

Blue Award 2016

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Blue Award 2016: The Winners

On Wednesday, August 24, 2016, the Blue Award was awarded for the fourth time. The international student competition honors contributions to sustainability in architecture, regional planning and urbanism. In 2016 for the first time projects from the field of civil engineering were also included. The award took place in the Vienna Town Hall as part of the World Conference on Timber Engineering (WCTE).

The Blue Award is an international competition for students that is announced biennially by the Department of Spatial und Sustainable Design at the Vienna University of Technology with prize money of € 10,000. The prize is awarded to works that examine and analyze the topic of sustainability in architecture as well as in regional planning and urbanism. In addition, in 2016 a special prize was announced in the field of timber construction.

Difficult decisions

In total more than 200 projects from 34 countries were submitted, from which the jury selected 15 designs for the prize. The presentation of the nominated designs took place as part of the World Congress of Timber Engineering (WCTE), and the winners were awarded the prize as part of the WCTE gala dinner in the Vienna Town Hall.

A special feature in 2016: the jury agreed there would be two winners in each category. In the field of timber construction there were three “honorable mentions”.

Category 1: Urban Development and Transformation, Landscape Development

Prize Winner, Category 1

Shimokitazawa – Tokyo’s Neighborhood, small scale – big chance

Lisa Geiszler

University: Vienna University of Technology (Austria)

Academic Advisor: Walter Cernek

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Prize Winner, Category 1

Resiliência do Cafezal

Charlotte Fredriksson

University: KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden)

Academic Advisor: Sara Grahn

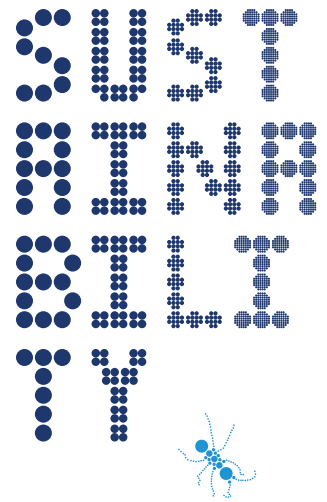
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Category 2: Ecological Building and Building in Existing Structures

Prize Winner, Category 2

Pueblos Calleros – Ribbon-built villages at the Ecuadorian coast

Sophie Schrattenecker

University: University of Arts and Industrial Design Linz (Austria)

Academic Advisor: Roland Gnaiger

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Prize Winner, Category 2

Palco Pubblico: Public Stage – The Recovery Plan for the City Center of Ferrara

Leo Bettini Oberkalmsteiner

University: Technical University of Munich (Germany)

Academic Advisor: Florian Nagler

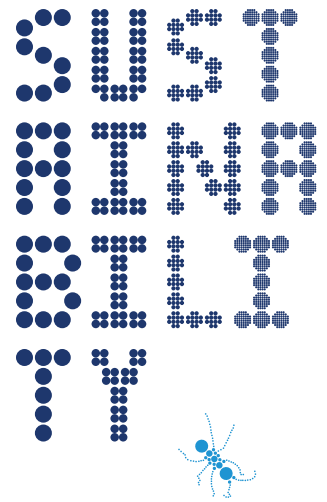
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Category 3: Innovative Systems and Detailed Solutions



Prize Winner, Category 3

bridgingMZAMBA – a suspension bridge built with the community in South Africa

Thomas Harlander, Florian Anzenberger

University: Carinthia University of Applied Sciences – FH-Kärnten (Austria)

Academic Advisor: Peter Nigst

in cooperation with buildCollective Marlene Wagner and Elias Rubin

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Prize Winner, Category 3

Self-cooling facade for low-cost dwellings

Phuong Quan Trinh

University: KU Leuven (Belgium)

Academic Advisor: Asiya Sadiq

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Special Prize in the field of Timber Construction: three Honorable Mentions

Honorable Mention – Special Price

Mountain Chapel Kendlbruck

Hannes Sampl

University: University of Arts and Industrial Design Linz (Austria)

Academic Advisor: Helmut Dietrich

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Honorable Mention – Special Price

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University: University of Innsbruck (Austria)

Academic Advisor: Verena Rauch

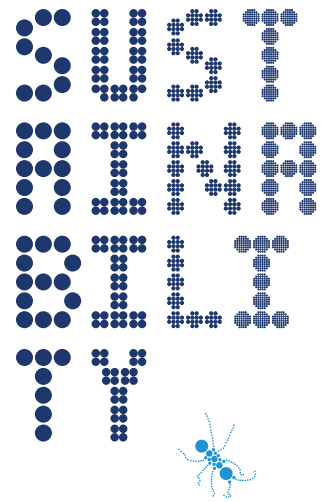
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Honorable Mention – Special Price



Stack It Up

Frederic Quirion, Melissa Duperron, Camille Robichaud-Fortin

University: Laval University (Canada)

Academic Advisor: André Potvin, Claude Demers

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Jury members

- Arch.in Kazuyo Sejima

SANAA architects, Pritzker prize winner 2010, Honorary President of the Jury

- Arch. Albert Dubler, former President of the International Union of Architects

- Em. O. Univ.-Prof. Arch. Cuno Brullmann

architect and Emeritus Professor for Residential Housing, Vienna University of Technology

- Prof. architect Dipl.-Ing. Much Untertrifaller

architect and visiting professor at the Vienna University of Technology and the Konstanz University of Applied Sciences

- Mag. Marina Hämmerle, specialist for regional and community development

- Dr. Robert Korab, Office Raum und Kommunikation, presidency and moderation of the jury (not entitled to vote)

Sustainabilities, Tactics, Now!

The aim of the Blue Award is to reinforce the topic of sustainability in architecture and regional and urban planning education at universities worldwide and to build up an international network. In order to support the exchange between teachers and students, in a joint Summer Design Studio next week the nominees will work on concepts and designs together with students from the University of Technology. Specifically, approaches to improve urban space are sought, the Karlsplatz serves as an example in this context.

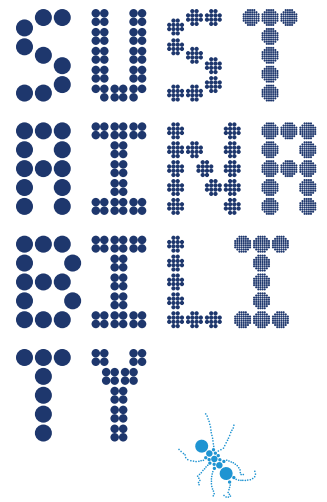
As part of a Summer Design Studio students from the Vienna University of Technology next week have the chance to work together with the nominees of the Blue Award 2016 on designs to improve the Karlsplatz. The results will be presented on October 11.

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