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5th INTERNATIONAL FORUM
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Thursday, 20th November 2025

8.30-9.30	Registration (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
9.30-10.30	Opening Ceremony (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building) <u>Opening</u> Prof. Florian Nepravishta , IFAU CoFounder, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism <u>Welcome Addresses</u> Prof. Armand Vokshi , Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism Prof. Andrea Maliqari , Head of CP, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism Prof. Elfrida Shehu , Vice Rector, Polytechnic University of Tirana <u>Special Addresses</u> Mrs. Armela Baka , Vice Minister of Education Mrs. Anuela Ristani , Vice Mayor of Tirana Municipality Prof. Felix Waechter , Dean, Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany Prof. Orrnela Zerlenga , Dean DADI, University of Campania 'Luigi Vanvitelli', Italy Prof. Serban Tiganas , Dean, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania Prof. Enis Jakupi , Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Tetova Prof. Flaka Xerxa Beqiri , Vice Dean, Faculty of Architecture, University of Pristina			
10.30-10.40	Coffee break (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
10.40-13.30	1st Keynote speakers' presentations (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building) Prof. Felix Waechter , Dean, Department of Architecture, Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany - <i>Architecture And Cultural Identity</i> Prof. Serban Tiganas , Dean, Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania - <i>Reflections on the Triad Power-Space-Culture. The Story of an Architect</i> Prof. Lorenzo Pignatti , Università di Pescara, Pescara, IT - <i>Shaping Tito's New Belgrad-Novi Beograd Through Le Corbusier's Vision. Power, space and culture in shaping contemporary cities.</i>			
13.30-14.00	Lunch break (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
14.00-17.10	I - Oral session (UPT Rectorate Building)			
	Parallel Session S1 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula Magna	Parallel Session S2 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 1	Parallel Session S3 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 2	Parallel Session S4 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 3
	Session Discussion			
17.10-18.30	Coffee break (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
18.30-19.30	<u>Exhibition:</u> Kosovo Modern: An Architecture Primer Dr. Arch. Ilir Gjinolli , Faculty of Architecture, University of Pristina Dipl.ing.arh. Lulzim Kabashi , Ivanišin. Kabashi. Arhitekti, Croatia			
20.30	Gala Dinner (Rogner Hotel)			

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08.30-9.00	Registration (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
9.30-11.30	2nd Keynote speakers' presentations (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building) Prof. Paul-Louis Meunier, ESTP Paris, France - The Physician of Architecture: Medical Approaches to Building Health Prof. Luigi Prestinenza Puglisi, RUFA - Rome University of Fine Arts, Italy - From Green as Image to Green Systems: Beyond Superficial Environmentalism in Architecture and Urban Planning			
11.30-11.45	Coffee break (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
11.45-12.45	Prof. Riccardo Viale, University of Milan Bicocca, Italy - Behavioural City			
13.00-14.00	Lunch break (UPT Rectorate Building)			
14.00-16.50	II - Oral session (UPT Rectorate Building)			
	Parallel Session S5 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula Magna	Parallel Session S6 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 1	Parallel Session S7 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 2	Parallel Session S8 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 3
	Session Discussion			
14.00-16.50	III - Poster sessions (UPT Rectorate Building)			
	Parallel Session P1 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 4		Parallel Session P2 Venue: UPT Rectorate Building Aula 5	
	Session Discussion			
16.50-17.00	Coffee break (Main Hall, UPT Rectorate Building)			
17.00-18.00	3rd Keynote speakers' presentations (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building) Prof. Matthias Sauerbruch, Sauerbruch Hutton, Berlin, Germany - Draw, Love, Build			
18.00-18.20	Conclusions			
18.20-19.00	Closing ceremony (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building)			

Saturday, 22nd November 2025

9.30-10.00	Registration
10.00-12.30	Guided Walking Tour of Tirana City Centre Meeting place: (UPT Rectorate Building)

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1st Group of sessions (UPT Rectorate Building)

Parallel Session S1	Thursday, 20th November 2025 - 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula Magna (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	SPATIAL POLITICS AND POWER DYNAMICS	
	Moderator: Prof. Lorenzo Pignatti, Prof. Assoc. Denada Veizaj	
14.00 -14.20	Mapping the Post-War II Eastern European Architecture onto Postmodernism: The Case of Tirana, 1921 to the Present	Skender Luarasi, Julian Beqiri
14.20 -14.40	National Identity in Concrete: Architecture and Ideology in Late Socialist Albania (1975–1990)	Gjergji Islami, Denada Veizaj
14.40 -15.00	Notes on Fascism's Ruralist Ideology and Planning Utopia	Maria Luisa Palumbo
15.00 -15.20	Controllo centralizzato e libertà incondizionata: Manifestazioni urbane di comunismo e capitalismo a Tirana	Genti Avdija
15.20 -15.40	Does Power Shape Architecture, or Does Architecture Shape Power?	Ikre Spahija, Getuarta Bytyqi
15.40 -16.00	Industrial Buildings in Tetovo as a Legacy of Industrialisation and Local Identity	Fjolla Ibraimi, Aleksandar Radevski
16.00 -16.20	Rogers' Urban Renaissance: Bright Ideas, Dark Shadows	Frida Dragusha Dibra
16.20 -16.50	Session Discussion	

