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From the mid-19th century onwards, urban planning focused on shaping the modern metropolis — a new urban scale defined by innovative public facilities, forms, and living standards, all supported by impressive infrastructure. City authorities, civil engineers, urban planners, and architects were part of a vast network of Central European experts who, in developing new urban centres, exchanged knowledge and practices while adopting and adapting continuously evolving stylistic, typological, and morphological models. These newly designed urban spaces not only shaped the identities of individual cities but also helped define the broader Central European region, explicitly reflecting its political, economic, and cultural ties.

The majority of the architectural stock consisted of integrated rental residential buildings, whose transformation reflected the socio-cultural and economic dynamics of their surroundings. Motivated by the current state of restoration in Downtown Zagreb, five years

after the (devastating) 2020 earthquake, our goal is to consider the results of recent research on housing construction in historic urban ensembles of the 19th and early 20th centuries in Central European cities, organised around five key themes:

- I Architectural design of residential buildings in Zagreb and Central European cities in the period 1880–1940
- II Repurposing and transformations of residential architecture in Zagreb and Central European cities
- III New standards and technological innovations in urban infrastructure in the 19th/20th centuries, and subsequent interventions in individual buildings and block interpolations
- IV Housing culture, interior design, and urban planning in the 19th/20th centuries, and contemporary habitation in these spaces
- V Memory of space in the contemporary urban context

We are particularly interested in how this culturally and identity-rich heritage is being researched, restored, and safeguarded today, amid the numerous challenges faced by countries in East Central Europe, with whom we share the experience of the 1990s transition, and more recently, the effects of touristification and gentrification in city centres. During this period, much of the housing stock underwent significant transformations, such as conversions from residential to commercial or business use, short-term rentals, and so on. Apart from residential spaces, communal representative areas and their furnishings were also at risk of degradation. These are valuable illustrations of design and the range of artisanal craftsmanship of their time (entrances, staircases, and joinery as valuable examples of both design and artisanal skill). What are the actual needs, possibilities, criteria, and examples of good practices for adaptive reuse, particularly for public and cultural purposes? What are the current practices for the reuse, renovation, and remodelling of historic residential architecture?

A pivotal moment in the period under review is unquestionably World War I and its geopolitical consequences — the disintegration of old empires and the creation of new state entities with new social elites. In addition to the physical destruction, there is also the erosion of memory, with the disappearance of references to numerous significant individuals: the key figures in the urban development process, including investors, owners, tenants, builders, artisans, and companies involved in industrial and craft production, all fading from the city's collective consciousness. What are the practices for preserving the urban memory of those who shaped the urban planning process in the 19th and 20th centuries?



WEDNESDAY, 8 October 2025

Faculty of Architecture, Kačićeva 26, Zagreb

18.00 EXHIBITION OPENING

Architect – Investor – Craftsman. Rudolf Lubynski's Housing Architecture in Downtown Zagreb

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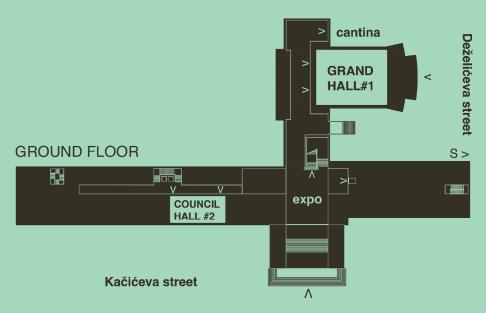
09.30 - 10.00	Greetings and Opening Remarks
10.00 - 13.00	Papers and Discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 - 16.15	Papers and Discussion
16-30 - 17-00	FRC Project Presentation

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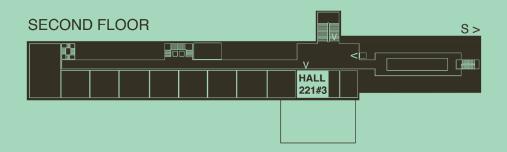
FRIDAY, 10 October 2025

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10.00 - 13.00	Papers and Discussion
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 - 16.00	Papers and Discussion / Closing Remarks
16.00 - 16.30	OH7 Project Presentation



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Hall layout scheme, Faculty of Architecture, Kačićeva 26, Zagreb



THURSDAY, 9 October 2025

Faculty of Architecture, Kačićeva 26, Zagreb

GRAND HALL #1

Session chair: Irena Kraševac

09.30 - 10.00 GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

10.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Andreas Nierhaus

Building Blocks of the Metropolis. Residential Architecture and Urban Development in Central Europe around 1900

10.30 Angelika Psenner

Housing the Working and the Middle Class in 19th Century Vienna: "Gründerzeit" and the Tenement House from an Urban Planning Point of View

10.45 Richard Kurdiovsky

Apartment or Office? Vienna's *Fürstenhof*Building and the Imperial-Royal Ministry for
Public Works

11.00 Rudolf Klein

The Island of Modernism in the Conservative Interwar Hungary

11.15 DISCUSSION

Session chair: Alan Braun

11.45 Marina Bagarić

The Kolmar — Singer House as a Metaphor for Housing and Living Within the Zagreb's *Green Horseshoe*

12.00 Dragan Damjanović

Hönigsberg & Deutsch and Zagreb's Architecture: Clientele and Business Practices

12.15 Tamara Bjažić Klarin

Frano Petar Zovko

Drago Ibler's Rental Apartment Buildings and the Five Points of Modern Architecture: A Precedent that Set a New Standard

12.30 Elša Turkušić Jurić

Aida Murtić

Interior Spatial Organization as a Catalyst of Modern Housing Culture: Tenement Buildings in Sarajevo Between the World Wars

12.45 DISCUSSION

13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Session chair: Bruno Šimac

14.00 Anđelina Svirčić Gotovac Jelena Zlatar Gamberožić Sara Ursić

Socio-Spatial Transformation of Zagreb's Core: Between the Market and Sustainability

14.15 Jana Šarinić Sanja Klempić Bogadi Lucija Gajić

"Should I Stay or Should I Go?" Sociological and Demographic Aspects of Quality of Life in Downtown Zagreb, Croatia

14.30 Jana Šarinić Lora Heršak

From Urban Planning to Urban Sprawl: What Happened to Public Spaces in Zagreb from the Mid-19th to the 21st century?

