

## Final Report

### *Project AKTION 71p4 – History of Mass Housing of Czechoslovakia and Austria*

The project “History of Mass Housing of Czechoslovakia and Austria” supported by AKTION has been successfully realized according to the project proposal without major changes or problems. The main body of the project – an international symposium and field trip – was realized in April and May 2015. Symposium titled “Housing the Masses” with the subtitle “International Conference on the History of Institutionalized Housing of Socialist Czechoslovakia and Austrian Welfare State” took place at the conference hall of the Moravian Gallery in Brno, the Museum of Applied Arts on 28 April 2015. Three speakers from Austria and three speakers from the Czech Republic respectively delivered their lectures on the topic of institutionalized housing in both countries. See the annexe A for the details.

The field trip took place in the cities of Brno, Ostrava, Zlín and Vienna between 29 April and 3 May 2015. Nine students and one scholar from Austria and seven students and three scholars (organizational team) visited representative housing estates documenting evolution of institutionalized housing in the first and second half of the 20th century in Austria and former Czechoslovakia. Visit of each location was accompanied by local expert commentary and guidance. See the annexe B for the details.

Both the symposium and the field trip were highly beneficial to participating students and teachers in terms of education and acquiring information that was previously unavailable to them due to the language barrier and insufficient English literature on the topic. Besides the transfer of the knowledge the form of symposium and the field trip led to the development of professional connections with serious aim for the further research on the proposed topic. An established online cloud service for the exchange of historical documents and literature can serve as an evidence of the early stage of possible future cooperation. The symposium was also open to the general public and was attended by students and scholars from other universities. This was also beneficial in terms of broadening the contacts even further.

The whole project including recordings of the conference and the field trip photos is documented on the web site [www.housingthemasses.cz](http://www.housingthemasses.cz). The process of making the project is partly documented also on its Facebook page [www.facebook.com/housingthemasses](https://www.facebook.com/housingthemasses).

The changes made in the proposed budget and the programme of the project were mainly due to the decrease of the initial funding (applied for 134 920,- Kč / obtained 115 000,- Kč) and the availability of proposed speakers and accompanying experts at the time of the realization of the project. Nevertheless, the project was fully realized in high quality in terms of organization, logistics, professional speakers and expert guides and relevance of the topics. The available budget of 115 000,- Kč was slightly reorganized in order to fulfil the proposed scenario of the project in an appropriate quality. The main savings in finance concerned bus transportation (received 29 900,- Kč / spent 18 127,- Kč) and accommodation costs (received 33 880,- Kč / spent 22 490,- Kč) to be reinvested in more urgent items such as renting of the conference hall (5 000,- Kč), simultaneous translation to English for symposium speaker Michaela Janečková (8 470,- Kč) and graphic design of related project presentation (posters, invitations, web etc., 11 325,71 Kč). See the annexe D for the details.

Renting of the properly sized, technically equipped representative conference hall, which is not available at the moment within the spatial options of the Faculty of Fine Arts BUT, was essential for the accommodation of broader public to the conference. This was also beneficial in terms of overall impact of the conference and widening the scope of participating professionals in the audience. It led to the broadening of the professional contacts as well. Part of the saved finances enabled us to provide architect Janečková with simultaneous translation of her lecture including necessary audio technics, which increased quality of her speech. The topic of early prefabrication delivered in Mrs. Janečková lecture was crucial to the conference programme. The rest of the saved finance was mainly reinvested in the decreased budget on the “Publishing and editorial expenses” in order to promote the whole event accordingly on a professional level.

Based on the consultation with the Department of Transportation of the Brno University of Technology (Pavel Brtník) the savings on transportation were achieved by hiring a bus for the second day (Ostrava) and third day (Zlín) of the field trip only. Later, during the stay in Vienna, the participants depended on

public transportation. Use of the independent bus in the city of Vienna was uneconomical due to the parking and emission fees and costly accommodation of the driver. The Czech participants left Vienna for Brno with a regular cross-border bus service ran by the Student Agency company at the end of the trip. The savings on accommodation were achieved by reduced prices for students and academic staff at the student residences in Zlín.

