

The Hackable City invites you to a mini-symposium at the IABR Friday June 24th, 15:00-17:00h

With the IABR as the backdrop, the Hackable City will conclude its international comparative research project on new modes of collaborative citymaking – with organizations from São Paulo, Athens, and Shenzhen and Buiksloterham. Part public mini-symposium, part workshop with experts, this exchange aims to consolidate our common understanding of collaborative city-making: How can we involve existing stakeholders in city development? Does co-creation lead to a feeling of ownership and more involvement? How can these developments be perpetuated to create resilient cities in the future?



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The Hackable City

The Hackable City is a research project that explores the potential for new modes of collaborative citymaking in a network society. It also considers the shifting relationships between governments, (design) professionals and citizens in this process. The Hackable City is administered through the University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, and is funded through a grant of the The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). One Architecture and The Mobile City Foundation are (founding) partners in the project.

Buiksloterham (BSH), a former brownfield in Amsterdam-North, is our primary case study. BSH has become (in part sheltered by the continued real estate crisis) a Living Lab for experimentation with self-building and self-developing, adaptive circular cities, social design and co-creation, innovation and digital technologies. These experiments, the result from this clash of the chaotic world of bottom-up with top-down urban planning, in which co-operative co-design processes run parallel with traditional urban development, form a continuous learning process.



In the past months, with Buiksloterham as background the Hackable City has conducted an international comparative research with São Paulo, Athens and Shenzhen. These three foreign cities are each in a similar phase of development to what kicked-off Buiksloterham (BSH): in part because they are in a phase of economic downturn or, more specifically, face a crisis in real-estate development, bottom-up investment and participatory planning practices are becoming drivers for change. These crises create space (and the need) for the kind of city-making similar to BSH. It is because of this similarity that in Sao Paulo, Shenzhen and Athens initiatives can be found that have dealt with these issues in their own ways. What in turn can be learned from their experiences?

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