

# histories of urban design

global trajectories  
and local realities

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Our time is an urban age. More people live in cities than ever before, cities grow larger and denser than ever before, and urbanity has reached levels of complexity never before seen. Compounding this complexity are global challenges, including housing crises, refugee crises, climate crises, economic crises, and so on. Urban design allows architects to engage with such broad, societal challenges in a very concrete manner, at a local scale. In acknowledging the importance of urban design today, this conference seeks to pay tribute to the progress that this discipline has made over the past 120 years, and invites papers that analyse how urban design projects have responded to both global trajectories and local realities, from the early 20th century to today.

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