Welcome at the hybrid symposium

Re/Building Brussels (1695 – 2025)
The urban construction sector and the need for production space, social inclusion and circularity (1695-today)

We will start at ±13h00
Program symposium

13h00  Introduction

**Building Brussels** and the production of space
by researchers Matthijs Degraeve, Frederik Vandyck and Sarah De Boeck

Commentary by Kristiaan Borret (Brussels Bouwmeester/Maître Architecte)

14h00  **Rebuilding Brussels.** The urban construction sector as an engine for social inclusion and circularity
by researchers Karoline da Silva Rodrigues, Lara Reyniers and Louise Huba

Lecture by Judy Stephenson (The Bartlett School of Sustainable Construction)
Lecture by Gilli Hobbs (Sustainability and Circular economy Advisor)

Discussion

17h00  The end and walk to opening **Expo Re/Building Brussels**
EXPO Re/Building Brussels
Sint Goriks Hallen/Halles St-Géry
Until March 27, 2022
Hageltoren / Tour à plomb
Hageltoren in 1979 (monument.heritage.brussels)

Hunting shotgun pallets (www.littlegun.be)
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Why?

Companies in the construction sector are driven out of the city
Exodus has negative impact on urban economy and the cityscape

Towards a productive city?
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What?

- Where did carpenters, bricklayers, .. settle over past 200 years?
- How did location strategy of construction companies change?
- Built infrastructure and remaining buildings
- Todays spatial needs of the construction sector
- Formulate policy recommendations to strengthen living and working in the city
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• Architecture and heritage_ARCH Department of Architectural Engineering
  Inge Bertels, Stephanie Van de Voorde, Ann Verdonck, Ine Wouters
• Economic and urban history_HOST Historical Research into Urban Transformation Processes
  Heidi Deneweth
• Spatial planning_COSMOPOLIS Centre for Urban Research
  Michael Ryckewaert, Bas Van Heur, David Bassens

Collaborators
• CReA Philippe Sosnowska, HIST Peter Scholliers
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Urban Planner
Sarah De Boeck

Architectural Engineer
Frederik Vandyck

Historian
Matthijs Degraeve
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- **Circularity** ARCH Department of Architectural Engineering
  Ine Wouters, Stephanie Van de Voorde, Niels De Temmerman

- **Inclusive labour market** HOST Historical Research into Urban Transformation Processes
  Heidi Deneweth, Wouter Ryckbosch

- **Foundational economy** COSMOPOLIS Centre for Urban Research
  David Bassens, Michael Ryckewaert
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- Which construction materials were salvaged and reused during the past 300 years?
- How has the labour market evolved from the beginning of modern urban growth in the 18th century until today?
- Can circular economy and the labour market act as an engine for social inclusion and reduce inequality?
- ...
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