14.45 Lana Ivanovski Magda Profaca Klara Novak

Quality of Living in Zagreb's Donji grad and Gornji grad

15.00 - 15.15 DISCUSSION

Session chair: Matko Matija Marušić

15.15 Irena Kraševac Repurposing Former Residential Architecture along Zagreb's *Green*

Horseshoe

15.30 Darija Cvitan

The Gillming-Hengl House in Osijek: From Residence to Library

15.45 Marjana Krajač

A Room for Movement: Ana Maletić's 1932 Dance Studio at Mesnička Street No.7 in Zagreb as a Space, School, and Experiment of the Modern Body

16.00 - 16.15 DISCUSSION

HALL 221 #3

Session chair: Mojca Smode Cvitanović

11.45 Haris Handžić

Metropolitan Aspirations and Housing Culture on the Periphery of the Empire: The Austro-Hungarian Transformation of Sarajevo and Welfare Architecture

12.00 Boris Dundović Pál Ritoók

Settlements of the Hungarian State Railways (MÁV) in Zagreb and Rijeka: Railway Housing and Welfare Architecture

12.15 Davor Stipan

Architecture and Urban Development of the City of Split in the Interwar Period amid National and Social Turmoil

12.30 Milan Prosen

Art Déco in Belgrade Architecture —
Façade and Interior Design of the Yugoslav
Capital in the Light of Contemporary European
Cultural Reflections (1918–1940)

12.45 Sanja Kiproski

Residential Architecture in Belgrade Between the Two World Wars: A Contribution to the Study of the Oeuvre of Architect Miladin Prljević (1899–1973)

13.00 - 13.15 DISCUSSION

13.15 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

HALL 221#3

Session chair: Frano Petar Zovko

14.00	Ana Šverko Tomislav Bosnić Zagrebačka Street in Split: From Urban Planning to Decoration
14.15	Melita Čavlović Antun Sevšek Trešnjevka Land Division: Planning the Periphery Through Guided Private Initiative
14.30	Karmen Janžekovič Ilica 1:1
- 15.00	DISCUSSION
	COUNCIL HALL #2

16.00 - 16.30 Presentation of the Consolidator Grant Project European Research Council (ERC) Right to Housing — Production of Spaces of Everyday Life in Yugoslavia (1945-1991) / Housing.Yu

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GRAND HALL #1

Session chair: Irena Kraševac

10.00 KEYNOTE LECTURE

Markus P. Swittalek

Das Gründerzeithaus. Renovation and Revitalisation

10.30 Iva Muraj

Eva Radolović

Downtown Zagreb: Continuity of Habitation and Discontinuity of Housing Culture

10.45 Sandra Guinand

Ordinary Heritage in Times of Economic Competition: Which Heritage for Excentred Areas of Vienna and Budapest?

11.00 Mateo Biluš

Dunja Mandić

Darko Užarević

Pedagogical Approach to Teaching Comprehensive Renovation of Buildings in Downtown Zagreb City Blocks: Course Papers at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Zagreb

11.15-11.30 DISCUSSION

Session chair: Ana Šverko

11.45 Marijana Sironić

Heritage Urbanism (HERU) — Contemporary Research Approach to the Renewal and Enhancement of Heritage. Case Study: The Eastern Part of Downtown Zagreb

12.00 Krunoslav Ivanišin

Lulzim Kabashi

Interpolation — A Basic Element of the City Renewal

12.15 Svebor Andrijević

Senka Dombi

Transformation of the Downtown Zagreb City Block

12.30 Ivana Haničar Buljan

Extensions and Adaptation of Historic Buildings in Downtown Zagreb: A Study of Stjepan Planić's Oeuvre

12.45 Jana Horvat

(Un)Building the Metropolis: The Potential of Historical European Unbuilding Models in Rethinking the Renewal of Downtown Zagreb

13.00 DISCUSSION

13.15 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Session chair: Marina Bagarić

14.00	Dina Vulin Ileković The Spirit of Zagreb: Private Spaces of the Pre-War Period
14.15	Vanja Brdar Mustapić Bothe & Ehrmann Furniture Factory. History — Examples — Links
14.30	Zuzana Ragulová Brno Jewish Architects and Their Residential Interiors
15.00	Ivan Kokeza The Arrangement of Zagreb Interiors through the Example of Oleographs from the Croatian History Museum
15.00 - 15.30	DISCUSSION CLOSING REMARKS

HALL 221 #3

Session chair: Marko Rukavina

11.45 Mirna Meštrović

Planning for Preservation: Tracing the Quiet Legacy of Summer Villas on Zagreb's Hills — A Reflection on the Cottage Model

12.00 Karlo Seitz

Nataša Jakšić

Accommodating the Garden Ideal.
The Changing Dynamics of Dwelling and
Nature in Zagreb's Historicist Villas

12.15 Alan Braun

Zvonimir Škegro

Protected Historicist Summer Houses on Josipovac in Zagreb. Construction — Transformation — Future

12.30 Dubravko Bačić

Alan Braun

Zvonimir Škegro

Four Summer Houses in Zagreb by the Design-Build Office "Šafranek & Wiesner"

12.45 - 13.00 DISCUSSION

13.00 - 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

HALL 221 # 3

Session chair: Dubravko Bačić

14.00	Mirha Šabanović Rajmund Jagodić Family Villa in Sarajevo
14.15	Siniša Cvijić Jasna Guzijan Villa Božić — The Sad Fate of an Architectural Gem in Banja Luka
14.30	Vladana Putnik Prica In the Home of an Artist: Art Studios in the Residential Architecture of Belgrade (1918–1941)
14.45	Antun Baće Villa Sheherezade in Dubrovnik: The Fate of an Architectural Excess
15.00 - 15.15	DISCUSSION CLOSING REMARKS

16.00 - 16.30

Lenka Kavčič Tomislava Blatnik

OPEN HOUSE — Concept of Shared Cultural Value

Dubravka Vrgoč Irena Kraševac Tomislava Blatnik

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Transformation of the Downtown Zagreb City Block

The Downtown Zagreb city block is being transformed through the interpolation of new buildings, which not only complete the existing urban fabric but also open up the block's interior. If public space in the historic city is understood as emptiness, and the built environment as fullness, the design must engage with both. It involves carving out voids from the built form and returning them to the city as accessible public space. The crucial question is how this space will be used, and how human presence will shape and define it. How can a "non-place" be turned into a true place, a space with identity, one we recognise, inhabit, and that becomes anchored in its context?

The method of conceiving and shaping such spaces is illustrated through two example projects. The environments created are not intended as final solutions; rather, they allow for future, more extensive development of the block and the gradual weaving together of public spaces. The block's inner areas — courtyards and passageways — are meant to be discovered in a spontaneous, intuitive way, echoing Debord's concept of the *dérive* (drifting). Transforming a block in the historic Downtown alters how we experience our everyday surroundings, and such a shift takes time to accept and adapt to. A new history of the space needs to emerge.

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Four Summer Houses in Zagreb by the Design-Bulid Office "Šafranek & Wiesner"

The paper will present four Zagreb historicist summer houses designed and likely constructed by the relatively unknown Zagrebbased architectural office "Šafranek & Wiesner" at the end of the 19th century. In addition to their well-known projects, such as the 1889 Zikmundowsky summer house on Nazorova St., and the 1894 Tkalčić summer house on Bukovačka St., the presentation will also examine the summer house "Veseljak" on Bukovačka St., built in 1882 for Vilim Lovrenčić Sr. and recently attributed to "Šafranek & Wiesner", as well as the long-demolished summer house Burgstaller at Ksaver (an 1887 extension to an existing cottage). Typologically and architecturally diverse, these four summer houses are interesting and representative examples of Zagreb's summer retreat culture at the turn of the century. Moreover, the four projects contribute significantly to our limited knowledge of the relatively unknown design-build practice of Viekoslav Šafranek and Robert Wiesner — active and prolific Zagreb builders during the last quarter of the 19th century.