Parallel Session S2	Thursday, 20th November 2025 - 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula 1 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	ARCHITECTURE AND CULTURAL IDENTITY	
	Moderator: Prof. Luigi Prestinenza Puglisi, Nadia Bakhtafrouz, Dr Entela Daci	
14.00 -14.20	Tirana Interrupted: Monumentality, Modernity, and the Death of the Ottoman Bazaar	Eno Kotmilo, Gjergj Kotmilo
14.20 -14.40	Thermal Architecture and Cultural Identity for Integrated Models to Regenerate Inner Areas	Elena Manzo, Monica Esposito
14.40 -15.00	Historic Architectures and Collective Heritage: Integrated Approaches for the Regeneration of Inner Areas	Maria Rosaria Coccozza, Elena Manzo
15.00 -15.20	Sintra: Holiday Homes for Wealthy Portuguese	Pedro António Janeiro, Mario Sansone, Gianluca Gioioso
15.20 -15.40	The Survey of Religious Architecture on the Island of Kefalonia in Greece	Mario Sansone, Luigi Corniello, Gianluca Gioioso
15.40 -16.00	Architectural Transformation of the Ex-Alite House: Assessing Irreversible Damage and Strategies for Architectural Restoration	Nikolla Vesho, Bledar Kalemi, Kristiana Meço, Ardis Duka, Vaso Polo
16.00 -16.20	Stefania Filo Speciale and the Skyscraper of Naples (1954–58)	Chiara Ingresso
16.20 -16.40	Paleokastrá Castle: A Monument of Cultural Value for the Historical Chronology of Epirus	Alda Banushi
16.40 -17.10	Session Discussion	

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Parallel Session S3	Thursday, 20th November 2025 - 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula 2 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	REIMAGINING HERITAGE IN CONTEMPORARY CONTEXTS	
	Moderator: Prof. Mirjana Devetakovic, Prof. Florian Nepravishta	
14.00 -14.20	Industrial heritage of Belgrade – An explorative study of adaptively reused cases	Mirjana Devetaković
14.20 -14.40	Industrial Heritage and Its Reintegration into Contemporary Life – Case Study: Former 'Gogo Nushi' Plant, Fier	Marsida Gorea, Klaud Manehasa
14.40 -15.00	Assessing Public Perception in the Adaptive Reuse and Preservation of Historic Buildings: The Elbasan Bazaar Hammam	Brunilda Basha, Zafer Sağdıç
15.00 -15.20	Revitalising the Korça Bazaar: The Transformative Power for Space and Culture	Vjola Ilia, Benida Kraja
15.20 -15.40	Intangible Regeneration and Ephemeral Design: Reinterpreting Urban Heritage in Contemporary Contexts	Paolo Di Nardo, Alessandro Spennato
15.40 -16.00	Unrecognised Heritage: The Legal Status of Albania's Industrial Sites	Erida Curraj, Inva Hasanaliaj
16.00 -16.20	Territorial Regeneration Policies in Italy and Albania: A Comparative Analysis	Claudia de Biase, Zomorrouda Redouane, Antonetta Napolitano
16.20 -16.50	Session Discussion	

Parallel Session S4	Thursday, 20th November 2025- 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula 3 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY DESIGN	
	Moderator: Prof. Piero Rovigati, Dr. Ogri Mane	
14.00 -14.20	The University as an Actor of the Ecological and Social Transition in Contexts of Urban Marginality and Inequality	Piero Rovigatti, Francesca Caiafa
14.20 -14.40	Identity and Interaction: Rethinking the 15-Minute City	Musa Bersunkaev
14.40 -15.00	Women Build!	Xhesika Osmani
15.00 -15.20	Urban Art Activating Public Debate: The Experience of the Galeria de Arte Urbana in Lisbon	Yvonne Russo, Fabiana Forte
15.20 -15.40	Informality Reconsidered: Contested Heritage and the Near Past Along the Lana River	Edmond Pergega, Blerina Tabaku, Saimira Arapi
15.40 -16.00	Defining the Concept of the Public Space	Klaud Manehasa
16.00 -16.20	Transforming Public Spaces in Contemporary Tirana	Boriana Vrusho
16.20 -16.40	The Power of Pop-Up Interventions Within Urban Space	Agata Pięt
16.40 -17.10	Session Discussion	

