



Press Release

Global Challenges | Local Solutions

The Manila Urban Initiative for Southeast Asia

Dates and Time: September 19–20, 2014, 9 am-5 pm

Venues:

Friday, September 19, 2014:

5/F School of Design and Arts Building, De La Salle College of Saint Benilde, Manila

Saturday, September 20, 2014:

University of Santo Tomas, Manila

The Goethe-Institut Philippinen is delighted to present the 1st international Manila Urban Initiative for Southeast Asia: Global Challenges | Local Solutions from September 19 to September 20, 2014 in Manila. The conference, jointly conceptualised by Tobias Guggenheimer, Dean, SoFA Design Institute, Manila and Dietmar Leyk, Director, Leyk Wollenberg Architects, Berlin and organised with our collaboration partners De La Salle College of Saint Benilde, Manila, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Design Center of the Philippines and BluPrint Magazine, Manila, will provide a platform for exploring approaches to address new directions in Urban Design for the Southeast Asian city.

The conference broadens and deepens the actual debate on massive urban changes to urbanized regions in Southeast Asia, which affect millions of people. Populations grow rapidly. The physical and the social infrastructure have not kept pace with the demands imposed by these changes. Regional hubs, which were already big, are in the process of evolving into a new urban typology: The Megalopolis.

Architects, Urban Designers, and all from the creative community, who give form, space, and quality to the environment, share common goals and often need to offer alternative perspectives to those of the government or the real estate market. Therefore the rapid evolution of the Southeast Asian Megalopolis challenges the environmental designer to confront existing development paradigms and to create innovative strategies.

The 1st international Manila Urban Initiative for Southeast Asia: Global Challenges | Local Solutions initiates an ongoing dialogue about the future Megalopolis within the design community and policy makers throughout Southeast Asia, with renown experts from Cambodia, Germany, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, as well as from New Zealand and Australia.

Conference discussions will focus on acute issues at the intersection of three thematic panels: Infrastructure, Housing, and Water.

The Manila Urban Initiative for Southeast Asia is dedicated to fostering a constructive dialogue between leading academics, practitioners, and policy makers concerned with ideas to take the quality of the Southeast Asian City forward.

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