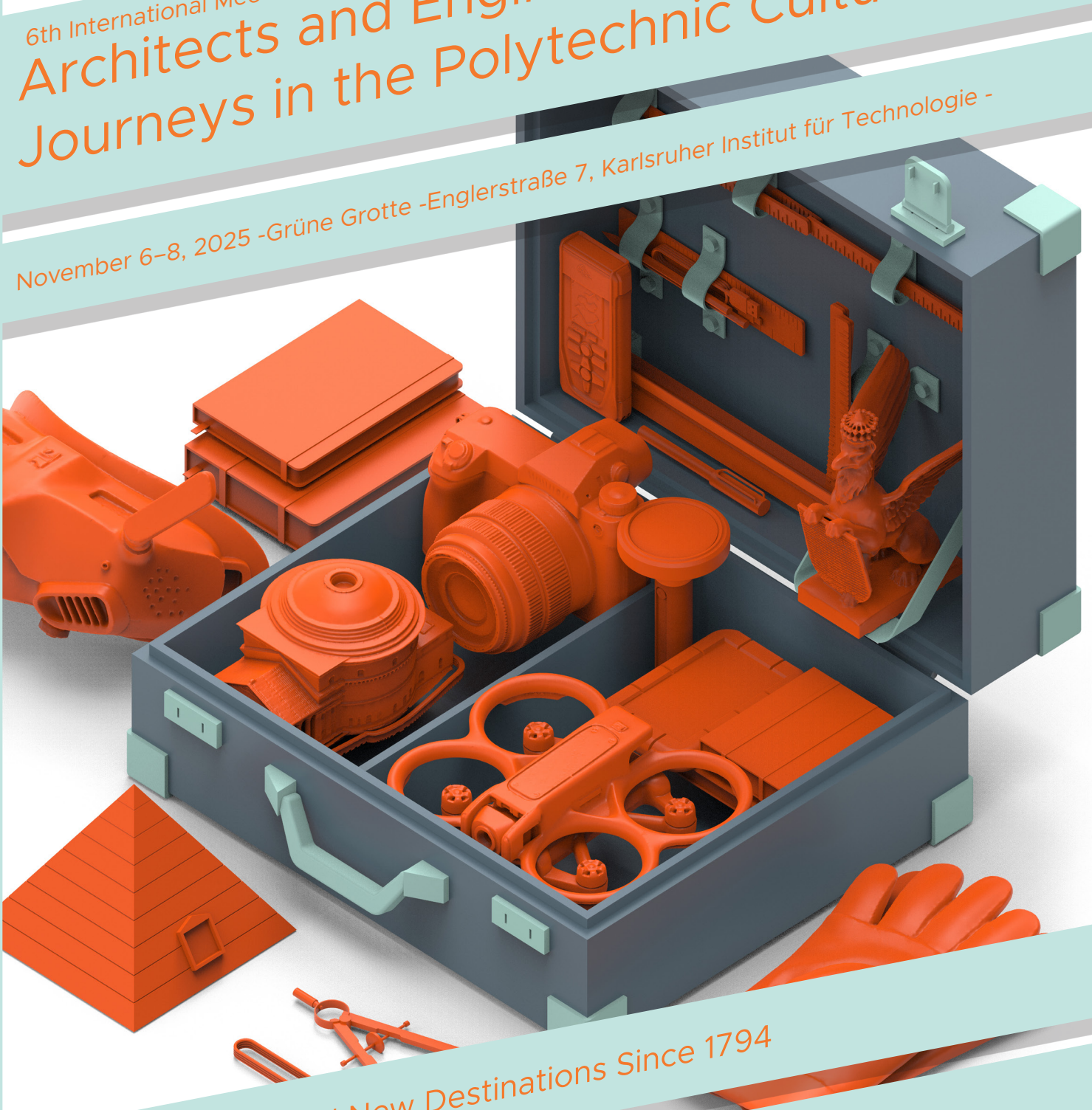


6th International Meeting "The Architect's Journeys"

Architects and Engineers: Journeys in the Polytechnic Culture

November 6-8, 2025 -Grüne Grotte -Englerstraße 7, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie -



