

# Conference Program

## WEDNESDAY, 24.9.2025 | from 05:00 p.m. to 09:00 p.m. | Festsaal C517

**Keynote Dialogue “Caring for the City in times of multiple Crises and Transformation”** with Ulrike Rauch-Keschmann (Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs, Energy and Tourism), Cornelia Diabaja (FH Wien der WKW), Norbert Kettner (Vienna Tourist Board), Dominic Schmid (WKW Tourism Division), Julia Girardi-Hoog (City of Vienna), Wencke Hertzsch (European Capital of Democracy) and Christoph Stoik (ÖGS)

## THURSDAY, 25.9.2025 | from 09:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	<b>Overview and Opening</b> with Cornelia Diabaja and Florian Aubke from FH Wien der WKW   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Panel 1:</b> Caring for the City in Times of multiple Crises   <b>Room B504</b>	<b>Panel 2:</b> Urban Experimentation: „Careful“ urban transformations beyond ecomodernist imaginaries   <b>Room B507</b>	
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	<b>Morning Break:</b> Coffee Break & Poster Presentation   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	<b>Panel 3:</b> Caring for the Citizens – Social Justice and Participation   <b>Room B507</b>	<b>Panel 4:</b> How Tourism is transforming the urban fabric   <b>Room B504</b>	<b>Workshop</b> – Care councils as catalysts for Caring Cities   <b>Festsaal C517</b>
1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>   <b>Lunch Area</b>		
2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Panel 5:</b> Touristification and Challenges of urban tourism   <b>Room B504</b>	<b>Panel 6:</b> Sustainable tourism and regional development in times of climate crisis   <b>Room B507</b>	
3:30 p.m.–3:50 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
3:50 p.m.–4:45 p.m.	<b>Viennese World Café</b> – Wrap up Session of the Panels 1–6   <b>Room B504</b>		
5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	<b>Round Table</b> “Rethinking regional development and tourism”– with Yvonne Franz (University Vienna), Stephan Auer-Stüger (Austrian Association of Cities and Towns), Karoline Wiegerink (Hotelschool), Giovanna Marconi (IUAV), Jan Šifra (Büro Milk), Silvio Heinze (District Mayor)   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		

## FRIDAY, 26.9.2025 | from 09:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	<b>Panel 7:</b> Urban transformation and ground floor vacancy   <b>Room B502</b>	<b>Panel 8:</b> Urban development and Housing in Times of multiple challenges   <b>Room B507</b>	<b>Panel 9:</b> Regenerative Urban and Tourism Development   <b>Room B504</b>
10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	<b>Coffee Break</b>   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<b>Round Table:</b> “Rethinking Vacancies” – with Lena Schartmüller (imGrätzl, TUVienna), Theresia Kohlmayr (UrbanOuts), Remi Wacogne (Ca Foscari, Venice), Anna Vera-Deinhammer (FH Wien der WKW)   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>   <b>Lunch Area</b>		
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	<b>Panel 10:</b> Caring Communities – social inclusion of vulnerable groups by strengthening civil society and institutional networks   <b>Room B507</b>	<b>Panel 11:</b> Entangled Placemaking in Tourism and urban development   <b>Room B504</b>	<b>Panel 12:</b> Tourism & Urban Futures: Innovative Pathways   <b>Room B502</b>
3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break &amp; Poster Presentation</b>   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	<b>“Viennese World Café”</b> Wrap up Session   <b>Room B504</b>		
5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	<b>Keynote Ethan Kent: Placemaking in Tourism and Urban Development</b> followed by a Round Table with Ethan Kent (PlacemakingX), Cornelia Diabaja (FH Wien der WKW), Laura Fregolent (IUAV), Patricia Davies (Deputy District Mayor), Katharina Höftberger (Urban Innovation Vienna)   <b>Festsaal C517</b>		
8:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	<b>Neighbourhood Night Walk: Alsergrund</b> – Urban transformations from the old suburb towards current developments by the AustrianGuide Kristina Burger		

## SATURDAY, 27.9.2025 | from 10:00 a.m.

**“Walks and Talks”** Walks on urban and tourism development (public format in cooperation with Landluft)