

# VIETNAMESE - GERMAN UNIVERSITY ARCHITECTURE SPEAKS

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## THINKING ARCHITECTURE

THE OLD, THE NEW, THE CURRENT  
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### INTERNATIONALLY LOCAL

13:10 - 13:50 | 08.10.2025

**Tan Duy Nguyen**, partner at of the Swiss-Vietnamese design studio **G8A architects**, introduces the diverse work of their office. With their experience in a wide range of building types, including large-scale residential complexes, mixed-use developments, preservation and renovation projects, as well as urban planning and master planning, we want to ask: How does their international background influence their daily practice in the local context?



### INFORMAL ARCHITECTURE

13:50 - 14:30 | 08.10.2025

**Dr. Archie Pizzini** is an interior designer and architect as well as co-founder of **HTAP architects** in Ho Chi Minh City. His work is marked by a discerning examination of the informal architecture of Vietnam and a quest for its significance in design.

**TEA BREAK | NETWORKING**  
14:30 - 14:40



**UNCOMPROMISINGLY  
VERNACULAR**  
14:40 - 15:20 | 08.10.2025

**Tropical Space** brought contemporary Vietnamese architecture to international recognition in the early 2010s. Since then, the work of **Ngu Ngon Tran Thi** and **Long Nguyen Hai** has represented uncompromisingly vernacular design, working towards a new Vietnamese architectural culture in the context of a tropical climate, limited resources and a rigorously human-centered approach.

**TEA BREAK | NETWORKING**  
10:45 - 11:00



**ROBUST ARCHITECTURE**  
15:20 - 16:00 | 08.10.2025

Co-founded by **Prof. Ariane Wigner** in early 2018 in Berlin, **Kirchberger & Wiegner Rohde** is a practice for architecture, interior, design and urban planning. Based on thorough analysis they create custom solutions for varying tasks in diverse contexts and multiple scales. Driven by a love for space, proportion, form, precision, material, light, people and their habits we strive to produce both timeless and contemporary designs.



What drives us when we do architecture?  
What are the forces behind that form architecture?  
And how do we communicate architecture to society at large?

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## SHAPING ARCHITECTURE

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**HIGH RISE BUILDINGS**  
9:45 - 10:45 | 09.10.2025

As Building Team Leader of **ARUP Vietnam, Kien Hoang** is responsible for Arup's structural and building services engineering in Vietnam. His works on projects for domestic and international clients include the structural design of the Landmark 81 Tower in Ho Chi Minh City and the new Long Thanh Airport Terminal Building. Sharing his long-year expertise in the field, we want to explore questions on the specific challenges in large scale architecture.

**TEA BREAK | NETWORKING**  
10:45 - 11:00



**LIGHTING DESIGN**  
13:30 - 14:30 | 09.10.2025

**Dr. Trần Văn Thành** is Vietnam's first internationally certified lighting designer. He holds a Master's in Architectural Lighting Design from Germany, and a PhD in Lighting and Built Environment from the UK. Dr. Thành is the Co-founder and Design Director of **ASA Lighting Design Studios** - one of Southeast Asia's leading lighting design practices with two decades of experience delivering bespoke lighting solutions that merge global expertise with deep local understanding.

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## SPEAKING ARCHITECTURE

ARCHITECTURE COMMUNICATION  
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**COMMUNITY CULTURAL  
PROGRAMS**

13:15 - 14:00 | 10.10.2025

The group **Tản Mạn Kiến Trúc** organizes cultural programs for both professionals and the lay audience. With their profound local knowledge of the historic and social background of Ho Chi Minh City, they contribute to a better understanding of the built environment. **Hiếu Trương Trần Trung**, co-founder of the group, will share his approach to architecture mediation.



**URBAN SKETCHING**

14:00 - 14:45 | 10.10.2025

The architect **Chien Vu Duc** co-founded the group **Urban Sketchers Vietnam**. Organizing sketching events all over Vietnam, their approach is to make architecture accessible for professionals and non-professionals likewise, through the direct on-site confrontation with and careful observation of it.



**JUNGE ARCHITEKTUR**

15:15 - 16:00 | 10.10.2025

**Junge Architektur Karlsruhe** is a group of young architects based in the south German city of Karlsruhe. The group organizes architecture events and connects young architects, pooling their efforts to increase their impact. **Aristid Chang**, co-founder of **KuL Architekten**, shares insights and experiences from his daily practice.



**ARCH+**  
MAGAZINE FOR  
ARCHITECTURE AND  
URBAN DESIGN

16:00 - 16:45 | 10.10.2025

**ARCH+** is one of the leading magazines for architecture and urban design in Germany. Under the managing director and chief editor **Ngo Anh-Linh** the magazine published a well renowned double-edition on contemporary Vietnamese architecture in 2016. We want to explore the question of how **ARCH+** understands and practices architectural communication.

**TEA BREAK | NETWORKING**  
14:45 - 15:00

**FINISSAGE**  
17:00 - 18:00

## SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

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**Venue VGU Campus, Ben Cat**  
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Evening 16:20

Departure at Turtle Lake, HCMC  
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Morning 7:30  
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Evening 18:15

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