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2nd Group of sessions (UPT Rectorate Building)

Parallel Session S5	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula Magna (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	DIGITAL TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGY	
	Moderator: Prof. Luigi Corniello, Dr. Ledita Mezini	
14.00 -14.20	Power and Symbols in Architecture, Painting and Sculpture	Ornella Zerlenga, Luigi Corniello, Gianluca Gioioso, Mario Sansone
14.20 -14.40	Surveying and 3D Modelling of Spinalonga Island: Documentation and Representation of the Fortified Heritage	Gianluca Gioioso, Alessandro Iaselli, Luca Mangiacapre
14.40 -15.00	Knowledge and Enhancement of the Giardino della Flora Caprese	Rosa De Caro, Angela Sasso
15.00 -15.20	The Spaces of Power Between Survey and 3D Modelling	Gianluca Gioioso, Mario Sansone, Pedro A. Janeiro
15.20 -15.40	Remote Sensing of Monumental Architecture in Valldemossa	Rosa De Caro, Luigi Corniello, Ornella Zerlenga
15.40 -16.00	Reactivating Collective Memory Through Extended Reality (XR): Digital Placemaking and Urban Inclusion at Convoys Wharf, London	Fiona Nepravishta
16.00 -16.20	The Role of Space Syntax in the Analysis of Public Buildings and the Shaping of User Experience	Erda Besimi, Nuran Saliu
16.20 -16.40	Integrated Digital Survey for Accessibility and Knowledge: The Case of the Congrega di San Giovanni Battista in Maddaloni	Domenico Iovane, Rosina Iaderosa
16.40 -17.10	Session Discussion	

Parallel Session S6	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-16.30	
	Venue: Aula 1 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND ECOLOGICAL URBANISM	
	Moderator: Prof. Assoc. Gjergj Islami, Prof. Assoc. Edmond Manahasa	
14.00 -14.20	Morphology Guidelines to Leverage Self-Organisation of Public Space in Smart Cities	Luca Lezzerini
14.20 -14.40	Adaptive Cities and Green Infrastructure: A Case Study	Teresa Cilona
14.40 -15.00	Wind-Driven Fire Risks in Facades: The Role of Combustible Materials, Cavity Barriers, and CFD in Building Safety	Elton Hala
15.00 -15.20	Energy Performance Optimisation in Heritage Buildings: A Computational Modelling Approach for Turkish Conservation Context	İpek Durukan, Ükü Şimşek Şengül
15.20 -15.40	Nature's Lessons: Biomimicry as a Strategy Against Unintentional Urban Segregation	Rina Maliqi
15.40 -16.00	Sustainable Approaches to the Structural Assessment of Ancient Masonry	Claudia Cennamo, Luciana Di Gennaro, Giorgio Frunzio, Luigi Massaro
16.00 -16.20	Kosovo's Green Transition Goals: Energy Efficiency Efforts	Mimoza Dugolli, Bora Kelmendi Beqiraj
16.20 -16.40	The Core Values Protocol: Embedding Ethical Priorities Into Design Studio Pedagogy for Sustainability	Alessandro Masoni
16.40 -17.10	Session Discussion	

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2nd Group of sessions (UPT Rectorate Building)

Parallel Session S7	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-17.10	
	Venue: Aula 2 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	AESTHETICS OF POWER AND SYMBOLIC URBAN FORMS	
	Moderator: Prof. Assoc. Skender Luarasi, Dr. Jonila Prifti	
14.00 -14.20	The Enclosure Between Power, Space and Identity: New Digital Readings	Angelo De Cicco, Andrea Maliqari, Ornella Zerlenga
14.20 -14.40	Queer Temporalities, Set in Stone: The Politics of Permanence of LGBTQ+ Monuments	Thomas Stempka
14.40 -15.00	Public Space and Retail: The Evolving Dynamics of an Urban Relationship	Andi Shameti
15.00 -15.20	Traffic Alleviation Through the Reconfiguration of Urban Form: The Case of Tirana	Llazar Kumaraku, Irisa Kalo
15.20 -15.40	Unfolding Urban Form: Metric Analysis of Street Networks as Complex Systems	Renilda Hyseni, Florian Nepravishta
15.40 -16.00	From Preservation to Expansion: Comparative Reflections on Urban Identity in Tirana, Paris and Istanbul	Artiona Dushi
16.00 -16.20	Architecture as a Phenomenon of Communication: Narrative – Representation – Signification	Ensina Dimitra Allushaj
16.20 -16.40	The Metro-Collina Vision: Territorial Mediation and Governance Challenges in the Pescara Functional Urban Area	Massimo Angrilli, Ilaria Matta
16.40 -17.10	Session Discussion	

