

# LINKED BERLIN

## URBAN ORGANISATIONS

### Raumlabor – A New Approach to Urbanity

[www.raumlabor.net](http://www.raumlabor.net)

Raumlabor has worked with issues of contemporary urbanism and architecture since 1999 and has been very good at it!

### Urban Catalyst

[www.urbancatalyst.net](http://www.urbancatalyst.net)

Urban Catalyst (UC) is an interdisciplinary platform for research, projects, public interventions, conferences, exhibitions and publications. Urban Catalyst developed from a European research project of the same name, which explored strategies for temporary use in residual urban areas (2001-2003). It was founded in 2003 by Philipp Misselwitz, Philipp Oswald and Klaus Overmeyer.

### Initiative Stadt Neudenken

[www.stadt-neudenken.tumblr.com](http://www.stadt-neudenken.tumblr.com)

Initiative deals with property development—specifically how the governance of municipalities could be improved by increased civil participation by citizens.

### Institute for Creative Sustainability

[www.id22.net](http://www.id22.net)

Institute for Creative Sustainability is a non-profit, civil society-based organisation supporting cultures of sustainable urban development and innovative housing.

### The U-Lab

[www.ulab.architektur.tu-berlin.de/ulab](http://www.ulab.architektur.tu-berlin.de/ulab)

The 'Urban Research and Design Laboratory' was initiated in 2010 at the Technical University of Berlin. Based on the model of dialogue formats it encourages exchanges between teaching, research and practice, responding to demands of interdisciplinary project work as well as case study-based and activity-oriented functioning in the education of future city planners, urban designers and architects.

### German Urban Institute/Deutsches Institut für Urbanistik

[www.difu.de](http://www.difu.de)

The German Institute of Urban Affairs (Difu) is the largest urban research institute in the German-speaking area for research, further training and information for cities, municipalities, administrative districts, municipal associations and planning departments. Difu deals with all the topics which municipalities have to deal with now and in the future: whether in urban and regional development, municipal commerce, urban construction, social issues, environment, transport, culture, law, administrative subjects or municipal finances

### Think Berl!n

[www.think-berlin.de](http://www.think-berlin.de)

Read more in a U13 article by Cordelia Polinna.

### The National Urban Development Policy

[www.nationale-stadtentwicklungspolitik.de/cln\\_030/nn\\_1185612/EN/Home/homepage\\_node.html?\\_nnn=true](http://www.nationale-stadtentwicklungspolitik.de/cln_030/nn_1185612/EN/Home/homepage_node.html?_nnn=true)

provides an opportunity for all stakeholders from government, the public authorities, the planning professions, industry and the scientific community to have their say on topics such as cities, living together in cities, urban qualities and good governance.

### COOPOLIS

[www.coopolis.de](http://www.coopolis.de)

Office for cooperative urban planning.

Read more from the U13 interview with Rebecca Solfrian.

## CREATIVE PROJECTS

### Ex Rotaprint

[www.exrotaprint.de](http://www.exrotaprint.de)

ExRotaprint is a creative campus in Wedding, comparable to Tallinn's Telliskivi, which was founded in 2007 with the objective to take over the former Rotaprint site. The organisation behind ExRotaprint, a non-profit GmbH (Gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mit Beschränkter Haftung) disrupts the speculation-spiral of the real estate market and owns the buildings through a heritable building right. It is responsible for all aspects of project development, the financing, renting of spaces, and renovating the ExRotaprint site. Their non-profit status dispels the conflict over partial ownership and allows for planning unencumbered by individual interests. ExRotaprint gGmbH partners do not profit from the income generated by the property and cannot realize any increase in value from a sale of their stake in the partnership. Thus a long-term and stable location is created that can be developed on its own terms. This is the profit of ExRotaprint.

### Holzmarkt

[www.holzmarkt.de/seite/?/en/](http://www.holzmarkt.de/seite/?/en/)

Read more in U13 case study written by Regina Viljasaar and Jörn Frenzel.