All changes were approved by the higher faculty management as necessary or beneficial for the realization of the project.

## **List of participants**

### *Austrian participants*

Academic staff: Michael Klein, Mag. Arch., Univ. Ass.

Students: Kamila Drsata  
Tina Haselbacher  
Jasmin Krickhaus  
Rebecca Merlic  
Kadri Muzaqi  
Silvan Stefan Niculita  
Daniel Kruml  
Fabjan Farkas  
Partrick Aprent

### *Czech participants*

Academic staff: Ing. arch. March Jan Kristek, Ph.D.  
Mgr. Jana Kořínková  
Mgr. Markéta Žáčková, Ph.D.

Students: Tereza Kvapilová  
Lucia Kolesárová  
Kumar Kunal Jha  
Alžběta Widholmová  
Katarína Hládeková  
Alberto Muñoz  
Ivana Pavlíčková

Part of the final report of the project AKTION 71p4 – History of Mass Housing of Czechoslovakia and Austria are the following annexes:

Annexe A: Realized programme of the SYMPOSIUM

Annexe B: Summary of the realized programme of the FIELD TRIP

Annexe C: IMAGE APPENDIX

Annexe D: Copy of the FINANCIAL REPORT

Annexe E: Copy of the ATTENDANCE SHEET

## Annexe A: Realized programme of the SYMPOSIUM – 28 April

- 09:00 – 9:25 Accreditation of participants  
09:25 – 9:30 Introduction
- 09:30 – 10:15 **LECTURE: Mgr. Roman Krakovsky Ph.D.**  
(Institute of Political Studies, Paris)  
*Was there something as privacy in Communist Czechoslovakia?*
- 10:15 – 10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:15 **LECTURE: Ing. arch., Mgr. Michaela Janečková**  
(Archip, Prague)  
*Solidarita and early experiments with prefabrication*
- 11:15 – 11:30 Discussion
- 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break
- 11:45 – 12:30 **LECTURE: Mgr. Hubert Guzik, Ph.D.**  
(CTU in Prague, Faculty of Architecture)  
*The Great Depression, World War II, and Czech collective houses*
- 12:30 – 12:45 Discussion
- 12:45 – 13:45 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:45 **LECTURE: Mag. Arch. Michael Klein**  
(Faculty of Architecture and Regional Planning, Vienna UT)  
*Universal Solutions? Vienna's Housing in the Cold War.*
- 14:45 – 15:00 Discussion
- 15:00 – 15:15 Coffee Break
- 15:15 – 16:00 **LECTURE: MSc Walter Matznetter, Ph.D.**  
(Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna)  
*Urbanization, Suburbanization and Deurbanization in Czech and Austrian City Regions – with comments on the role of post-war mass housing in keeping cities compact.*
- 16:00 – 16:15 Discussion
- 16:15 – 17:00 **LECTURE: Dipl.-Ing. Dr.phil Michael Zinganel, Ph.D.** (Institute for Art Theory and Cultural Studies, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna),  
*Superblock – Free Spaces and Voids in Social Housing Blocks of the Red Vienna.*
- 17:00 – 17:15 Discussion
- 17:15 – 17:30 Conclusion

## **Annexe B: Summary of the realized programme of the FIELD TRIP – 29 April – 3 May**

### **29 April: EXAMPLES OF MASS HOUSING IN BRNO**

- Visit to BVV Trade Fairs Brno (with Ing. arch. MArch Jan Kristek, Ph.D. and Mgr. Markéta Žáčková, Ph.D.)
- Visit to the Lesná Housing Estate (with Mgr. Martin Maleček and Mgr. Jana Kořínková)
- Visit to the Juliánov Housing Estate (Not realized due to the lack of time; The visit of Juliánov Housing Estate was substituted with a visit of Janáček Theatre by Jan Víšek build in the centre of Brno between 1961–1965; with expert commentary of Mgr. Jana Kořínková and Mgr. Markéta Žáčková, Ph.D.)