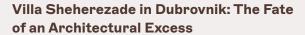
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Villa Sheherezade, constructed in 1928/1929 in the Ploče district of Dubrovnik, has been examined primarily within the oeuvre of the Viennese architect Alfred Keller, as well as within the corpus of interwar architecture in Dubrovnik. It has also been identified as part of the corpus of architecture with dominant Art Déco features in Croatia. Due to its eccentric design - criticized at the time of its construction — but also to its enduring reputation as a luxury residence, the villa is also well known beyond the scholarly circles. Based on newly discovered original architectural documentation, the presentation will attempt to analyse in more detail the spatial concept and symbolic reminiscences of the villa's design and its garden. Furthermore, it aims to reconstruct the role and influence that the investor, Estonian financier William Zimdin, exerted on the project. Particular attention will be given to the villa's richly appointed interior and its gradual disintegration, resulting from changes in function and subsequent adaptations.

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In 1888, banker and businessman Edmund Kolmar commissioned a two-story residential building at Hebrangova 34 in Zagreb, designed by the Grahor & Klein studio, specifically architect Janko Josip Grahor. Over the course of 120 years, the Kolmar — Singer House has housed many tenants in living spaces of various quality. Parts of the building have also been used for commercial purposes several times, while the spacious yard (garden) at the rear has undergone significant changes in size and contents. Given the limited preserved construction documentation, the reconstruction of the history of housing and living at this address relies almost entirely on secondary sources — records about the house and address in professional publications and various directories, and, above all, in memoir literature.

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Pedagogical Approach to Teaching Comprehensive Renovation of Buildings in Downtown Zagreb City Blocks: Course Papers at the Faculty of Architecture, University of Zagreb

The potential for retrofitting the current building stock—through comprehensive structural and energy refurbishments while preserving architectural and ambient heritage - has long been a topic of graduate courses of the Faculty and Department of Architectural Technology and Building Science. The theme, particularly relevant to improving the quality and adaptability of living and working spaces in the Downtown blocks, predates the Zagreb earthquake. Following the earthquake and the subsequent introduction of emergency measures for the renovation of damaged buildings, the study of historical building techniques and detailing quickly became a key focus in the training of potential architects. Through modules such as the Architectural Technology Workshop, Sustainable Construction Workshop, and Architecture and Technology, students considered comprehensive models of renovation for various heritage building types. Additionally, individual projects involving full-scale renovation and/or adaptive reuse aimed at modern functional needs and economic feasibility were designed and completed for Downtown buildings and throughout the wider historic centre of Zagreb.

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Drago Ibler's Rental Apartment Buildings and the Five Points of Modern Architecture: A Precedent That Set a New Standard

In the interwar period, Zagreb, as the leading economic centre of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, saw multi-unit rental apartment buildings become the most profitable form of investment and, as Stjepan Planić remarked, "undoubtedly the most widespread and common type of building in the city." (On the Attached Rental House, *Građevinski vjesnik* 3, 5 (1934): 65–70)

These buildings were constructed in the Downtown and in the newly developing district east of Draškovićeva Street. By the late 1920s and into the 1930s, Zagreb architects began to implement a range of design and construction innovations, prompted both by rising housing standards and by the adoption of *New Building* postulates, particularly those articulated in Le Corbusier's *Five Points of Modern Architecture*. A representative example of this architectural approach is found in the two residential buildings commissioned by sisters Anna and Klotilde Wellisch, located at 13 Martićeva Street and 60 Vlaška Street, designed by Drago Ibler (1894–1964). In these projects, Ibler redefines the buildings' volume, lamellae with flat roofs, penthouses, and rooftop terraces. He employs a reinforced concrete frame structure, introduces street-facing loggias and ribbon windows, and includes built-in furniture within the flats. This paper examines these important works within the wider

context of Ibler's architectural legacy and the development of Croatian residential architecture. It also re-evaluates Ibler's often overlooked contribution, which has largely been credited to his long-standing collaborator, architect Drago Galić.

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Protected Historicist Summer Houses on Josipovac in Zagreb: Construction — Transformation — Future

The cottage settlement on Josipovac in Zagreb built at the end of the 19th century represents a vivid testament to the efforts of the domestic architectural scene of that time to actively emulate contemporary Central European urban and architectural tendencies. The clients of these summer houses hailed from the ranks of the affluent bourgeois classes, facilitated by new economic relations and inspired by the culture of the Gründerzeit. The foundation of the Josipovac cottage settlement on the southernmost slopes of the Medvednica mountain marked the first realisation of this modern urban concept in the region. Of the 21 villas and summer houses built on this site many have been irretrievably lost, but those that have been preserved and listed indicate not only the high level of the housing culture of that time, but also, with their design in the style of high and late historicism, highlight the achievements of the domestic architectural scene, clearly demonstrating that it had, by then, begun to keep pace with the professional aspirations of the period. The analysis of four listed summer houses has shown the richness of this specific architectural typology, which, with well-considered architectural interventions, can still be adapted for contemporary use, primarily for housing, but possibly for other (cultural) purposes as well. The study and valorisation of Zagreb's historic summer house architecture is the basis for the protection of the remaining structures, ensuring they do not suffer the same fate as those that have been demolished or irreversibly damaged by inappropriate interventions.

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In the 1880s, the Zagreb furniture manufacturer Bothe & Ehrmann developed into one of the first and most prominent furniture factories in Croatia, playing a leading role during the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and remaining influential after World War I until its closure in the 1930s. From the outset, the company operated beyond the Zagreb context, opening a branch in Vienna and earning the prestigious title of the Imperial and Royal Court Supplier. Although most of the available information about the company's work is related to the furnishings for public institutions (hotels, cafes, banks) in cities like Zagreb, Vienna, Belgrade etc., it also sold and exported furniture for the consumer market, so its pieces were commonly found in many (Zagreb) middle-class flats. This paper aims to provide a more comprehensive overview of the company's production. especially in the context of middle-class housing. Special attention will also be given to the Vienna branch, which became independent in 1915, and continued operating until recently.

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Villa Božić — The Sad Fate of an Architectural Gemin Banja Luka

This paper examines the architectural and historical significance of Villa Božić, a single-family house in the centre of Banja Luka. It was built for Ivan Božić, a timber merchant, and designed by Rudolf Lubynski, one of Croatia's most prominent Secession-era architects. The villa is a notable example of the Secession style and was a major architectural achievement from the period of Austrian-Hungarian rule in Banja Luka. Villa Božić was damaged in the 1969 earthquake, and soon fell into disrepair, as documented in photographs taken in the years that followed. The house suffered from prolonged exposure to damp conditions, gradually deteriorated, and was finally demolished in 2002. The architectural and cultural value of Villa Božić was never recognised by the cultural heritage institutions of Bosnia and Herzegovina or by the city authorities of Banja Luka.