Parallel Session S8	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-16.50	
	Venue: Aula 3 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES AND LOCAL URBAN NARRATIVES	
	Moderator: Prof. Pedro António Janeiro, Dr. Ani Panariti	
14.00 -14.20	The Contemporary City Shape: Tirana as a Paradigm of Urban Transformation in Eastern Europe	Llazar Kumaraku, Armela Reka
14.20 -14.40	Spatial Organisation and Usable Floor Areas in Collective Housing Typologies: The Case of Tirana, 1933–1943	Oketa Borici (Hoxha), Florian Nepravishta
14.40 -15.00	Negotiating Density and Urban Value: Spatial Transformation in Central Tirana's Built Environment	Dritan Kapo, Azmi Stringa
15.00 -15.20	Landscape Justice: Examining Power Dynamics of Landscape and Migration in Peri-Urban Contexts	Karina Tonietto Reis, Anna Kondi
15.20 -15.40	Negotiating Accessibility in Modernist Architectural Heritage: The Case of the National Library of Kosovo	Rozafa Basha, Alban Morina, Migjen Berisha, Erinë Mulolli, Sali Shoshi
15.40 -16.00	Playing Games: Assessing the Tactics and Strategies of Using Sports Infrastructure as a Catalyst for Urban Regeneration at Tirana's Selman Stërmasi Stadium	Ervin Goci, Suzanne Harris-Brandts
16.00 -16.20	A Contemporary Glimpse at the Conservation of Modernist Architecture in Türkiye (1923–1963)	Luca Orlandi, Zeynep Sena Ekiz
16.20 -16.50	Session Discussion	

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3rd Group of Poster Sessions (UPT Rectorate Building)

Parallel Session P1	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-16.20	
	Venue: Aula 4 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	Moderator: Jonida Meniku, Edmond Pergega, Monica Esposito	
14.00 -14.20	UDA Mapathon 2025 – Living as a Student at the University in Pescara and Chieti: Laboratory of Investigation, Crowd mapping and Informed Participation	Piero Rovigatti, Francesca Caiafa
14.20 -14.40	Reusing the Spheristerium: Heritage, Memory, and Urban Transformation	Michele Esposito Cennamo
14.40 -15.00	The Train of Desires: An Italian Artefact of Interconnection Between Landscape, Culture, and Design	Angela Caterini
15.00 -15.20	The Reconstruction of the Church of Maria Santissima del Soccorso (Palmi): Formal Continuity vs Technological Innovation and Constructive Resilience	Antonella Violano, Monica Cannaviello, Antonio Maio
15.20 -15.40	Silence Among the Clouds	Alice Bruna De Paola
15.40 -16.00	Survey of the Virgin Mary Monastery of Paleokastritsa (Corfu)	Romano Di Resta
16.00 -16.20	Sintra: The Survey of Quinta da Amizade	Crescenzo Area
16.20 -16.40	Creating new centres, The Role of BALFIN Group in Global perspectives and local urban narratives	Etleva Bushati, Erion Avram, Paola Sulo

Parallel Session P2	Friday, 21st November 2025 - 14.00-16.20	
	Venue: Aula 5 (UPT Rectorate Building)	
	Moderator: Blerina Tabaku, Saimira Arapi, Gianluca Gioioso	
14.00 -14.20	Sintra: The Survey of the Palace of Seteais	Marica Campochiaro
14.20 -14.40	Sintra: The Survey of the Biester Palace	Grazia De Lucia
14.40 -15.00	Sintra: The Survey of the Palácio Nacional de Queluz	Gaia Franchetti
15.00 -15.20	Sintra: The Survey of the Countess of Edla's Chalet	Rosalia Papa
15.20 -15.40	Sintra: The Survey of Morrish Castle	Alessandro Pitea
15.40 -16.00	Sintra: The Survey of the Palácio de Monserrate	Alessandro Farina
16.00 -16.20	Sintra: The Survey of the National Palace	Simone Sansone
16.20 -16.40	Axes of Authority: The Boulevard of Tirana as a Stage for Political Power	Gjergj Ruci, Megi Ruci
16.40 -17.00	Session P1 & P2 Discussion	

17.10 -17.30	CONCLUSIONS
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17.30-18.00	Closing ceremony (Aula Magna, UPT Rectorate Building)
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