

# Future Cities

## Spree Shore Public Planning Workshop

**CIEE. COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE**  
**Global Architecture and Design. Berlin Summit. Spreefeld**

Date: 26 March 2015  
Time: 16:00 – 22:00  
Location: Spreefeld Option Space (Haus 3)  
Wilhelmine-Gemberg-Weg 14, 10179 Berlin  
Language: English

### Workshop Introduction

The participatory planning paradigm emphasizes the involvement of local communities in the strategic planning and management of urban public spaces. New media also permits planners to better communicate with communities and provide access to data. Participation also hints at the democratic, inclusive and decentralized practice of place making, and alludes to playful, alternative, and hackable environments. It is a positive and celebratory process, but not without problems... How is self-made urbanism accessed, curated, and managed? Is the practice limited to the fringe or will it find a place in the strategic planning and management of cities? In the city of Berlin, citizens are transforming the urban landscape, often in stark contrast to usual project development. Large and small projects and initiatives include community gardens, artistic and social building projects, event spaces, parks, and waterfront beaches and pathways.

At the Berlin Global Architecture and Design Summit, CIEE students from Barcelona and Berlin will visit innovative community organized and built projects. Students will be asked to reflect on the conditions that empower community and the advantages of the participatory process for building more equitable, sustainable cities. Students will then become designer experts in a public planning workshop for the Spree Waterfront. The aim is to learn from the renowned projects and processes and apply the tools and knowledge gained in the Global AD program thus far this semester. It's also a special opportunity to contribute to the local host community.

### The Spree Shore Public Planning Workshop

CIEE Future Cities Architecture Studio at the Spreefeld Cooperative is located in the Urban Renewal District "Nördliche Luisenstadt", created by the local government especially to improve access to the Spree River and to develop a public path along the shore. This public planning process began officially in 2011 and is expected to continue for another decade.

Planning efforts have been initiated "from above" for example with the collection of ideas on an open internet platform (<http://forum.luisenstadtmitte.de/>). Planning is also being done "from below" for example with a visioning workshop in the neighboring Neu West Berlin in January, 2015 (<http://berlinererinnerungsraeume.de/workshopergebnisse/>).

Our Spree Shore Public Planning Workshop is organized at this early stage of the process in order to help “open up” the planning possibilities before they get “narrowed down” by the government’s careful, official approach. By bringing together CIEE architecture students with local experts and community, this workshop will contribute new ideas and visions to the Spree shore development process.

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### **Event Coordinators:**

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### **16:00-17:30 Live Design Workshop**

Working groups will be joined by local community members and experts to develop a vision for each project. Concepts should be imaginative and provocative, while also addressing community concerns and ideas.

Working Group 1: Urban farming - productive edible landscapes

Working Group 2: Water Use - swimming fishing and paddling

Working Group 3: Pedestrian bridge

Working Group 4: River walk (Optional)

### **18:00-19:30 Comments, Discussion, Next Steps**

Working groups and invited guests will comment and discuss proposals. These will be published on the community forum for further comment. We invite you to join us after the workshop for refreshments and continued discussion.

### **Guests:**

Maria Aiolova, CIEE, Terreform ONE

Maria Kuptsova, CIEE, IAAC

Dr. Matthias Ballestrem, CIEE, TU Berlin

Martin Gsandtner, CIEE, ArchIP

Andreas Bachmann, KOSP

Eberhard Elfert, Erinnerungsräume

Kristian Ring, AA Projects

Robin Spaetling, Spreefeld + Spreeacker

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Paola Alfaro d'Alençon, TU Berlin - Urban Lab

Christian Tschersich, LAVA

Volker Hobrack, Bürgerverein Luisenstadt

Sandra Schäfer, Holzmarkt, Mörchenpark

Angelika Drescher, Die Zusammenarbeiter

Gert Jan, TAAT

Fernand + Oliver, TeePee Land

Peter Schwoch, Nördliche Luisenstadt Betroffenen Vertretung, Eisfabrik

### **20:00-22:00 Discussion and Reception**