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The Gillming-Hengel House in Osijek: From Residence to Library

The representative one-story corner building, the Gillming-Hengl House in Osijek, located on the north side of European Avenue, is the last in a row of Art Nouveau buildings along the street. It was built in 1906 as a wedding gift from Matilda and Ladislav Gillming to their daughter Matilda on the occasion of her marriage to Vjekoslav Hengl, a royal notary and lawyer who later became the mayor of Osijek. The house was constructed on the site of the former horse tram depot, based on a design by the Viennese architect Ernst von Gotthilf. On the first floor, there was a seven-room apartment accessible via an elegant spiral staircase, while the ground floor contained a smaller rental apartment and Hengl's spacious office. After World War II, the house was nationalised and since 1957, it has housed the City and University Library of Osijek. In 2012, the Croatian Conservation Institute conducted conservation and restoration research on all the façades, which served as the basis for restoration guidelines, leading to the renovation of the entire street fence and the large street-facing balcony. Recently, an energy renovation of the building has begun.

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Trešnjevka Land Division: Planning the Periphery Through Guided Private Initiative

The 1935 housing estate developed by the First Croatian Savings Bank has attracted attention in architectural historiography primarily through the attribution of its standardised housing rows to Zdenko Strižić and their reception in professional publications. Rather than focusing on questions of authorship, this study shifts attention to the spatial processes that preceded the estate's construction, positioning it as a significant example of collaboration between the public and private sectors, and as a reference point for exploring underexamined themes within architectural historiography. Unlike conventional models of private land division, what stands out in this case is the surprising role played by the city administration in planning the parcelling of privately owned land. In doing so, it incorporated elements of public interest and urban quality — most notably a central park with a children's playground and a swimming pool. Designed by municipal officials Ciril Jeglič and Zvonimir Fröhlich, this public amenity was inserted into a densely structured area of residential rows intended for the property market. The integration of such communal infrastructure within a privately driven development is a rare example of planned urban intervention on the city's outskirts. This study therefore shifts the focus away from questions of authorship and instead considers the estate in terms of its broader morphological, economic, and social significance within the process of urbanisation.

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Hönigsberg & Deutsch and Zagreb's Architecture: Clientele and Business Practices

The architectural and construction company established in 1889 by Leo Hönigsberg and Julius Deutsch played a pivotal role in the transformation of Zagreb's urban landscape over the course of just two decades. Through their prolific output, they contributed significantly to the modernisation of the city's architecture, aligning it with the standards characteristic of the capitals of the Habsburg Empire. As the first modern architectural office in Zagreb the firm marked a turning point in the city's professionalisation of architectural design practice. Primarily employed by Zagreb's economic elite — predominantly, although not exclusively, of Jewish origin — Hönigsberg & Deutsch designed some of the most lavish residential buildings of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Thanks to the large number of projects they completed, their oeuvre is particularly well-suited for analysing the influence of social conditions on the architecture of the period. The aim of this paper is to identify the clientele of Hönigsberg and Deutsch, examine how they promoted their work, and ultimately analyse how they conceived the buildings they designed.

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The development of railway housing and welfare architecture by the Hungarian State Railways (MÁV) greatly contributed to the urban planning and architecture of fin-de-siècle Zagreb and Rijeka. As part of its expansive infrastructural development, MÁV introduced residential settlements with housing, canteens, schools, and meeting halls, reflecting a progressive welfare strategy. Through archival research and comparative analysis, the authors explore the planning, standardisation, and social function of these settlements in relation to similar projects in Budapest and across Hungarian and Croatian towns. A key finding is a 1903 official MÁV document confirming that housing in provincial towns was built to the same architectural and technological standards as in the capital, challenging previous assumptions of inferior quality. Situating these estates within the broader framework of railway-driven urbanisation, the study aims to elucidate MÁV's coordinated architectural policy and the role of these settlements in the urban fabrics of Zagreb and Rijeka.

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In Vienna and Budapest, the Gründerzeit housing stock (GHS) refers to the period of industrialisation during the Austro-Hungarian Empire (1848-1918), which saw the construction of historic tenement houses. In recent decades, this GHS has undergone substantial transformations, sometimes demolitions, while, building protection has been slow on the political agenda. These transformations encompass cultural, social, and economic dimensions that extend beyond individual buildings to impact the urban milieu. This is particularly evident in GHS located in districts, situated outside the UNESCO perimeter, which provides affordable housing for low-income households. As Olwig (2001: 349) argues, it is only those people who can afford to, desire to, and who possess the right cultural capital, who can adopt the antiquarian approach. The dimensions of power and powerlessness, centre and periphery, and sometimes wealth and poverty, seem strengthened by ongoing heritage practices and processes. This raises issues around tangible and intangible preservation processes and official criteria that exclude elements of the ordinary landscape which becomes more prevalent in times of economic competition. This presentation aims to shed light on the relationships city authorities establish with ordinary heritage, as well as the resulting preservation practices, while also contributing to the heritage debate.

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Metropolitan Aspirations and Housing Culture on the Periphery of the Empire: The Austro-Hungarian Transformation of Sarajevo

In the late 19th century, the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy initiated far-reaching urban reforms in its newly annexed territories, with the aim of bringing them in line with contemporary Central European standards. As the administrative centre of the joint condominium established in 1878, separate from both Austria and Hungary, Sarajevo emerged as a focal point for the realisation of metropolitan urban planning aspirations. This political and administrative framework created unique conditions that shaped the city's social and spatial development. A major fire broke out just one year after the occupation, further accelerating Sarajevo's urban transformation. The organically shaped čaršija was systematically rebuilt following Central European planning principles, marking a clear departure from its longstanding Oriental influences. This area became a testing ground for architects from across the Monarchy. The introduction of new technical and housing standards intersected with local traditions, resulting in a hybrid "Bosnian style" - a fusion of Austro-Hungarian residential architecture and the traditional vernacular of the Ottoman era. Despite the push towards modernisation and standardisation, the city managed to preserve its authentic character. Today, these historic forms face new challenges, including adaptation, repurposing, and preservation amidst the pressures of gentrification and touristification.

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Extensions and Adaptations of Historic Buildings in Downtown Zagreb: A Study of Stjepan Planić's Architectural Oeuvre

The issue of extending historic buildings offers considerable architectural potential for the sustainable revitalisation of central Zagreb, particularly in terms of preserving its valuable built heritage while adapting it to contemporary living needs. Through a selection of architectural interventions — such as the adaptation of attic spaces into residential units and adding extensions to historic buildings designed by Stjepan Planić (1900-1980) in Downtown Zagreb - this paper illustrates the ongoing modernisation of the housing stock from the 1930s to today. Planić stands out as an architect whose forward-thinking approach and innovative spatial solutions enhanced housing quality, encouraged the efficient repurposing of space, and thoughtfully integrated new elements into the existing urban and historic context. His substantial body of work on adapting and extending residential buildings in Zagreb is a noteworthy contribution to architectural practice, illustrating how tradition and contemporary design can be successfully merged to improve the quality of urban spaces and promote sustainable development in the city.

