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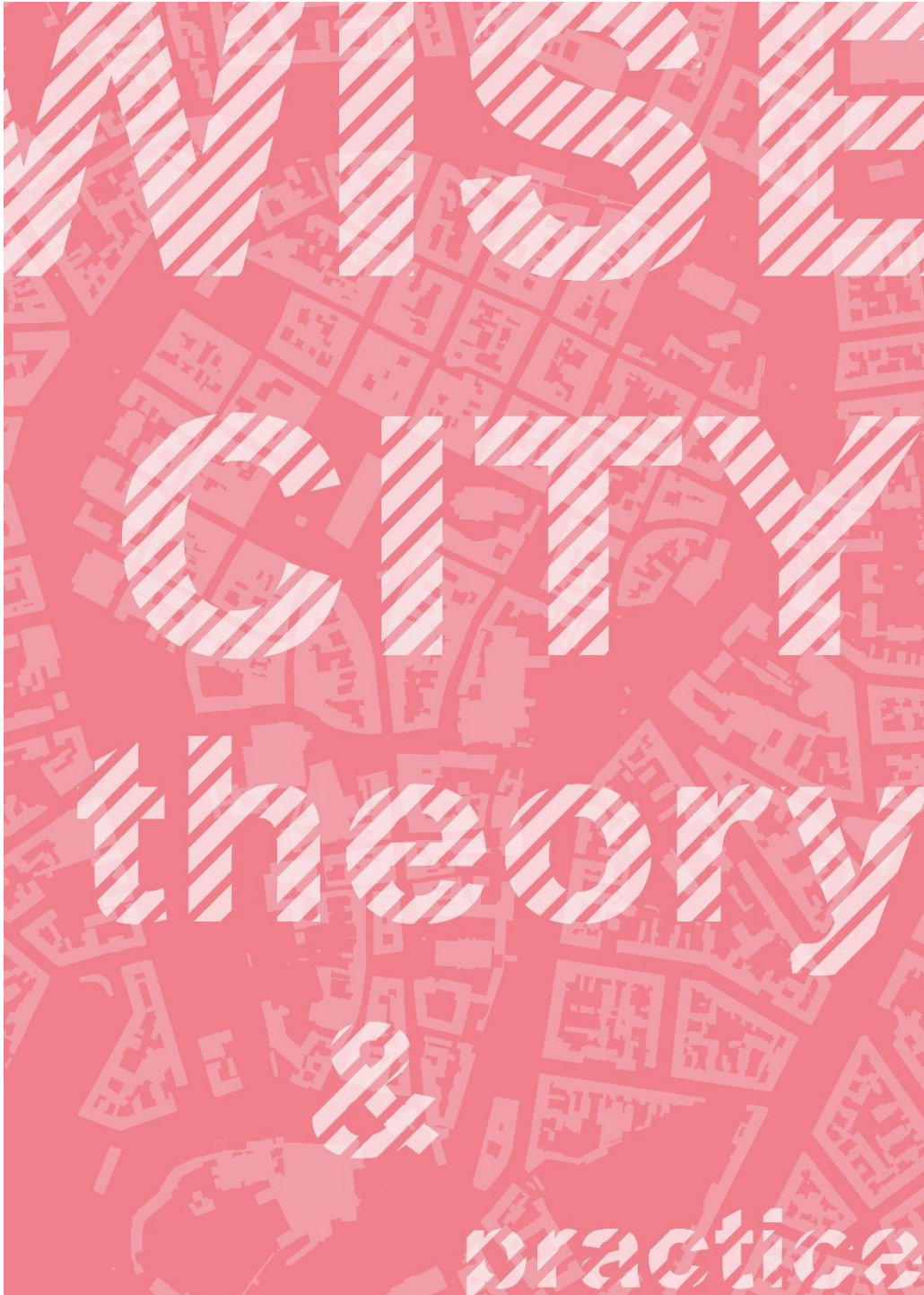
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The city is the natural habitat of contemporary humans. Shaping the urban and architectural space of a city is a great responsibility. It goes far beyond structural measures, and involves numerous interdisciplinary topics that we have addressed over the past twenty years in a cycle of international conferences organised in Cracow:

- **City Within the City** 14–15 May 2004.
- **Public Space of Contemporary City** 17–18 November 2005.
- **Living in the City** 25–26 May 2007.
- **The Heart of the City** 26–27 October 2008.
- **Public Space in the Housing Environment Within the City** 8–9 October 2010.
- **Future of the City – City of the Future** 20–21 April 2012.