### **30 April – Day Two: EXAMPLES OF MASS HOUSING IN OSTRAVA AND ZLÍN**

- Visit to the Memorial of Ostrava Operation in Hrabyně (with Mgr. Martin Strakoš)
- Visit to Nová Ostrava (with Mgr. Martin Strakoš and Ing. arch. MArch Jan Kristek, Ph.D.)
- Visit to “Baťas” Zlín (with Ing. arch. Jitka Ressová and Mgr. Ladislava Horňáková)

### **1 May – Day Three: EXAMPLES OF MASS HOUSING IN ZLÍN**

- Visit to the collective house in Zlín (with Mgr. Vít Jakubíček)
- Visit to the experimental panel housing prototypes in Zlín (with Mgr. Vít Jakubíček)
- Visit to Nová Dubnica (Not realized due to the bad weather condition)

### **2 May – Day Four: EXAMPLES OF MASS HOUSING IN VIENNA**

- Challenges in Housing: Appropriation and Co-housing (with M.Arch. Ernst Gruber)
- Contemporary Developments: Seestadt (with M.Arch. Ernst Gruber)
- Contemporary Housing in Vienna: Nordbahnhof (with Dr. Art. Lina Streeruwitz, Ph.D.)
- Visit to large-scale Welfare State Housing Projects 1960–2000 (with Mag. Arch. Michael Klein)

### **3 May – Day Five: EXAMPLES OF MASS HOUSING IN VIENNA (PART II)**

- Early Social Housing, Visit to the Buildings of Red Vienna (with DI MA Christina Linortner)
- Post-WWII Housing, Visit of Project of the Reconstruction Years in Vienna 1945–60 (with Mag. Arch. Michael Klein)

## Annexe C: IMAGE APPENDIX

### Printed graphic presentation of the symposium and the field trip: Posters

**HOUSING THE MASSES**  
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, BRNO, 28. April 2015  
Husova 14, Moravian Gallery in Brno, Museum of Applied Arts

International conference on the history of institutionalized housing of socialist Czechoslovakia and Austrian welfare state

09:00 Start

09:30 ROMAN KRAKOVSKY  
(Institute of Political Studies, Paris)

10:30 MICHAELA JANEČKOVÁ  
(Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague)

11:45 HUBERT GUZIK  
(Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University in Prague)

14:00 MICHAEL KLEIN  
(Faculty of Architecture and Regional Planning, Vienna University of Technology)

15:15 WALTER MATZNETTER  
(Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna)

16:15 MICHAEL ZINGANEL  
(Institute for Art Theory and Cultural Studies, Academy of Fine Arts Vienna)

\* The conference starts at 9 am \*  
\* The conference is opened to the public \* Entrance fee: 30 CZK \*  
\* The conference will be held in English \*

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**HOUSING THE MASSES**  
INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP \* 29 April – 3 May 2015  
Brno \* Ostrava \* Zlín \* Nová Dubnica \* Vienna

International field trip on the history of institutionalized housing of socialist Czechoslovakia and Austrian welfare state

28 April Conference

29 April BRNO expert guidance: Mgr. Rostislav Koryčánek  
Mgr. Martin Maleček  
Mgr. Jana Kořínková  
Mgr. Markéta Začková Ph.D.