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(Un)Building the Metropolis: The Potential of Historical European *Unbuilding* Models in Rethinking the Renewal of Downtown Zagreb

Contrary to building as the primary, addition-based constructive activity, many urban environments in European cities have also been shaped through unbuilding. Based on the designed removal of built mass, various models of these subtractive practices can be identified, some of which have roots in 1880-1940: from Haussmann's radical urban cuts through Paris and Giovannoni's theories of urban pruning, to the modernist tabula rasa. This paper critically re-examines the lessons learned from the successes and failures of these historical models and explores their interaction with contemporary subtractive spatial approaches such as adaptive reuse, renaturalization, and urban degrowth. Special emphasis is placed on how these insights can contribute to rethinking the urban renewal of Downtown Zagreb, which has faced structural damage and significant population loss since the 2020 earthquake. The aim is to position subtraction as a valid urban transformation strategy and to reflect on its potential and limitations in this context.

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Downtown Zagreb is diced in blocks; blocks are diced in parcels; its urban figure is virtually continuous and precisely regulated. Yet it is an interrupted city with strongly present ruins and ruptures. The second earthquake in its modern history only emphasized this presence, providing a chance for draught, thorough cleaning, construction of the new layer. As a technique for construction of the continuous city, interpolation starts from its basic unit, the built-in city palace. Building by building, block by block, in the beginning it was about building the context. Modernism introduced new forms first from the outside, then entered the structure of the building to finally challenge the edges of the block. By directing construction towards the periphery, Zagreb Downtown is emptied of content, complicated procedures lead to the paralysis of the city center. In contrast, contemporary examples of interpolations from our own practice show an effective way of constructive, substantive and formal city renewal by emphasizing existing values.

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Quality of Living in Zagreb's Donji grad and Gornji grad

The aim of this research was to analyse the quality of life in the Donji grad and Gornji grad districts of Zagreb, and to compare current conditions with findings from previous sociological studies (dating from the 1970s to the present). The study focused on several specific themes: Zeleni val – quality of life and everyday experiences, with particular attention to the intersection of Preradovićeva and Hebrangova streets; Donji grad-public space quality and the availability of social and cultural amenities; and a comparative analysis of quality of life in Donji grad and Gornji grad. The research employed a mixed-methods approach, including semi-structured interviews, online surveys, content analysis, and photo mapping. Across all areas, a range of issues were identified, including traffic-related problems (infrastructure, noise pollution, safety), housing challenges (gentrification, post-earthquake structural conditions, neglect), insufficient adaptation to the needs of the elderly population, and limited availability of public amenities for recreation and education.

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Ilica 1:1

At 5,7 km, Ilica is the third-longest street in the city of Zagreb. Despite being the primary cause of morning traffic jams, it serves as the main connector between the western and eastern parts of the city. City blocks near the city centre exhibit lively ground floor activities, contributing to the bustling street atmosphere. However, after one kilometre, the situation changes abruptly with vacant ground floor sections and changing typology towards aesthetically pleasing but underutilised spaces that behave strangely. This project aims to delve deeper into the history, morphology and the street-level environment of Ilica. While in one zone we deal with the problem of undefined urban voids, which manifest as urban anomalies, in another we deal with vacancies as potential social spaces and the need for a vibrant street-level environment conducive to healthy activities.

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OPEN HOUSE — Concept of Shared Cultural Value

The Open House concept is formed to foster collaboration and the exchange of ideas by knowledge sharing. The Open House Festival promotes architecture as a shared cultural value. Through collaboration, the project unfolds a multi-layered view of quality architecture and unites people of all professions, interests and visions form volunteers and curious enthusiasts to young and experienced professionals. The goal of Open House is to encourage reflection on the challenges and opportunities facing Slovenian and Croatian architecture and inspire new perspectives on cities and the future of our built environment. Open House Zagreb (established in 2023) was founded with the mentorship of Open House Slovenia (since 2009). Both organisations aim to foster a better understanding of the built environment, promote the architecture of their countries, run exchange programmes for volunteers and young professionals from both nations, and engage people from all professions to understand and act towards creating a better environment.

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The prominent Serbian architect Miladin Prljević (1899–1973) left a lasting mark on Yugoslav architecture through his prolific oeuvre, continuously developed over five decades (1924–1973). Exceptionally productive and dedicated, Prljević completed more than two hundred architectural projects. While he engaged with various architectural typologies, his creative expression found its fullest realisation in residential architecture, through which he made a substantial contribution to the architectural landscape of the Yugoslav capital.

Given that Miladin Prljević's oeuvre has been only modestly examined in historiography, this presentation seeks to highlight his residential architecture projects in Belgrade during the 1930s, within the broader context of the architectural and urban development of the capital of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. Special emphasis will be placed on interpreting his modernist poetics, which drew upon the principles of functionalism, expressionism, and Art Déco. In addition to offering a more comprehensive understanding of Miladin Prljević's work, the presentation also seeks to examine the cultural transfers between Central Europe and Belgrade — transfers to which Prljević actively contributed and which played a significant role in shaping the distinctive identity of the capital in the interwar period.

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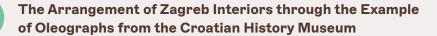


New Leopold Town is probably the largest and most compact twentieth-century Jewish quarter in Europe. A "town-within-atown," it was designed, constructed, and initially inhabited mainly by liberal, middle-class Jews. Their values and way of life are reflected in the modernist housing blocks built around large courtyard gardens and lined up along the streets with little shops and restaurants, all in stark contrast to the conservative, "neo-Baroque Hungary." This paper addresses the modernist New Leopold Town in Budapest, its architecture, and social milieu. Budapest citizens associate Újlipótváros with Jews and interwar modernism. In this thinking, Jewish equals an educated middle class, not too rich, but well situated and learned. Although Jews are now a minority in this area, they formed the majority in the 1930s, with the exception of caretakers, service personnel, and some middle-class gentiles who embraced the spirit of the neighbourhood. Even today, relations between Jews and gentiles in this quarter are more open-minded, thanks to the shared liberal values and the fact that the local gentiles have first-hand experience with Jews, undistorted by antisemitic stereotypes.

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The Collection of Paintings, Prints and Sculptures at the Croatian History Museum houses over one hundred oleographs, also known as chromolithographs, which once decorated both public and private interiors in the city of Zagreb. The introductory section of this presentation aims to introduce the phenomenon of oleography in the second half of the 19th and the first half of the 20th century, with particular emphasis on the Zagreb context. The central portion of the presentation will offer relevant statistical insights derived from the analysis of this material within the Croatian History Museum. This will include, among other aspects, the most frequently represented artists, genres, and publishers, accompanied by a selection of illustrative examples. The concluding section will address the acquisition policy concerning oleographs and their valuation within Croatian art history, with consideration of its potential for future research.