Networks, Media, and New Destinations Since 1794

Opening Lecture by Andrea Maglio (Università di Napoli Federico II)
Closing Lecture by Christiane Salge (Technische Universität Darmstadt)

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Program

Thursday, November 6

- 10:00 Presentation by Antonio Bruculeri (ENSA Paris-La Villette) and Massimiliano Savorra (Università di Pavia)
- 10:15 Opening Remarks by Joaquín Medina Warmburg (KIT, Karlsruhe)
- 10:30 Opening Lecture by Andrea Maglio (Università di Napoli Federico II): "The German polytechnical tradition and the cultural legacy of architects' journey to Italy"
- 11:30 Coffee Break

Session 1: The Polytechnical Turn Moderator: Inge Hinterwaldner (KIT)

- 12:00 Peter Bohnert (Universität Vechta), "Zwischen Bildung und Technologietransfer: Reisende Wasserbauingenieure und Architekten um 1800"
- 12:25 Chiara Baglione (Politecnico di Milano), "Modernity in Motion: Milanese Architects Journeys and Polytechnic Culture between Education and Cosmopolitanism"
- 12:50 Giovanna D'Amia (Politecnico di Milano), "I viaggi di studio degli allievi architetti del Politecnico di Milano nei primi decenni del Novecento"
- 13:15 Panel Discussion
- 14:00 Lunch Break

Session 2: Transfers and Dialogues between Engineering and Architecture Moderator: Joaquín Medina Warmburg (KIT)

- 15:30 Maria Harnack (Verein Architektur Archive Bern), "Die Reise als Bestandteil der theoretisch-praktischen Aus- und Weiterbildung von Bautechnikern am Beispiel des Thuner Architekten Alfred Lanzrein (1879–1933)"
- 15:55 Marco Silvestri (KIT Karlsruhe), "A Five Month Voyage Through European Polytechnical Culture: Juan Monteverde's 1892 Tour of Europe and the Reform of Architectural Education in Uruguay"
- 16:20 Akio Sassa (ENSA Strasbourg), "Hisanori NUMATA's unique dam and bridge designs inspired by his journey across the U.S. and the U.K."
- 16:45 Panel Discussion
- 18:00 Exhibition Opening: "Baukasten Karlsruhe: 200 Years of Polytechnical Architecture" (KIT)
- 19:30 Dinner at BAG Library, KIT

Friday, November 7

Session 3: Modernity, Modernism, Modernization Moderator: Oliver Sukrow (TU Darmstadt)

- 10:00 Phoebus Panigyrakis (Athens), Arthur Staal and the Search for Modernism's Origins
- 10:25 Francesca Usai (IUAV University of Venice), "Alternative Geographies: Atypical forms of mobility in the polytechnic culture of the Swiss exile (1943-1945)"
- 10:50 Thibaud Toussaint (École Nationale Supérieure d'Architecture de Paris La Villette), "Circulation and internationalization of technical-scientific knowledge: Marius Duriez's travels between 1949 and 1964"
- 11:15 Panel Discussion
- 11:45 Coffee Break

Session 4: Evolving Technologies in the Postwar World Moderator: Alexandra Axtmann (KIT)

- 12:15 David Mesa-Cedillo (UPC, Barcelona/KIT Karlsruhe), "Im Dienste der Serie: Polytechnische Reisen der DDR-Architekten nach Moskau im Zeichen des industriellen Bauens (1957-1959)"
- 12:40 Christian Vöhringer (Universität Regensburg), "Collegial Travels to England and Denmark. The Polytechnical Search for New Universities in the 1960s"
- 13:05 Isabel Soto Antúnez (Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées – Institut Polytechnique de Paris), "Hybrid Figures and the Celebration of Technical Artifacts in Late 20th-Century French Architecture"
- 13:30 Panel Discussion
- 14:00 Lunch Break at BAG Library, KIT
- 15:00 Closing Lecture by Christiane Salge (Technische Universität Darmstadt): "Institution and Exchange: Architectural Education at the Polytechnic School in Karlsruhe in a Transnational Context"
- 16:00 City Tour "Baukasten Karlsruhe"
- 20:00 Dinner in Karlsruhe

Saturday, November 8

- 9:00-19:00 Optional Trip to Baden-Baden: "Architecture, Engineering and Tourism - City Tour"