- **Future of the Cities – Cities of the Future** 23–24 May 2014.
- **11th CTV CONGRESS – Back to the Sense of the City** 6–8 July 2016, jointly organised by the WPK Institute of Urban Design and the Center of Land Policy & Valuation, ETSAB Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona
- **Urban Composition of Resilient City** online, 25–26 March 2021.
- **Wise City – Theory and Practice** Cracow and online, 12–13 May 2023.

Another international conference on the problems of the contemporary city is approaching and is organised in accordance with a long-standing tradition, by academic staff originating from the the former Institute of Urban Design, continued by a team from the Chair of Urbanism and City Structure Architecture of the Faculty of Architecture, Cracow University of Technology.

In 2023, we started a new thematic series, addressing the theme of the Wise City – in theory and practice. This year’s conference is to address the need for solutions to the current protracted crisis – which affects many aspects of the contemporary city.

The worsening social, climate and economic crisis, which takes on different forms in different parts of the world – irrespective of latitude and cultural environment – and today calls for a re-examination of a wide range of issues: urban development policies, social needs and the functioning of urban communities, the continuous and complex process of urban transformation, environmental conservation.

The city, as an essential living space, is faced with the search for the best ways for it to operate in the emerging reality. The desired democratisation of space is conducive to pursuing a new dimension to the idea of the city, in which the technocratic face of the city should be softened by a greater sensitivity to the social needs of its community.

The Wise City, as a concept for the development of urban structures that combines sustainability guidelines with inclusive social policies, places the well-being of the city's users first. Sensitisation to human needs thus means pursuing inclusive urban transitions.

Against this backdrop, the ongoing climate, economic and military crisis, with the tragic escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian war, are strongly affecting urban process dynamics, including the structure of urban spaces. These processes have to face dynamic shifts in the natural and cultural environment, including demographic change, migration, climate change, the depletion of energy resources and many other challenges of contemporaneity.

The Wise City, as a city that can rise up to challenges and adapt to changing socio-environmental conditions, will therefore be the leading theme of the conference

THEMATIC SESSIONS

We would like to propose the following thematic sessions as the main areas of discussion:

CULTURAL HERITAGE – CRISIS IN URBAN IDENTITY

- Heritage as a basis for the development of new urban structures – inspiration and creative continuity,
- Cultural heritage – awareness and community engagement,
- Heritage – conservation, adaptation to and reconstruction from damage caused by natural disasters and military action.

URBAN AND ARCHITECTURAL STRUCTURE IN THE FACE OF THE SPATIAL CRISIS

- Contemporary city structure and architecture in urban reconstruction and redevelopment processes
- Impact of crisis factors on the architectural and urban structure of the city
- Legal instruments and urban policies in the shaping of urban space
- Challenges in reforming the Polish planning system
- Urban space in the face of contemporary transport and infrastructure challenges

THE CITY IN THE FACE OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- The functio-spatial structure of the city in the face of climate challenges – urban planning measures and architectural solutions
- Shaping blue-green infrastructure – needs and requirements
- Conservation areas and heritage sites – determinants for action in the context of the climate crisis

THE CITY IN THE FACE OF POLITICAL, DEMOGRAPHIC AND REFUGEE CRISES

- Demographic and migration challenges in contemporary urbanisation processes.
- Housing policy strategies in the face of military, climate and other threats
- Addressing processes of urban overgrowth and shrinkage

KEY DATES:

07.02.2024 – CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT – ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 1 OF THE 18th IAC

01.03.2024 - ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2

25.03.2024 – SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS WITH ABSTRACTS

09.04.2024 – ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

23.04.2024 – PAYMENT OF THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE (CONFIRMED BY PROOF OF TRANSFER)

09.05.2024 – SUBMISSION OF PRESENTATIONS (*PDF)

23–24.05.2024 – HYBRID CONFERENCE, ON-SITE IN CRACOW AND ONLINE

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