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A Room for Movement: Ana Maletić's 1932 Dance Studio at Mesnička Street No. 7 in Zagreb as a Space, School, and Experiment of the Modern Body

This paper examines one of the first modern dance studios in Zagreb, opened in 1932 by the renowned choreographer, dancer, and educator Ana Maletić on the third floor of a residential building at Mesnička Street no. 7. Founded as Škola umjetničke tjelesne kulture (School of Artistic Physical Culture), this space marked the onset of structured modern dance education in the city. With sparse archival traces, the paper foregrounds the material dimension of the dance studio as both an architectural and cultural site, as well as its educational and artistic aspects. It proposes a preliminary framework for studying early dance studios in Zagreb by examining how Maletic's dance studio functioned as a site of modernist spatial and corporeal exploration. Situated in a residential building, it provided a space for study, expression, and transformation — aligning with emerging ideas of modern urban living and artistic experimentation. In the broader context of architecture and housing in Zagreb from 1880 to 1940, the paper examines how dance studios - cross-located within residential buildings, illuminate wider processes of architectural and cultural urbanization in interwar Zagreb.

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Repurposing Former Residential Architecture along Zagreb's *Green Horseshoe*

Zagreb's *Green Horseshoe*, a series of seven architecturally and horticulturally designed squares, stands as the clearest reflection of the cultural aspirations of the city's formative period. It serves as both a historical record and an aesthetic expression of the eras of Historicism and Secession in Croatian architecture. The urban design ingeniously adapts the then-modern European regulatory concept of city rings to the local context. Within this space, civic values and private capital were expressed through architectural and landscape artistry, shaping some of the most significant chapters in the development of the Downtown, a district built as a collaborative achievement of urban planners, architects, investors, artists, intellectuals, politicians, and business leaders. Because of their prestigious locations and distinctive forms, many buildings along the Green Horseshoe have been transformed over time from mainly residential properties into various other uses, including museums, cultural centres, commercial spaces, and more. This study will present examples and trace the processes of these conversions from the interwar period to today.

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Apartment or Office? Vienna's *Fürstenhof* Building and the Imperial-Royal Ministry for Public Works

The Fürstenhof in Vienna belongs to a type of inner-city residential building that became fashionable and characteristic of the city after 1900 — the so-called Straßenhof (literally "street courtyard"). In this type of building, the continuous façade line of the block of houses is interrupted by a kind of street running into the block, which increases the number of windows facing the street (and thus also rental income). This design not only satisfied the desire for picturesque houses, but is also regarded as an architectural cornerstone of the buildings of Red Vienna. In terms of function, however, a remarkable transformation process has taken place. The architect Jakob Wohlschläger built the Fürstenhof as a multi-party apartment block. However, in 1908, just before its completion, he sold the building to the Cisleithanian state to house the newly founded imperial-royal Ministry for Public Works. The building then had to be adapted for its future use — not without difficulties.

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The second half of the 19th century and the early 20th century marked a foundational period in Zagreb's spatial development, during which numerous summer villas were constructed on the southern slopes of Medvednica Mountain. These villas served as seasonal residences for the bourgeois Downtown elite, offering an escape from the dust and heat during the summer months. Urban planning for this villa zone began with the first planned settlement, Josipovac - Zagreb's counterpart to Vienna's Cottage Viertel. This introduced a distinctive model of urban residential design into the city's green, hilly belt, which later expanded into the surrounding hilly areas. Today, this space faces intensive development with inappropriate building practices, threatening its urban and architectural character. This paper explores current urban planning regulations and protective measures inspired by Vienna's Cottage heritage, aiming to propose recommendations for preserving the unique features of this valuable urban landscape in Zagreb.

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Over the past 150 years, housing and the culture of living in Downtown Zagreb have undergone significant changes. Turbulent historical events and sudden socio-political shifts have forced long-established residents — whose families have lived here for generations — to continuously adapt to persistent change. These unstable conditions have shaped a wide range of life experiences and personal narratives.

How does contemporary life in the Downtown affect its architectural heritage, a vital part of our cultural identity? What challenges do long-term residents face, and how successfully do they respond? Are the changes we implement truly beneficial to the city and the preservation of its values? Although residents are undoubtedly co-creators of this urban space — through their everyday practices and culture of living — there is still a lack of a clear vision: what do we truly wish to preserve, what do we value, and what are we neglecting, allowing it to slip into oblivion?

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The residential and commercial building ("Wohn- und Geschäftshaus," "Zinshaus"), a building type which has been developed and established in most Central European cities since the mid-19th century, remains one of the great unknowns in architectural history. Although buildings of this type dominate large parts of the historic urban fabric from Prague to Zagreb, from Innsbruck to Budapest, from Trieste to Czernowitz—and despite many of them now considered 'icons' of architectural history, we still know little about their history, form and typology, cultural and social significance, and economic functions.

In Vienna, for example — once the centre for the exchange of architectural ideas in the Austrian part of the former Habsburg Monarchy until 1918, and the place where the residential and commercial buildings on the Ringstrasse acquired their 'classical' and, for decades, canonical character — there is still no comprehensive study on the subject. Only a fraction of the many thousands of objects are listed as historic monuments, and economic and eco-political constraints now threaten their existence in many cases. While such buildings in the inner districts are valued and maintained as residential properties and integral parts of the cityscape, often becoming popular investment assets, those in the outer districts are frequently at risk of demolition. But with the loss of these buildings, an essential part of the city's distinctive identity is also disappearing. Beginning with Vienna, this presentation will provide an overview of the history and theory of Central European residential

and commercial buildings. The focus is on the period around 1900, when this type of building, inspired by Otto Wagner and his school, became the centre of debate on the renewal of architecture and urban planning for the future. Not only was a new, modernist formal language tested on residential and commercial buildings, but also the complex relationship between structural "core" and decorative "raiment" was renegotiated. At the same time, the dense development of cities and the growing economisation of housing, with all its dramatic consequences for the poorer segments of the population, came under increasing criticism and gave rise to alternative urban concepts. Nevertheless, residential and commercial buildings remained key elements, "building blocks" of the metropolis—a definition that may also help us understand the significance and importance of these buildings in today's historic cityscapes.

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Art Déco in Belgrade Architecture — Façade and Interior Design of the Yugoslav Capital in the Light of Contemporary European Cultural Reflections (1918–1940)

The appearance of Art Déco architecture — a global phenomenon that reached its peak exactly a century ago — was, until recently, a marginalised topic in the field of scientific research of Serbian architectural history. The interweaving of influences from Central and Western European centres produced a wide range of styles in the interwar period. Art Déco developed most prominently within the cultural milieu of the capital, evolving alongside international modernism and resulting in opulent and imaginative solutions that reflected both individualism and the identity of the newly formed bourgeois class. The dominant presence of this decorative style in Belgrade stood in stark contrast to the prevailing international modernism in Zagreb and Ljubljana, highlighting the distinctions between these regional centres. The Art Déco in Belgrade also witnessed the remarkable development of façade sculpture, the embellishment of entrance halls, and decorative interior furnishings, leaving a legacy of exceptional artistic and architectural achievements.

