The Conference forms the culmination of a three-year project by the two universities, which explored the role of public space in its different configurations in urban dynamics, taking a critical and comparative stance on issues of use of public space and public urban nodes on urban integration, especially in contexts of industrial areas, reconfiguration of neglected ecological components, and integration of critical social groups such as the Syrian Refugees. Parallel lessons were taken from the Ruhr Region in Germany and from the districts of Marka and Sahab within the geographical expanse of Amman - Jordan.

The Conference will showcase the products of the Project, in form of:
1. Student work
2. Research projects
3. Knowledge exchange that occurred among the German Jordanian counterparts (the role of major stakeholders envisioning and enabling urban transformation in Jordan)

The Conference will act as an international platform to discuss new ideas and create the opportunity to initiate a dialogue with esteemed colleagues and global intellectuals.

CONFERENCES OVERVIEW

The Conference is organized by TU Dortmund University / Spatial Planning Faculty/ Department of Urban Design and Land use Planning in collaboration with German Jordanian University (GJU) / School of Architecture and Built Environment, and is supported by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

DAY 01
09.30 - 10.00
REGISTRATION
OEENING CEREMONY
Dr. Maram Tawli Conference Chairman
Prof. Christa Reicher | Project Director
HE Brigitte Maria Siebert-Eberle
Welcoming note | Ambassador | German Embassy in Amman
Prof. Manar Fayyad | President of the Jordanian Jordanian University
Prof. Ziyad Haddad | Dean of School of Architecture
Brigitte Siebert | Ambassador of the German Embassy - Amman
Gabriele von Frick | Director at DAAD Jordan

10.30 - 10.45
RECLAIMING PUBLIC SPACE
Interurban Dialogue: Project base for Conference
Prof. Christa Reicher
Dr. Maram Tawli
Fabio Beyer Kaiser

10.45 - 11.15
COFFEE BREAK

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF CITIES
11.15 - 11.45
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Prof. Nazeer Abu Obeid
Adaptation through Acculturation: Actualizing refugees in Hosting Cities

11.45 - 13.00
PANEL DISCUSSION I:
Approaches towards Socio-Cultural Integration
Panel Chair: Prof. Hermann Schnell

13.00 - 14.30
LUNCH BREAK

14.30 - 15.00
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Cornelia Zuschke
Urban Growth and Community: Regaining Public Space in Düsseldorf

15.00 - 16.15
PANEL DISCUSSION II:
Social and Cultural Dimensions of Cities
Panel Chair: Dr. Nabil Abu Dayeh

16.15 - 16.45
COFFEE BREAK

16.45 - 17.15
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Prof. Christa Reicher
Between Animation and Reanimation: Challenges and Planning Strategies in Dealing with Public Sphere

17.15 - 18.30
PANEL DISCUSSION III:
Social and Cultural Dimensions of Cities panel
Panel Chair: Prof. Mohammad Ali Yaghman

DAY 02
10.00 - 10.30
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Prof. Karl Fingerhuth
Public Space - the Soul of the Town

10.30 - 12.15
PANEL DISCUSSION I:
Creative Development Approaches towards a Better Role of Public Space
Panel Chair: Dr. Jan Polivka

12.15 - 14.00
LUNCH BREAK

14.00 - 14.30
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Ruth Orzech-Kruppa
Rendering Development Interventions in the City of Düsseldorf

14.30 - 16.00
PANEL DISCUSSION II:
Urban Transformation for more Cohesive Societies
Panel Chair: Dr. Katrin Bömer

16.00 - 16.30
COFFEE BREAK

NATURE BASED PLANNING APPROACHES
16.30 - 18.00
PANEL DISCUSSION:
Nature Based Planning Approaches
Panel Chair: Prof. Frank Eckardt

18.00 - 18.30
CLOSING CEREMONY

DAY 03
09.00
DEPARTURE FROM STARTING POINT

10.00
AMMAN DOWNTOWN

11.30
GJU SABE VISIT

12.00
LUNCH BREAK

13.00
DEPARTURE TO JERASH

16.00
TRIP END (DEPART FROM JERASH)