30 April OSTRAVA/ZLÍN expert guidance: Mgr. Martin Strakoš  
Ing. arch. Jitka Rössová  
Mgr. Ladislava Horňáková

01 May ZLÍN/DUBNICA expert guidance: Mgr. Vít Jakubiček  
Ing. arch. MArch Jan Krístek, Ph.D.

02 May VIENNA I expert guidance: Mag. Arch. Michael Klein

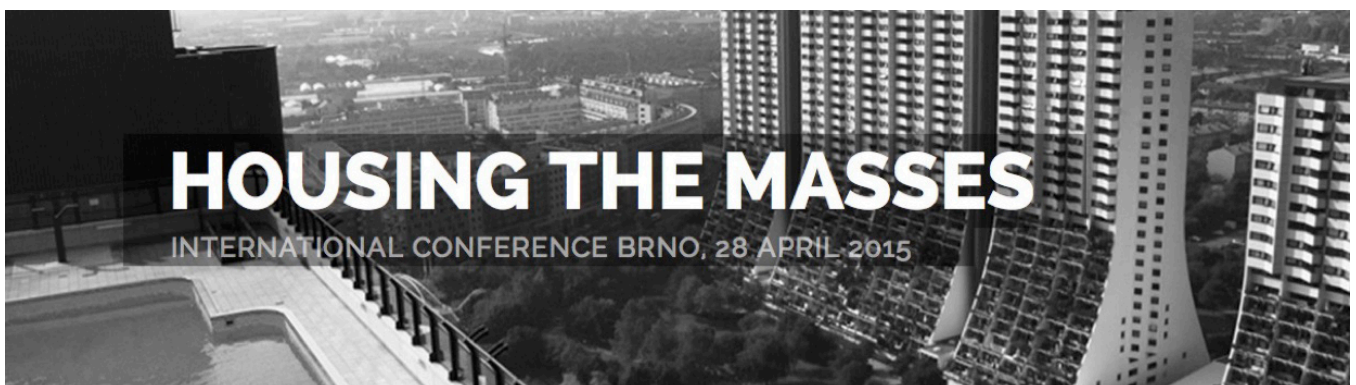
03 May VIENNA II expert guidance: Dipl.-Ing. Bernd Vlay  
Dipl.-Ing. Dr.techn. Helmut Schramm  
Mag.arch. MSc. Christina Lenart  
Dipl.-Ing. Dr.phil. Michael Zinganel, Ph.D.

\* Twenty researchers and students will take a five-day tour around sites and examples of history of mass housing in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria \* Each stop will be accompanied by a local expert commentary \* The tour is opened for university students and scholars \*

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### Invitations (front and back)



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International conference on the history of institutionalized housing of socialist Czechoslovakia and Austrian welfare state

When: 28 April 2015

Venue: Moravian Gallery in Brno, Museum of Applied Arts, Husova 14, 662 26 Brno, Czech Republic

Start: the accreditation of participants starts at 9 am

Entrance fee: 30 CZK

Language: The symposium will be held in English

## Conference programme (front and back)

### SPEAKERS:

#### ROMAN KRAKOVSKY (France/Slovakia)

is a historian and anthropologist with main focus on societies and authoritarian regimes in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe. In 2012, he received his PhD in history at Sorbonne University (Paris, France). His work is devoted to the analysis of time and space frames in Communist Czechoslovakia was awarded with several distinctions including Prix d'histoire sociale of Fondation de la Maison des sciences de l'homme (Paris, 2013), The Fraenkel Prize in Contemporary History of the Wiener Library (London, 2013) and Accessit Thesis Prize of Fondation Varenne (Paris, 2014), which was published in 2014 at Publications de la Sorbonne (Reinventer le monde. L'espace et le temps en Tchécoslovaquie communiste).

Since 2013, he has held several research position such as the Visiting Fellow at CERI, Sciences Po/CNRS (Paris, France), Post-doc Research Fellow at Labex Tepsis, EHESS (Paris, France) and Visiting Research Fellow at Aleksanteri Institute, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Helsinki (Helsinki, Finland). Since 2005, he has been lecturing at the Institute of Political Sciences (Paris, France) and since 2013 at the Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, MA Russie-Europe médiane (Geneva, Switzerland)

#### MICHAELA JANEČKOVÁ (Czech Republic)

is an architecture theorist. She studied architecture in Prague, Czech Technical University and theory and history of arts in Prague, Academy of Arts, Architecture and Design. In the last few years, she has been working for the Academy of Fine Arts in Prague, department Artyčok.tv, internet platform for contemporary art and for Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague, project Panel housing estates in the Czech Republic. She is teaching at the ARCHIP, Architectural Institute in Prague. In 2014, she co-edited a book *Solidarita Housing estate* (in Czech).

