

INTRODUCING PARTICIPANTS OF 2015 FORUM



Andreas Konecny, Roland Hampl - Austria

Andreas Konecny is currently working with a non-profit organisation (Werkstätten und Kulturhaus/WUK) based in Vienna, supporting long term unemployed people to develop new job perspectives and creates business contacts. Prior to this Andreas was collaborating to manage business culture at Agrana (an internationally orientated Austrian company refining agricultural raw materials) - "Changing cultures in a fruitfull direction is an ongoing process that includes various dimensions of flexibility like involvement, adaptability as well as diversity and gender mainstreaming." The co-housing project Que[e]rbau is Vienna's first queer Town house, including all these dimensions of change and is set up together with an urban project developer as well as the City of Vienna. The queer community Town house is intentionally located at the innovative and progressive Vienna's urban lake side, Seestadt Aspern.

Vienna based architect Roland Hampl's current work issues are in urban housing and apartment design & construction, the participatory planning process, "active Urbanism", methods of self-initiated space appropriation ("squatting"), environmentally aware and value-oriented



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buildings. His approach emphasizes group process and active facilitation to build consensus within communities and building committees. Gendered design practices, with the aim of understanding diversity on the level of design methods. Internationally, he has done projects and study trips in Lviv, Paris, Rotterdam, Shanghai, New York and Berlin. 2006 - Founding of outro - Studio for progressive collective architectural design and he is co-founder of Que[e]rbau, engaged as construction group planner and supervisor, handling the development of individual and community planning methods and mechanisms.

[Que\[e\]rbau](#) creates a communal apartment house to meet the requirements of queer people of all lifestyles. It is a space for defining oneself identity. The Town house compounds 33 apartments for singles and partners as well as all types of families - rainbow, patchwork, foster families... Everyone living in the Town House with its several different community rooms, is encouraged to contribute to shared activities, to fill the house and its surroundings with life. The house and its community is supposed to provide a safe haven for people who must leave their home country for their safety or to avoid harassment. [www.queerbau.at]