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Until the second half of the 19th century, Vienna was located in a topographical context characterised by the presence of the hilly landscape of the Alpine foothills, the Vienna Woods, and the marshy floodplains of the Danube. The topography of the landscape was not conducive to large-scale urban development, thereby impeding unobstructed urban expansion. However, when the city experienced an unprecedented population increase from 440,000 to over 2,2 million inhabitants during the Gründerzeit (1848-1918), the cityscape underwent radical change. This resulted in substantial interventions in the specific topography. Accordingly, the Vienna Building Regulations of 1859 stipulated that streets should be laid out 'as straight as possible, while those of 1868 required them to also have just 'minimal, uniform changes in level'; as a result, elevations were removed and ground depressions filled in. In the floodplains, the so-called 'Innundationsgebiete', the overall level of the areas in close proximity to the water was elevated, in some places by up to two metres or more.

The thus-levelled urban subsoil was divided into a regular grid pattern: large-scale re-plotting transformed the long agricultural plots into grid-like Gründerzeit blocks. Consequently, the first industrialised architecture was constructed at a rapid pace, no longer by master builders but by semi-skilled labourers. In addition to public buildings, palaces and apartment buildings, an enormous number of workers' tenements (Arbeiterzinshäuser) and middle-class

tenements (bürgerliche Zinshäuser) were constructed — this distinction and the specific classification of the two types is being made for the first time in the "Urban Parterre Study" and will be discussed in this paper. It is evident that, over time, an urban texture has gradually emerged, which continues to define the city to this day. The structural development and the significance and influence of this urban fabric will be examined in detail.

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After World War I, a new type of combining working and living space emerged in Belgrade, influenced by European examples. This typology was particularly prevalent among the artists, especially sculptors and painters, but also architects and scenographers. As investors, Belgrade artists often collaborated closely with architects, working together to create unique and functional spaces that could meet the needs of both professional and family life. This collaboration resulted in some of the most exceptional examples of residential architecture in interwar Belgrade, like, for example, the houses of Petar Palavičini or Lojze Dolinar. The aim of this research is to explore the architectural and typological innovations present in these examples and to examine how architecture shaped the artistic life of Interwar Belgrade.

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Brno Jewish Architects and Their Residential Interiors

In the interwar period, Brno was a melting pot of Czechs, Germans, and Jews. At that time, it was possible to study architecture at the Czech Technical University (attended mainly by Czech students) and the German Technical University (where most students were German and Jewish). While Czech architects primarily designed in the functionalist style, German and Jewish architects preferred Art Déco in their interior design, drawing inspiration from 18th- and 19th-century furniture — always influenced by their clients' preferences, of course. The contribution focuses on the prominent Brno Jewish architects, Zoltán Egri and Norbert Troller and their residential interior designs. Although their work shares common features, they differ in some aspects. The paper discusses their use of materials and colours, presents rare examples of preserved interiors, and reflects on similarities with interiors of Jewish clients in other Central European cities.

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Accommodating the Garden Idea The Changing Dynamics of Dwelling and Nature in Zagreb's Historicist Villas

Zagreb's historicist villas, erected on the southern slopes of Mount Medvednica, constitute a distinctive residential landscape shaped by the complex social, political, and economic context of the latter half of the 19th century. These cultivated retreats, complemented by gardens as their outdoor counterparts, were deliberately and thoughtfully designed to reflect the aspirations of the new upper middle class which desired an urban life but in closer harmony with nature. Despite their acknowledged aesthetic and cultural value, the key progressive design principles - particularly those concerning the relationship between dwelling and nature remain insufficiently examined. This research systematically traces the evolution of this relationship, revealing how architects adapted the garden ideal to Zagreb's unique spatial, economic, and cultural conditions. It will show how initially harmonious villa-garden ensembles gradually transformed, mirroring a shift from elite private residences to more affordable compositions. In doing so, they reflected broader changes in social structure but also laid an important foundation for the further development of modern domestic architecture and its spatial planning.

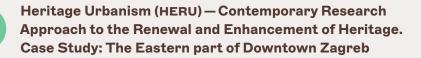
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The paper explores the urban characteristics of the eastern part of Downtown Zagreb, situated within the historical city centre, and examines the urban heritage of its predominant block structure in the context of the contemporary *Heritage Urbanism (HERU)* approach.

The urbanity of the Downtown Zagreb east of Draškovićeva Street has been recognised on a perceptual and ambient level, but has not been systematically researched. This is particularly evident regarding the city's urban heritage from the interwar period — a spatial context that partially incorporates the often (and rightly) highlighted modernist architecture, forming a distinctive and recognisable European urban ensemble. Throughout the 20th century, the studied area had been continuously developed through various urban planning approaches and architectural interventions — ranging from individual modifications within blocks to the urban transformation of abandoned industrial sites. The growing awareness of the value of architectural and urban heritage, coupled with the lack of appropriate planning tools to preserve and enhance this inherited value, has prompted this research.

Within the applied *HERU approach* to the restoration and enhancement of urban heritage, three key indicators are highlighted: *factors* (of identity, influence, and value), *criteria* (for evaluation, enhancement, and restoration of heritage), and *models* (important for the renewal and improvement of heritage).

Comprehensive research of 67 urban blocks yielded scientifically measurable factors pertaining to the spatial phenomenon of the eastern part of the Downtown: urban traits, historical planning approaches with genealogical account of construction, and recorded and classified architectural interventions in the researched area. Based on research results, the following were established: identity determinants of the eastern part of Downtown Zagreb, the criteria for evaluation of attainable contemporary interventions concerning regeneration and enhancement of heritage, and a multidisciplinary approach intended for the design of contemporary intervention models.

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Architecture and Urban Development of the City of Split in the Interwar Period amid National and Social Turmoil

Following the end of World War I and the collapse of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy, Split became part of the newly formed State of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. The war had exhausted an already impoverished Dalmatia, pushing its population to the brink of survival. Various political factions, ideological division of public opinion, and the aftermath of the war, certainly did not guarantee civil peace and economic prosperity. However, this brief period in the city's history was marked by numerous architectural projects and urban planning initiatives. Between the two world wars, Split experienced sudden and rapid development and became the new administrative centre of Dalmatia. The paper analyses the architectural activity in Split during this period, which, despite unfavourable social and political conditions and the consequences of war, was both intense and sustained. The results of these changes have largely determined the current shape of the city.

