

Parameters for Reuse



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Ecological, economic, social and architectural-cultural

The Project

On 7–8 November 2025, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, Lübeck University of Applied Sciences and the Anti-Demolition Alliance jointly organised a conference in Dessau entitled “Parameters for Reuse”, which explored fundamental principles for dealing with buildings of the modern era. At its heart was the question of how value – beyond purely financial considerations – can be ascribed to architecture.

The Background

Diese The event took place at the Kunsthalle Dessau as part of the Bauhaus centenary celebrations. Centrally located between the town hall and shopping centre, this former commercial and social space now hosts a variety of exhibitions and cultural events. Built in 1965, the prefabricated high-rise known as Scheibe Nord embodied the optimism of East German modernism and the city’s development at the time. Today, it stands at the heart of the transformation of Dessau’s city centre – making it both the venue and a subject of the Parameters conference, where questions concerning modern architecture could be reconsidered particularly vividly.

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The Outcome

At this conference, conceived as a cultural hackathon, Anhalt University of Applied Sciences students developed micro-projects with experts, translating them into ‘Parameters of Reuse’ – spanning ecology and economics, social concerns and building culture.

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