#### HUBERT GUZIK (Czech Republic/Poland)

is an architectural historian. He graduated from the Warsaw University and Charles University in Prague. His main areas of research are the history of 20th century architecture in sociological context and feminist and gender architectural criticism. He has been an assistant professor at the Faculty of Architecture at Czech Technical University in Prague since 2009. In 2014, he published a book *Four Paths to the Koidum: Collective Housing as an Example of the Utopia in the Czech Architecture, 1900–1989* (in Czech).

#### MICHAEL KLEIN (Austria)

is an architect and researcher based in Vienna, Austria. He studied architecture at the Vienna University of Technology and the ESA Paris and graduated from the Academy of fine Arts Vienna in 2007. Since then, he has been working in the field

of architecture, landscape architecture and urbanism in practice, research and teaching, most recently in the ESF-funded research project SCIBE. His research interest focuses on how political thinking, its theory and economic conditions affect design, architecture and the urban environment.

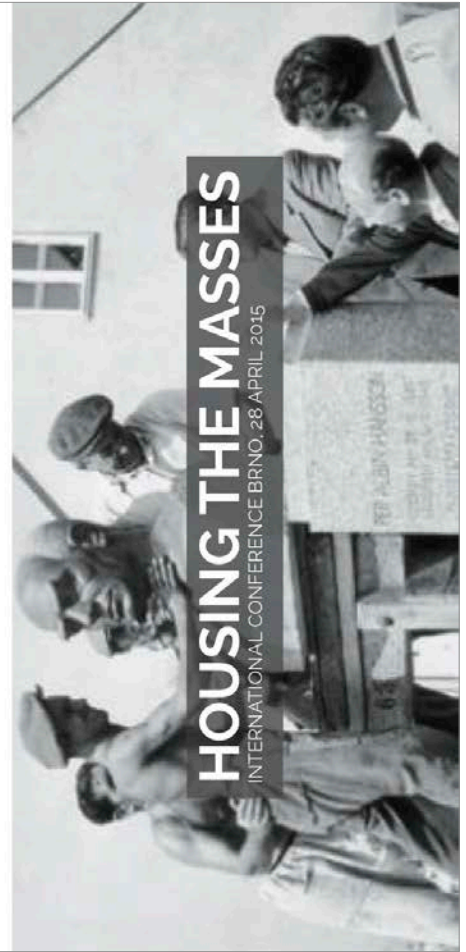
#### WALTER MATZNETTER (Austria)

Since 1994 he teaches courses at University of Vienna on Urban Geography, Urban Sociology, Urban Planning, Housing and Housing Policy, Locality Studies and Qualitative Methods. In 2004 he has been a Fulbright Visiting Professor, at the Department of Geography, University of Minnesota, USA. He has been also Guest researcher at Uppsala and Bristol University. He has published widely on European integration, urban development and housing politics with main focus on the international comparison. In 2005 he co-edited book on the social consequences of European integration on housing: *European Integration and Housing Policy* (Routledge). Besides that he also published texts on social housing in Vienna/Austria, housing and welfare regimes, comparative urban studies, European cities and globalization and international student migration. His main fields of research are urban geography (in particular the institutional approach of research), qualitative methods (in particular the narrative interview) and „New Cultural Geography.“

#### MICHAEL ZINGANEL (Austria)

is an architecture theorist, cultural historian, curator and artist. He obtained a PhD in contemporary history at the University of Vienna and was teaching at the Institute of Building Typology at the Graz University of Technology and at various other universities and academies, including postgraduate programme of Bauhaus Dessau Foundation and most recently Academy of Fine arts in Vienna.

Among other projects he realized a touring exhibition through common amenities in Viennese municipal buildings of the inter-war-period, Vienna in 1995, a show about the history of anonymous single family houses in post-war Austria for AzW Vienna in 1998 and diverse formats about the productive force of crime for the development of art, architecture and urban design, e.g. *Michael Zinganel, Real Crime, Architecture & Crime*, edition selene, Vienna 2003. He organized conferences and art exhibitions and participated at several exhibitions himself, e.g. at *Shrinking Cities* in 2005, at *Open Cities*, the 4th International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam, in 2009, at *Ruhr 2010*, European Capital of Culture. His recent work is concerned with various aspects of urban and transnational mobility, contemporary mass tourism and migration, both on a micro- and macro-political level. In 2013 he has co-edited book on seaside architecture and urbanism in Bulgaria and Croatia: *Holiday after the Fall*.