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Socio-Spatial Transformation of Zagreb's Core: Between the Market and Sustainability

Over the past thirty years in Croatia, the market economy has shaped the development of urban and spatial planning, reducing their prominence compared to the urbanism of the socialist era. This trend is especially noticeable in the socio-spatial processes driving the intensive transformation of Zagreb's city centre. The ongoing phenomena of gentrification, touristification, and apartmentisation within the city core are impacting the demographic makeup, urban fabric, and identity of this area. The consequences are primarily evident in the rise of short-term accommodation for occasional visitors (tourists) and the departure of permanent residents from both Donji grad and Gornji grad. In this context, urban and post-earthquake reconstruction efforts have been carried out inadequately and without coordination, resulting in only partial refurbishment of the housing stock and a limited return of former residents. As a result, the quality of life is deteriorating, and the populations of Donji grad and Gornji grad are ageing. This socio-spatial transformation moves away from the EU's sustainable development goals and European spatial policies aimed at creating 'smart, inclusive, and sustainable cities', where citizens' needs and the enhancement of living standards are central.

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Das Gründerzeithaus, Renovation and Revitalisation

The 19th century brought the industrial revolution, which caused major changes not only in technical and economic conditions, but also in political and social conditions across Europe and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This led to a dramatic growth of cities like Budapest, Vienna or Zagreb. Urban development was revolutionised, resulting in the construction of infrastructure, factories, public buildings, and notably, numerous apartment blocks. The cities were dotted with construction sites. Many people invested in real estate, encouraged by tax breaks granted over many years. The period between the Revolution of 1848 and World War I is often referred to as the Gründerzeit. The architecture of buildings from this period reflects styles from earlier eras. Their façades were designed in historic styes such as Neo-Renaissance. Neo-Gothic or Neo-Baroque. Inside, these buildings offered flexible spaces. Depending on the location, conditions, and needs, apartments were provided either to wealthy citizens or to members of the working class.

These buildings are long-lasting due to their high quality and sustainability. Even today, they remain flexible in their use. These houses offer numerous possibilities and demonstrate significant potential in terms of technology, economy, and social expectations, including adaptability to climate change and energy efficiency. In many ways, they can be considered as raw models for future construction. Above all, we should emphasise the sustainability of historic houses. Today's goal is to raise awareness among

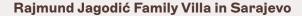
stakeholders such as owners, real estate developers, builders, and occupants. Historic buildings not only represent our cultural heritage, but also hold great potential for renovation and revitalisation to meet modern needs and requirements. It is essential to preserve these buildings with all the relevant details, which make them so unique. Styles and fashions may change, but quality endures. *Grüenderzeithaus* can last for many generations to come.

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The family villa of Rajmund Jagodić, built in 1916 in the Sarajevo neighbourhood of Nahorevo, is situated on a south oriented terraced plot and forms the central part of a complex that includes an auxiliary building, a stable, a pool, and orchards, all related to the family's tailoring trade. The villa is a rare example of Austro-Hungarian residential architecture, featuring an asymmetrical design influenced by English cottage houses, a functional layout, and decorative elements in a Neo-Moorish style, combined with the aesthetics of alpine mountain houses. The complex also reflects the spirit of the traditional Bosnian house through its courtyard orientation and connection to auxiliary structures, offering insight into Sarajevo's housing culture in the early 20th century. Although the original project documentation was not preserved, the Institute for the Protection of Monuments reconstructed the building's original state based on measurements of the existing conditions, which revealed minimal interior adaptation work.

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In the 19th century, two general urban plans were implemented at the city level in Zagreb, defining the city centre and guiding its further expansion. As a result, the historic urban core is still marked by lasting spatial features - green belts, parks, and squares — that complemented new housing developments and infrastructure projects, while enhancing the overall quality of life. Today, however, this same area faces population decline, partly as a consequence of gentrification and other significant socio-spatial processes, accompanied by the visible degradation of public spaces and amenities. A comparative analysis of Zagreb's urban planning documents indicates how these changes have been shaped by dominant impulses of urban transformation - shifting from structured, comprehensive planning toward urban sprawl, and more recently, densification, aligned with the concept of the compact city as a response to the fragmented development patterns of contemporary Zagreb.

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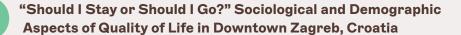
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This presentation explores the sociological and demographic aspects of the quality of life in Downtown, a historic and central district of Zagreb. The research focuses on housing culture, public space usage, and architectural characteristics, aiming to understand how these elements shape everyday life. Using qualitative methods and spatial analysis, the study investigates both expert perspectives and residents' perceptions of their living environment, social cohesion, and access to social infrastructure. Demographic trends, including population aging, household composition, and migration patterns, are analysed to assess their impact on community dynamics. A key question is whether there are differences in how experts and residents evaluate housing quality, public space, and overall liveability. The presentation will showcase preliminary findings from the sociological segment of the research, based on interviews with long-term residents and professionals. It concludes by asking: What are the connections between Downtown's historical identity and its urban future?

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This presentation is the first to consider four buildings on Zagrebačka Street in Split: the *Lega Nazionale*, the Šperac House, the Dujmović-Stock House, and the Pezzi Kraljević House, within a broader urban context and as a cohesive urban planning project. The analysis shifts from considerations of urban planning and design to that of architectural scale. During this process, certain attributions are confirmed and expanded with newly discovered information, while others are accurately established for the first time, situating the buildings within the wider body of work of their respective architects. The study also examines the identity of those who commissioned the buildings and their functional and social roles. Lastly, attention is given to decorative elements and finishing techniques, which are analysed in comparison with contemporary local building production.

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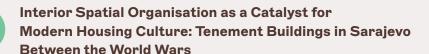
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The social, economic, and technological changes that occurred in the period between the two world wars also brought about a new housing culture in Sarajevo. The development of architectural expression, which found its source both in modern and avant-garde tendencies of Central European cultural centres and in the inherited traditional values of the local context, offered potential for a different approach to living. This paper analyses the floor plan solutions and façade designs of several tenement buildings in the central and historic parts of Sarajevo in order to highlight the values and characteristics of housing during the interwar period. The focus is on the role played by the residential hall, glazed loggia, and entrance (haustor) space in achieving both the aspect of privacy within the dwelling and social integration among residents. Unfortunately, today these buildings are subject to decay, inadequate maintenance and repurposing.

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The concept of a culture of living is somewhat forgotten today, despite having been a leitmotif for architects, designers, and social thinkers of the last century. The Zagreb milieu of the prewar period is marked by moderation, by a temperate and rational acceptance of the new trends, always adapted, though, to the local context and conditions. A series of questions is raised. Does an interior need to be just rational and logical, or expressive and rich in meanings; adjustable or precisely defined; complex or simple? Should it evoke certain emotions and express the individuality of the user? Should it draw on tradition or eschew any connection with the past? Is the architect's role to create a consistently designed unit, or a heterogeneous combination of diverse elements, and what should he or she aim for — total formal control or the construction of an unobtrusive spatial framework that permits various interpretations and modifications?

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