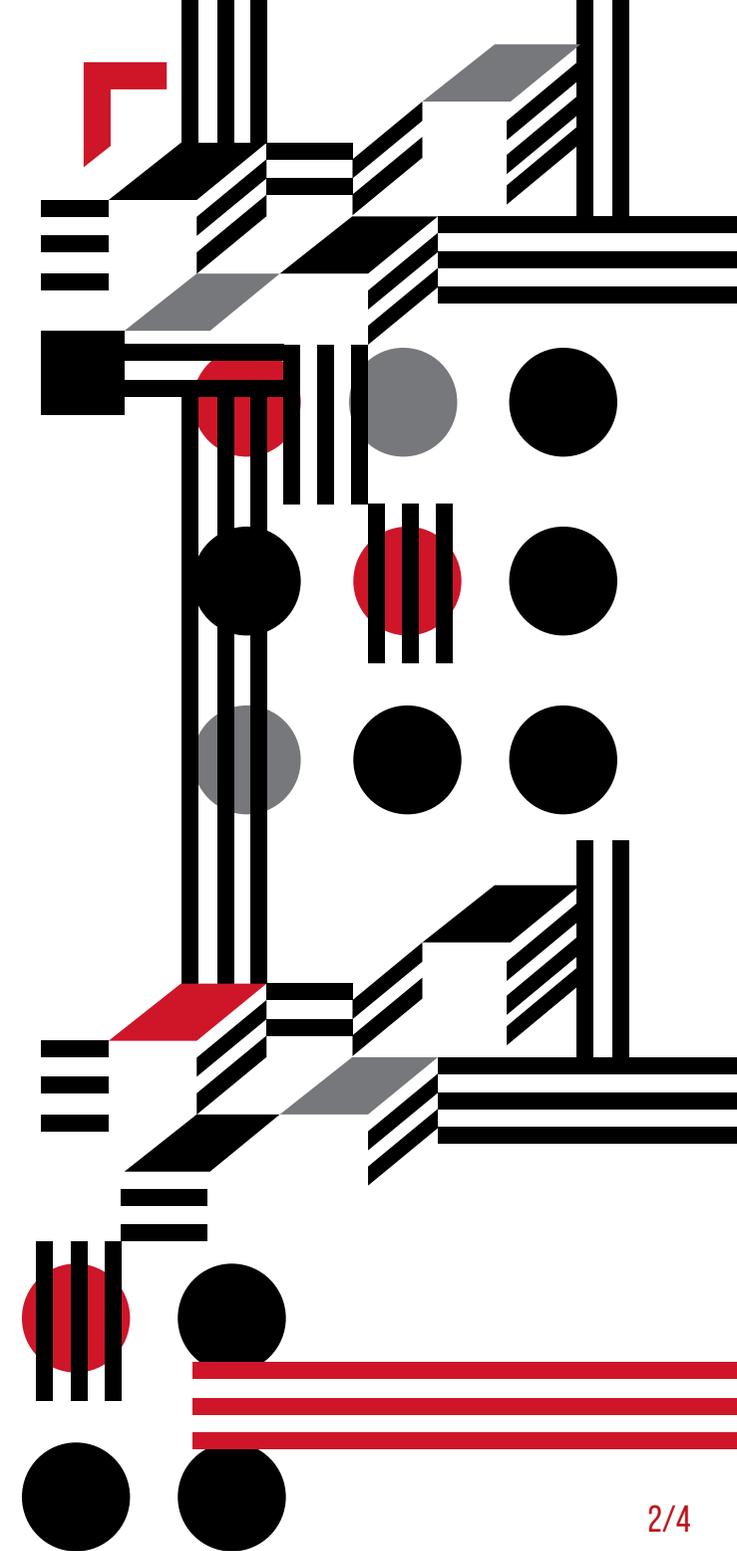
English, Ukrainian, Russian

The first conference was held in Kyiv last year in March, and summoned together leading Ukrainian and international specialists undertaking gender researches in art, architecture, and urban planning. The previous conference allowed to cast light on gender issues in the above mentioned fields and initiate the research of women's role in the development of Ukrainian cities. This year's conference is called «Violence in Architecture and Urban Space», which will allow us to explore the current state of gender and feminist researches in relation to the city and architecture. We will also discuss issues related to the discrimination and violence in the urban space.

