



INTERNATIONAL WEEK

Enhancing Community Resilience for Current and Future Challenges: Prioritizing Vulnerable Groups and Accessibility

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Theme

Communities, inherently delicate and subject to external and internal changes, often struggle to embrace and adapt to evolving circumstances. Those situated in urban locales face perpetual challenges arising from rapid urban regeneration, shifts in lifestyle, economic fluctuations, and migration dynamics. The relentless pace of modern life, coupled with societal norms and values, exerts pressure on community members. The resilience of communities hinges on addressing the vulnerabilities within, as marginalized individuals weaken the fabric of local communities. By enhancing the quality of life for vulnerable groups through greater integration, accessibility, and safety, we not only fortify communities but also foster a more harmonious, compassionate, and tolerant environment.

Challenge

Can our interdisciplinary group of scholars and future experts identify, highlight, and propose necessary changes? We aim to delve into various aspects of vulnerable groups and accessibility, encompassing physical accessibility, active citizenship, service access, aging, urban poverty, violence and abuse, urban migration, addiction, inequality, and health. Our exploration will focus on the neighboring areas of the Faculty of Architecture in Ljubljana, including residential neighborhoods and central areas (such as the old city center, Prule, and Trnovo). Subsequently, we will seek solutions through municipal policy adjustments, long-term strategies, planning, design, and innovative approaches.

Format and Timeframe

Over the course of five days, from Monday, February 12, to Friday, February 17, 2024, we will rise to the challenge. Initial days will involve expert lectures, site visits, group formation, moderated discussions, and exploration. The latter part of our collaborative effort will be dedicated to international, interdisciplinary group work, culminating in the presentation of proposals and solutions.

Venue

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Architecture (UL FA) and Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia (UIRS) – located within walking distance of each other and in the city centre of Ljubljana, Slovenia (*see details pg. 10*).

Partners

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Topics, Days and Focus:

11. Feb.	12. Feb.	13. Feb.	14. Feb.	15. Feb.	16. Feb.	17. Feb.
Arrival	ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY	MAPPING	MODELING & ROLE PLAYING	SCENARIO & FUTURE THINKING	PRESENTATION	Departure

Schedule:

Monday, 12 February

08:00 – 09:00	Registration (Urban planning institute of RS)
09:00 – 09:30 UIRS	Welcome address & presentation of the ISP dr. Igor Bizjak, director of Urban Planning Institute RS prof. Mihael Dešman, dean UL FA prof. dr. Alenka Fikfak, Head of Department of Urbanism UL FA
09:30 – 10:30 UIRS	Introduction to DAY 1 - ACCESSIBILITY Tilen Jurca (Urban Planning Institute RS): A Path towards Universal Accessibility Marina Lovrić (Geodetic Institute of RS): Enabling the multimodal mobility of people with various disabilities
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break & group formation
11:00 – 13:30 Ljubljana	Jane's walk doc. Aleksander Ostan, group 1 doc. dr. Janez P. Grom, group 2
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 15:15 UL FA, room 2	Jane's walk intro to group work
15:15 – 17:30 UL FA, Design studios	Group work
17:30 – 17:45	Coffee break
17:45 – 18:30 UL FA, Design studios	Alessandra Manganeli (HCU Hamburg): Greening initiatives for a more just city? Interrogating urban experiments and their implications for socio-ecological justice.
19:00 – 12:00	Dinner / free

Tuesday, 13 February

08:00 – 09:00	Registration (Urban planning institute of RS)
09:00 – 09:15 UIRS	Introduction to DAY 2 – MAPPING
09:15 – 10:15 UIRS	doc. dr. Matevž Juvančič (UL Faculty of Architecture): Blind and partially sighted users in urban environments: experience from a development&design project prof. Jörg Schröder (Hannover): Circular Design - An Urban Perspective
10:15 – 10:30 UIRS	Aleš Švigelj (UL Faculty of Architecture): Urban mapping
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:30 Ljubljana	Safety walks – field work with mentors
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 15:15 UL FA, room 2	Safety walk and urban mapping – intro to group work
15:15 – 17:30 UL FA, Design studios	Group work
17:30 – 17:45	Coffee break
17:45 – 19:00 UL FA, Design studios	Group work
19:00 – 12:00	Dinner / free

Wednesday, 14 February

08:00 – 09:00	Registration (UL Faculty of Architecture)
09:00 – 09:30 UL FA, room 2	Introduction to the DAY 3 – MODELING ROLE and PLAYING Alenka Fikfak, Janez P. Grom, Aleš Švigelj (UL Faculty of Architecture): Modelling
09:30 – 10:30 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (modelling)
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:30 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (modelling) / discussions with mentors
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 15:30 UL FA, room 2	Matej Nikšič, Alenka Fikfak, Aleš Švigelj (Urban Planning Institute RS, UL Faculty of Architecture): Role playing in urban scenarios
15:30 – 17:00 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (role playing)
17:00 – 17:45	Coffee break
17:45 – 19:00 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (modelling, role-playing) / discussions with mentors
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner / free

Thursday, 15 Feb.

08:00 – 09:00	Registration (UL Faculty of Architecture)
09:00 – 09:15 UL FA, room 2	Introduction to the DAY 4 – SCENARIOS
09:15 – 10:30 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (scenarios, role play, future thinking)
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 13:00 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (scenarios, role play, future thinking)
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 17:00 UL FA, Design studios	Group work (preparing poster & presentation)
17:00 – 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 – 20:00 UL FA, Design studios	Presentations and discussion / presentations to critics in group
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner / free

Friday, 16 February

08:00 – 09:00	Registration (UL Faculty of Architecture)
09:00 – 09:15 UL FA, room 2	Introduction to the DAY 5 – PRESENTATION / printing
09:30 – 13:00 UL FA, Galerija	Organisation of exhibition , preparation for presentations
11:00 – 13:30 UL FA, Galerija	Opening of exhibition, presentation
14:00 – UL FA, Galerija	Closing event
14:30 –	Free afternoon