

N-AERUS 2021: How to plan in a world of uncertainty?

International Conference at the TU Berlin

Jointly organized by the international network N-AERUS and the Habitat Unit, TU Berlin

Thursday, 4th – Saturday, 6th February 2021

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Dear colleagues, scholars and experts

N-AERUS warmly invites you to join the 20th Conference **“How to plan in a world of uncertainty?”** in cooperation with the Habitat Unit, taking place at the TU Berlin

We are confronting a **global crisis fueled by environmental conditions** compromised by anthropogenic activities and mirrored worldwide by the planetary extension of urbanization processes. As a consequence, urban research, planning, and design are called to play a relevant role in evaluating possible courses of action and ways out through imaginative power. The current circumstances, however, impose to seek **lines of action in conditions of great instability** impacting life, society, economy, and space. Such instability is not simply contingent but predictably intended to increase in the future.

Thus, in addition to celebrating its anniversary two decades after its first congress, the 20th N-AERUS conference seeks to find answers to these complex yet indispensable questions:

- How to develop the capacity to respond to unknown situations? What is discovered, learnt and cultivated in the most precarious of contexts?
- Can architecture, urban design, and planning, although otherwise deeply invested in the logic of growth and development, serve as means for and with all, or are they unavoidably complicit?

The conference hence calls for direct and collaborative planning experiences and practices demonstrating unforeseen and innovative “preparedness” to situations of uncertainty beyond the North-South divide. By bringing them to the fore as well as by putting them in contact with each other, the aim is to strengthen a further collective capacity-building process of planning modes able to cope with uncertainty. We are particularly interested in contributions showing distinctive traits of knowledge and actions in dealing with situations of unpredictability and collecting examples of practices/strategies on how to bridge the gap between different spheres of solidarity, knowledge, and production.

The conference hosted by the Institut für Architektur, Fakultät VI, Planen, Bauen, Umwelt, TU Berlin and jointly organized by N-AERUS and the Habitat Unit will take place **Thursday, 4th – Saturday, 6th February 2021.**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, international travel restrictions and the possibility of a continued lockdown, the conference will be exclusively virtual and consists of a variety of digital presentation und dialogue formats.

* Join the Conference via registration and obtain the Zoom
Link: naerus2021@gmail.com

** The conference is publicly available to follow via Youtube
link: <https://www.youtube.com/c/InstitutfürArchitekturTUBerlin/videos>

More information (schedule, speakers, etc.) under:

<http://n-aerus.net/>

<http://habitat-unit.de/en/events/n-aerus-conference/>

Kind regards and looking forward to seeing you there
the 20th N-AERUS conference team