

BERLIN

active laboratory
of housing quality

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SEMINAR WEEK HS18

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Berlin incorporates a rich variety of projects which are until today innovative showcases for good housing quality. They don't lose actuality nor their importance. Facing the Stalinallee, the Hansa-Viertel development demonstrated during Cold War the new modern life with participation of internationally renowned architects as Alvar Aalto, Oscar Niemeyer, Walter Gropius and others. The 600 metres long highway overbuilding Schlangenhäuserstrasse deals in the 70's with the housing densification and newly built infrastructures. About 15 years later, Frei Otto experimented in a participatory process the auto-planification and improvisation of his Ökohaus. Wide-spread practice of Baugruppen shape nowadays the geography of collective housing in Berlin. And still, the urban block Prenzlauer Berg fascinates with its well-performed density.

This seminar week is a unique opportunity to question the current qualities of housing, which need to be continuously reinvented, on the basis of audacious and generous experiments that this city accepted to build as a laboratory for living. It still remains surprisingly modern, and a source of thinking that we will try to analyze together, to integrate their qualities into future projects.

Expense category C
including transport, accommodation, entrances
and a dinner
18 participants

professor
Anne Lacaton

assistants
Simon Durand, Ilona Schneider
Carina Sacher

linked to the design studio
**INHABITING, FREEDOM,
PLEASURE AND LUXURY FOR ALL**

The participation to the seminar week is strongly recommended for the students who wish to inscribe to the design studio.