### Institute for International Urban Research (InUrban) (FU Berlin)

[www.berlin-sciences.com/en/berlin-sciences-navigator/institutions/einrichtung/14692/](http://www.berlin-sciences.com/en/berlin-sciences-navigator/institutions/einrichtung/14692/)

InUrban is a non-profit research organization founded by scientists from the Department of Urban Studies (TEAS) at the Freie Universität of Berlin.

## READING LIST

**Zentrum für Kunst und Urbanistik** (Center for Art and Urbanism)

[www.zku-berlin.org](http://www.zku-berlin.org)

A new, innovative venue opened in August 2012 offering artistic and research residencies of 2–8 months duration for art production at the interface of urban research. They are situated in the district of Moabit in Berlin-Mitte, on the edges of Berlin's largest inland port.

**Also check: Architecture, Urban Space, City Research, Town Planning, Urban Development**

[www.goethe.de/kue/arc/dos/dos/sls/enindex.htm](http://www.goethe.de/kue/arc/dos/dos/sls/enindex.htm)

**BLOGS/MAGAZINES****URBANOPHIL**

[www.urbanophil.net](http://www.urbanophil.net)

A Network of Urban Cultures

**Spreeufer.com**

[www.spreeufer.com](http://www.spreeufer.com)

Urban Exploring Berlin

**Architecture in Berlin**

[www.architectureinberlin.com](http://www.architectureinberlin.com)

**Finding Berlin**

[www.findingberlin.com](http://www.findingberlin.com)

A visual magazine dedicated to Berlin and its cultural diversity

**Pieces of Berlin**

[www.piecesofberlin.com](http://www.piecesofberlin.com)

A Photo blog about Berlin and Berliners

**Stadt aspecte**

[www.stadtaspekte.de](http://www.stadtaspekte.de)

A magazine about everyday life of a city

**SYNCHRONICITY**

[www.synccity.blogspot.com](http://www.synccity.blogspot.com)

A blog excavating urban networks and their relationships

**uncube**

[www.uncubemagazine.com](http://www.uncubemagazine.com)

A new digital magazine for architecture and beyond

**Berlin: Critical Reconstruction**

[berlin-reconstrucaocritica.blogspot.com](http://berlin-reconstrucaocritica.blogspot.com)

A magazine seeking to provide a forum for debate on the history of architecture and urbanism in the 20th century, by means of a critical reflection on the mythical urban experience of Berlin.

**Abandoned Berlin**

[www.abandonedberlin.com](http://www.abandonedberlin.com)

Urban Exploration in Berlin

**Gentrification blog**

[www.gentrificationblog.wordpress.com](http://www.gentrificationblog.wordpress.com)

**Revue**

[www.revue-magazine.net](http://www.revue-magazine.net)

Magazine for a Next Society

**Strollology**

[www.strollology.com/?lang=en](http://www.strollology.com/?lang=en)

Blog about strolling through Berlin

**disurban**

[www.disurbanism.wordpress.com](http://www.disurbanism.wordpress.com)

This blog summarizes announcements to various discussions, symposia, scientific meetings and conferences, launches new publications, articles, comments from the press and science and has its own ideas about the pressing issues of urban development for discussion.

**AnArchitektur**

[www.anarchitektur.com](http://www.anarchitektur.com)

The journal An Architektur was founded at the beginning of 2002 to continue the work of the architecture collective *freies fach* – a group that had sought, since the mid 1990s, to critically assess the restrictive reconstruction of Berlin and the relevant political and economical conditions through actions, exhibitions, and small publications.

**ARTICLES****Pushing the Urban Frontier: Temporary Uses of Space, City Marketing, and the Creative City Discourse in 2000s Berlin**

[www.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9906.2012.00607.x/abstract](http://www.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1467-9906.2012.00607.x/abstract)

**The Mobile University of Berlin:****Urban-Planning Education at Eye Level**

[www.blog.bmwguggenheimlab.org/2012/08/the-mobile-university-of-berlin-urban-planning-education-at-eye-level](http://www.blog.bmwguggenheimlab.org/2012/08/the-mobile-university-of-berlin-urban-planning-education-at-eye-level)

