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Co-housing Practices/ Inventing prototypes for Athens

4-days workshop & ongoing archive

- 26-28 October** Seed talks, discussions & parallel workshops
30 October Summary- outcomes & discussion
26-30 October Ongoing archive of artistic practices: Housing as a Social Agreement

Organized by Co-Hab Athens, NetHood (Zurich), INURA Zurich & INURA Athens

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#ThisIsACo-op is hosting discussions, encounters and events in an amphitheatrical structure that serves as a receptacle of dialogue and a symbol of participation and community. The Greek Pavilion is a natural meeting place for architects, Associations, social movements and socially-minded individuals from Greece and the international community seeking solutions to the common fronts engendered by the crisis.

DESCRIPTION

The 4-days workshop on co-housing practices brings together urban practitioners and members of co-housing projects from Zurich, Leipzig and Athens to share their expertise, collaborate and examine the prospect of a realistic implementation of co-ownership models in Athens.

Our aim is to address the issues currently at stake in Athens such as the transforming housing needs, the degradation of urban fabric, the social protection of the new middle-low class and their right to the city; to explore ways of urban resistance to massive speculative real-estate development in the center of the city through paradigms already tested abroad. We aspire that this procedure of knowledge-sharing and common work will establish long-term collaborations and networks.

The meeting is organized in morning sessions where participants discuss and reflect on existing co-housing projects, their socio-political framework, their implementation process and the challenges faced through time, and in afternoon workshops that focus on specific case studies in Athens. Every morning session will be framed around a specific thematic area (ownership, decision-making, sharing space, vision) for which we will try to abstract concrete ideas and knowledge to be used for the possible future cases of co-housing in Athens which will be worked in detail in the afternoon workshops.

An overall presentation, followed by an assembly-discussion, will take place on Sunday 30 October, during which we will sketch a realistic scenario of instituting protocols for common ownership and co-living practices in Athens and a few concrete future steps.

In the frame of the workshop there will be exhibited the ongoing archive "Artistic Practices: Housing as social agreement" aiming to unfold a cartography of approaches by artists to the notion of the house, investigate and challenge the ways in which housing is not only imagined, but also effectuated by artists and further point out the ways in which forms of cultural production can be reclaimed as tools to design, defend and reinvent social space.

FEATURED CO-HOUSING PROJECTS

Kraftwerk1 - <http://kraftwerk1.ch/>

Kalkbreite - <http://kalkbreite.net/>

Mehr-als-Wohnen - <http://mehralswohnen.ch/>

Dreieck - <https://www.dasdreieck.ch/>

NeNa1 - <http://nena1.ch>

WOGENO - <http://wogeno-zuerich.ch/>

Miethaeuser Syndikat - <https://www.syndikat.org/en/>

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Panayotis Antoniadis, interdisciplinary researcher, NetHood, Zurich

Ileana Apostol, architect and urbanist, NetHood, Zurich

Tobias Bernet, anthropologist and historian, co-founder Central LS housing cooperative, Leipzig / Berlin

Thomas Dimov, architect, Zurich

Sofia Dona, architect & artist, project AKINITO, Athens

Elisavet Hasa, architect, Co-Hab Athens

Tonia Katerini, architect, STOP AUCTIONS network, Athens

Philipp Klaus, economic and social geographer, INURA Zurich Institute, Zurich

Jens Martignoni, researcher, NetHood, Zurich

Stelios Minotakis, architect, Co-Hab Athens

Rayelle Niemann, artist, Wogeno resident, Zurich

Vassiliki - Vicky Panagiotopoulou, architect MA, Less is More, Athens

Thomas Raoseta, architect, NeNa1 and 5im5i, Zurich

Dimitra Siatitsa, architect-researcher, INURA Athens

Constantina Theodorou, architect-researcher, Co-Hab Athens

Andreas Wirz, architect, partner Archipel GmbH, co-founder KraftWerk1, Board Wohnbaugenossenschaften Zürich, Board WOKO

Ongoing archive

ARTISTIC PRACTICES: HOUSING AS A SOCIAL AGREEMENT

Curated by

Giorgos Papadatos & Sofia Dona

Featured works by

Rebecca Agnes / Jonas Dahlberg / Giorgos Gyparakis / Tea Mäkipää / Artemis Potamianou /

Kostis Velonis / Erwin Wurm / Angela Ferreira / Eugenio Tibaldi / Yiannis Theodoropoulos /

