

# Conference for Experimental Urban Development 10.-11.6.22, Hannover

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## Subject

you promised me a city, Conference for Experimental Urban Development | 10.-11.6.22, Hannover

## Message

you promised me a city is answer and task; is the linking of fields and questions, is research and demand; is celebration, an uproar, it's a feast. For this we invite you in the heart of Hannover - the mediocre center - which should be our starting point for a real, honest and blatant dispute about the city.

In our view, the consensus culture that is all too often experienced and practiced at professional conferences, between pump coffee and tarnished cheese rolls, leads not only to programmatic boredom, but also to a problematic narrowing of discourse. We believe that only actual confrontation, friction and debate can expand spaces of thought and discourse. Only those who move out of their own comfort zone will also discover new terrain.

This is exactly what you promised me a city is about: the creation of productive dissonances. Built and social spaces, the imagined and the made city, responsibilities, contexts and future - that's what we want to argue about. Coming from different perspectives and disciplines.

For this, we do not hide in a convention center on the outskirts, but go to the center of the city. Different satellite events and an international summer school will take place at various locations at the beginning of the week. On June 10th and 11th, the festival will culminate in an all-day program that will move through the city along two different axes, just like a parade.

The program itself is composed of three different main components:

### Collectively Curated Program

Half of the festival program is created through an open call, which addresses urban actors and activists nationwide and internationally with the question "What are you all about?". Proposals for self-organized formats (such as workshops, lecture performances, discussion formats, etc.) can be submitted, which will then be voted on in a public online voting process. The best 20-30 ideas will be invited and become part of the festival program.

### Core Conflict Agenda

In the afternoons, experts from a wide variety of professional and knowledge backgrounds will engage with each other and the audience in defined dispute formats. Here, architects, artists, planners, activists, scientists, investors, craftsmen and citizens will engage in a productive dispute about the city. Formats such as the Discourse Duel, Fight Club, Shit Show, Streitbar and many more are planned.

### Cultural Supporting Program

The entire program will be framed by various cultural productions, which will also focus on the topic of the city and enable a change of perspective for the visitors. We are planning readings, plays, performances and concerts. And yes: in the evening there will be a party - for once there is a consensus on that.

We will document the results of the event in a publication.

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Promise At a Glance

- you promised me a city is a week of dispute culture in June, in Hannover.
- The highlight will be a two-day interdisciplinary congress for experimental urban development on June 10th and 11th, focusing on:  
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Productive dissonance or fight the consensus!
- We are planning for 300 visitors from all relevant and related disciplines, as well as from the interested public.

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