# HOUSING THE MASSES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE BRNO, 28 APRIL 2015

### PROGRAMME:

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(Institute of Political Studies, Paris)  
*Was There Something as Privacy in Communist Czechoslovakia?*

10:15 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:15

**Ing. arch. et Mgr. Michaela Janečková**  
(Museum of Decorative Arts in Prague)  
*Solidarita Housing Estate in Prague and Early Experiments with Prefabrication*

11:15 – 11:30 Discussion

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30

**Mgr. Hubert Guzik, Ph.D.**  
(Faculty of Architecture, Czech Technical University in Prague)  
*The Great Depression, World War II, and Czech Collective Houses*

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**Mag. M.Sc. Walter Matznetter, Ph.D.**  
(Department of Geography and Regional Research, University of Vienna)  
*Urbanization, Suburbanization and Deurbanization in Czech and Austrian City Regions - with comments on the role of post-war mass housing in keeping cities compact*

16:00 – 16:15 Discussion

16:15 – 17:00

**Dipl.-Ing. Dr.phil Michael Zinganel, Ph.D.**  
(Institute for Art Theory and Cultural Studies, Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna)  
*Superblock - Free Spaces and Voids in Social Housing Blocks of the Red Vienna*

17:00 – 17:15 Discussion

17:15 – 17:30 Conclusion

The conference *Housing the Masses* and project *History of Mass Housing of Czechoslovakia and Austria* is financed by AKTION Czech Republic – Austria



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The project is organized in cooperation with the Faculty of Architecture BUT and Contesting Space - platform on modern theory and history of urbanism



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28 April, symposium, lecture of Dipl.-Ing. Dr.phil Michael Zinganel, Ph.D., Superblock – Free Spaces and Voids in Social Housing Blocks of the Red Vienna. Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



29 April, field trip – day one, visit to BVV Trade Fairs Brno (with Ing. arch. MArch Jan Kristek, Ph.D. and Mgr. Markéta Žáčková, Ph.D.) On the photo: Pavilion A, Josef Kalous, Jaroslav Valenta, 1927 – 1928. Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



29 April, field trip – day one, visit to housing estate Lesná in Brno (with Mgr. Martin Maleček, Mgr. Jana Kořínková) On the photo: Housing estate Lesná, Viktora Rudiš, Ivan Veselý, František Zounek, 1962–1973 . Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



30 April, field trip – day two, visit to housing estate Pruba in Ostrava (with Mgr. Martin Strakoš, Ing. arch. MArch Jan Kristek, Ph.D.) On the photo: Housing estate Poruba (Nová Ostrava), Vladimír Meduna, Miloslav Čtvrtníček, Rudolf Spáčil, 1952–1960 . Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.





30 April, field trip – day two, visit to Bařas Zlín (with Ing. arch. Jitka Ressořová and Mgr. Ladislava Horřákov) On the photo: Visiting exposition in one of the Bařas houses. Photo: Jasmin Krickhaus, 2015.