In the first half of the 20th century, women got a possibility to obtain architectural education in many countries. At the same time, the architectural profession has always been related with power, political and socioeconomic processes in the society. The architecture as a form of power resulted, quite often, in a special kind of violence because the decisions taken by architects would primarily comply with customers' requirements – was it the state or a business entity – and hardly ever would they go in line with the requests of the society. Thus, women who were a discriminated social group, joined the profession that was allowing the discrimination of other people and themselves. The female architects were both the object and the subject of violence in the architectural context. The objects of study at the second international scientific conference are the female architects, their way to power within the architectural profession, the influence of the historical context on their career, and the results of their professional activity. Besides, the object of study is the city and basic categories of the feminist theory applied to it: violence, power, discrimination, etc.

The organizers and participants of the conference are eager to identify the phenomenon of violence in architecture and to highlight the role of women in the processes related with violence. The research of violence manifestations in architecture and urban space, as well as preventing them are especially topical now because different social groups are being discriminated in the Ukrainian cities. The reasons underlying certain scandals in architecture and development remain hardly attended. That hardens the stereotypes that the society has about the power and the architects' role, and results in traumas and gradual stigmatization of people's aspiration to influence on the decision making process in the city. The organizers want to extensively discuss the problems of inequality, security, and violence in the urban space.

The goal of the cross-disciplinary conference is to highlight and research the phenomenon of violence in architecture and urban space. Besides, the conference aims at stimulating an active interaction between scientists, activists, students, lecturers, and people professionally engaged in architecture and urban planning: the attendees will exchange experience in resolving the issues of spatial discrimination and ensuring the rights that different social groups have for the urban space. Additionally, the conference will serve as a platform for building the culture of sisterhood in the hands-on female architects' community, and search for the mechanisms of reacting against the urban violence by means of urban planning, which should foster democracy, diversity, and equality.



PARTICIPATION:

We are inviting: male and female experts in the fields of architecture, art, anthropology, sociology, architecture, and culture; civil activists; representatives of municipalities working with architecture, urbanism, and urban planning; master degree and PhD students; independent researchers interested in presenting their scientific papers at the conference and publishing them thereafter.

PANEL 1:

FEMALE ARCHITECTS AND POWER

The organizers of the conference think that the co-existence of feminism and architecture covered a major part of the last century, lasts now, and is far from its end. The transformation of ethical regulations and responsibilities initiated by sociocultural changes in the societies, as well as changing political and socioeconomic conditions affected the woman's role in the architectural profession. Apart from researching the creative career of female architects, we will bring up a point about how their professional activity affected their work results, projects, architectural and urban objects. Did the female architects from Ukraine and the whole world reflect the social changes and achievements of feminist and human rights movements in their professional activities? The task of the first panel is to consider the woman's role in the fight for power, and as a representative of the architectural professional hierarchy in the context of different waves of feminism.

TRAINING:

THE DEVELOPMENT OF SISTERHOOD CULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY OF HANDS-ON FEMALE ARCHITECTS

We will invite 10 female architects from different Ukrainian cities who will learn more about the professional gender inequality issues encountered by women working with architecture. The purpose of the training is to foster the understanding of how important the mutual support among female architects is. Other goals of the training include stimulating the mentorship among different generations of female architects; raising the awareness about the working women's rights, government-ensured social safety nets, and employers' duties; exploring the experience of foreign architectural practices in the context of gender equality.

PANEL 2:

THEORETICAL FEMINIST CATEGORIES IN RESPECT OF THE CITY

At the second panel of the conference we will consider the theoretical basis of such categories as power, acquisition, ownership, resources, violence, trauma, discrimination, privileges in the context of cities. The urban spaces produced by the patriarchic system result in hierarchical structures and, as a result, encourage discrimination and violence. The task of the second panel is to analyze the problems of architecture, urban space and municipal politics by applying the theoretical feminist categories.