Mona Vatamanu Florin Tudor / Giorgos Papadatos / Dorit Margreiter / Errands / Taysir Batniji /

Kimsooja / Michael Rakowitz / Nicos Charalambidis / Róza El-Hassan / Tudor Bratu / Teddy Cruz /

Raumlabor / Ahmet Ögüt / Sofia Dona / Marjetica Potrč / Zafos Xagoraris /

Rick Lowe Project Row Houses /

WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER | Day 1

11.00-13.00 Co-ownership and vision

Discussion on existing initiatives focusing on:

Needs and motivation/ individual incentives and preferences/ collective decisions/ addressed needs

Context/ the socio-political framework of each urban context/ existing mentalities on co-housing

Vision/ "big ideas" and storytelling

Seed talks

Andreas Wirz Cooperative Housing in Switzerland. Recent examples.

Tobias Bernet Vacancy vs. shortage: Founding new housing cooperatives under different conditions

Constantina Theodorou Cheap & Empty. The particularity of Athenian "housing crisis"

Thomas Dimov CoLivingLab: a living lab for experiencing and learning about cohousing and coworking practices

15.00-18.00 Workshop: Case studies for Athens

Presentation of possible future case studies:

Panayotis Antoniadis A NeNa1-like project in Athens?

Sofia Dona AKINITO project

Co-Hab Athens project

& detailed taxonomy of characteristic case studies, building types, and ownership models / presentation of the research-area

Selection of case studies to work in groups the next days.

THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER | Day 2

11.00 -13.00 Living together and dealing with change

Discussion on existing initiatives focusing on:

Community Building/ co-op members and residents/ space, ideas and time-sharing residency / transforming needs through time/

The art of negotiation/ negotiating with future co-habitants/ conflict resolution / assembly methods /

Reshaping interiors/ 60s mass modernism revisited/ common domesticity values/ participatory design/

Seed Talks

Philipp Klaus Participatory practices in housing co-operatives

Thomas Raoseta Individuals forming a collective neighborhood

Ileana Apostol Integrated housing and neighborhood development

Elisavet Hasa Tools, tweaks and techniques of configuring collective initiatives and social production in Greece

Vassiliki-Vicky Panagiotopoulou Home-house-homestead

15.00- 18.00 Workshop

Parallel working groups on the case-studies in Athens, with a focus on the themes of the day.

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER | Day 3

11.00-13.00 Tools and protocols

Discussion on existing initiatives focusing on:

Legal framework/ international alliances/ structural organization/ legal innovation/ soft law and corporate techniques/

Project management/ project building step by step

Funding / financial tools/

Labour/ Relocalizing production/ the relationship of work and local production/

Seed Talks

Dimitra Siatitsa The Greek housing system and perspectives for collaborative housing projects

Tonia Katerini Struggles against red loans and collective solutions from homeowners' view

Jens Martignoni Advanced economically integrated cooperatives, role of money in cooperatives.

Stelios Minotakis Possible tools in the building regulation

15.00- 18.00 Workshop

Parallel working groups on the case-studies in Athens, with a focus on the themes of the day.

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER | Day 4

11.0-12.00 Outcomes of case study workshops

12.00-13.00 Presentation of new projects

Philipp Klaus The INURA co-op initiative

Giorgos Papadatos & Sofia Dona Artistic practices: Housing as social agreement

15.00-18.00 Assembly –discussion: next steps, future plans, networking

NEXT STEPS

The workshop is part of an ongoing collaboration initiated in 2016 between Co-Hab Athens, Nethood and Project AKINITO towards the implementation of co-housing projects in Athens. The workshop will be documented and transferred as an exhibition back to Athens.

PREVIOUS GATHERINGS

Project AKINITO, concept-organized by Sofia Dona, Athens Biennale, 29 May 2016, Athens

Sharing ideas for sharing space, organized by NetHood and INURA Zurich Institute, 25-27 July, Zurich

MAZI workshop at INURA conference, 3-7 September, Bucharest

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

<http://thisisaco-op.gr/en/co-housing-practices-workshop/>

LINKS

Co-Hab Athens <http://cohabathens.com/>

Inura Zurich Institute <http://www.inura.ch/>

INURA Athens <https://inuraathens.wordpress.com/>

Nethood <http://nethood.org/>

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