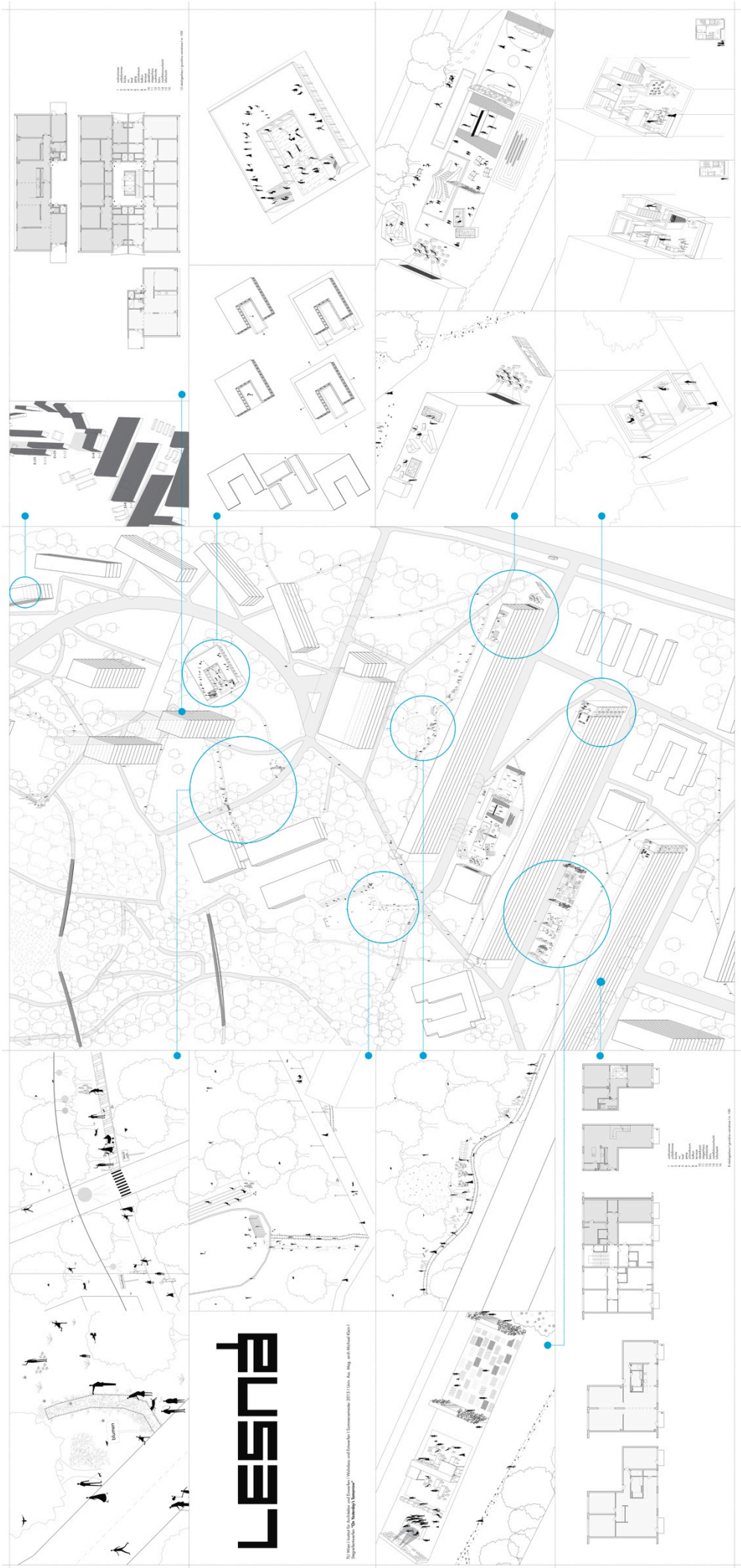
1 May, field trip – day three, visit to Zlín (with Mgr. Vít Jakubíček) On the photo: Visiting Tower houses in Zlín, Miroslav Drofa, 1947–1950. Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



2 May, field trip – day four, visit to Seestadt Aspern in Vienna (with M.Arch. Ernst Gruber) On the photo: Visiting Co-housing estates in Seestadt Vienna, Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



3 May, field trip – day five, visit to the housing estates of Red Vienna (with Mag. Arch. Michael Klein), Photo: Fabjan Farkas, 2015.



Example of the later work of the students based on the visit of housing estate Lesná in Brno. Different parts of the project elaborated by: Kamila Dršata, Tina Haselbacher, Jasmin Krickhaus, Rebecca Merlic, Kadri Muzaqi, Silvan Stefan Niculita, Daniel Kruml, Fabjan Farkas, Partrick Aprrent. Tutor: Michael Klein.