**Ene-Reet Soovik: Destruction and Reconstruction in Berlin: Ian McEwan's Temporal Topography**

[www.eki.ee/km/place/pdf/kp5\\_17\\_soovik.pdf](http://www.eki.ee/km/place/pdf/kp5_17_soovik.pdf)

**CONFERENCES**

25th - 27th July, 2013

**SURE World Conference in Berlin** (Society of Urban Ecology)

[www.society-urban-ecology.org/index.php/meetings/urban-ecology-world-conference-2013-in-berlin](http://www.society-urban-ecology.org/index.php/meetings/urban-ecology-world-conference-2013-in-berlin)

Proposed theme: Progress in urban ecology and ecological challenges in urban development

## READING LIST

29th-31st August, 2013

## RC21 CONFERENCE "Resourceful cities"

[www.rc21.org/conferences/berlin2013/](http://www.rc21.org/conferences/berlin2013/)

## UNIVERSITIES/RESEARCH

### Centre for Metropolitan Studies

[www.geschundkunstgesch.tu-berlin.de/fachgebiet\\_neuere\\_geschichte/menue/home/parameter/en/?no\\_cache=1](http://www.geschundkunstgesch.tu-berlin.de/fachgebiet_neuere_geschichte/menue/home/parameter/en/?no_cache=1)

### The Urban Management Program of the Berlin University of Technology

[www.urbanmanagement.tu-berlin.de/](http://www.urbanmanagement.tu-berlin.de/)

### Global urban Studies Insitute. Berlin Free University

[www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/v/ina/arbeitsbereiche/globus/globus\\_english/index.html](http://www.ewi-psy.fu-berlin.de/v/ina/arbeitsbereiche/globus/globus_english/index.html)

### Department of Urban and Regional Planning (ISR), School of Planning Building Environment, Technical University of Berlin

[www.aesop-planning.eu/members/institutions/en\\_GB/technical-university-of-berlin/department-of-urban-and-regional-planning-isr-school-of-planning-building-environment](http://www.aesop-planning.eu/members/institutions/en_GB/technical-university-of-berlin/department-of-urban-and-regional-planning-isr-school-of-planning-building-environment)

### Stadtlabor

[www.euroethno.hu-berlin.de/forschung/labore/stadthanthropologie](http://www.euroethno.hu-berlin.de/forschung/labore/stadthanthropologie)

## NOT JUST BERLIN

### Urbanartcore

[www.urbanartcore.eu](http://www.urbanartcore.eu)

Urban Art Core is a fresh, independent street art, urbanism, graffiti and urban exploring magazine.

### BMW Guggenheim Lab

[www.bmwguggenheimlab.org](http://www.bmwguggenheimlab.org)

A mobile laboratory traveling around the world to inspire innovative ideas for urban design and new ways of thinking about urban life

### architekturclips.de

[www.architekturclips.de](http://www.architekturclips.de)

is an open, independent, and non-profit film platform acting within the fields of architecture and urban culture.

## TALLINN'S NEWS

### Spatial Intelligence Unit

[www.spinunit.eu](http://www.spinunit.eu)

Spatial Intelligence is about human abilities to comprehend, analyse and conceive spatial structures. A collaboration between academics and practitioners, the SPIN Unit studies urban form and spatial configurations across scales. The Unit is based in Tallinn, Estonia, but its collaborative structure facilitates research and consultancy relatively independent of place.

### Tallinna ideed

[www.linnaidee.ee](http://www.linnaidee.ee)

### Exhibition: Urban Scenarios

The exhibition "Urban Scenarios" aims to present main task of Urban Studies students in the Estonian Academy of Arts. Already for nine years students have made suggestions to change urban environments and to create scenarios for cities and citizens. We are often approached with a question: "What are urbanists doing and what are you going to do when you graduate?" Designing scenarios and creating programmes are the most popular tasks in the Urban Studies curriculum. Starting from visions for larger regions down to detail plans for plots and physical interventions in the city.

During the exhibition in the Estonian Academy of Arts Gallery (Tallinn, Estonia pst 7) from 6th to 19th March open discussions will be held that focuses on the future of Urban Studies program.