THE STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE:

During the conference three thematic panels will be organized: «Female Architects and Power», «Theoretical feminist categories in respect of the city», «Architectural environment and violence». Also, the participants will have a possibility to attend a training session - «The Development of Sisterhood Culture in the Community of Hands-On Female Architects», and a workshop for hands-on female architects - «Inclusive and gender-sensitive urban design»

PANEL 3:

ARCHITECTURAL ENVIRONMENT AND VIOLENCE

At the third panel the attendees will explore practical examples to discuss practical and methodological matters of the architectural activities related to the phenomenon of violence in the cities. The participants will talk about the ways of identifying, monitoring, and reacting against the violence, discrimination, and violations of human rights in the cities. Daily interactions of women and other discriminated groups with the urban space continue causing many problems related with comfort, security and sensitive feeling, even in the developed countries. The purpose of the third panel is to explore the existing cases demonstrating, in Ukraine and all over the world, the negative aspects of the urban space related to the violence. We will also share the positive experience in resolving such problems and reacting against the violence by means of architecture and urban planning.

WORKSHOP:

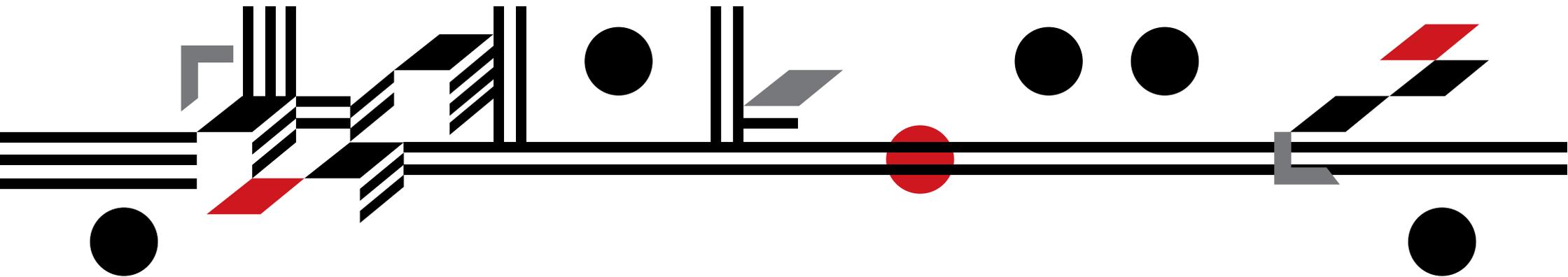
INCLUSIVE AND GENDER-SENSITIVE URBAN DESIGN

At the workshop we will present the ideas and experiences in resolving the spatial discrimination and violence issues in the urban space using Austria's examples. The workshop tutors will attempt to analyze, together with the participants, specific cases and find out how gender issues and inclusion are implemented in the architectural and urban planning processes, and how they affect the design methods using cross-disciplinary approaches. The purpose of the workshop is to explore the international experience in applying the inclusion- and gender-sensitive approach to the formation of the urban spaces and architecture. The results of the workshop will be presented to the conference attendees in the end of the second day.

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

You can take part in the conference free of charge. In order to attend one of the panels please submit the theses of your research (up to 500 words) and a short CV.

In order to attend the training and/or the workshop for hands-on female architects, civil activists, representatives of municipalities working with architecture, urbanism, and urban planning, please submit a short CV and a motivation letter (up to 500 words explaining why you want to attend the training and/or the workshop). The mentioned materials should be sent our email address: modernistki@gmail.com before **August 15, 2017**.



ORGANIZATION

The conference is organized by the NGO Urban Forms Center and supported by the Heinrich Boell Foundation's Office in Ukraine, Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, and Zabolotny State Scientific Library of Architecture and Construction.

