

Inauguration Event
for the new

Institute for Sustainable Architecture and Technology IAST



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Thursday
16 April 2026
14:00-17:00

Agorà Galfetti
Palazzo Canavée
Mendrisio

The newly established IAST advances research and innovation in architecture through an interdisciplinary approach that integrates heritage preservation, adaptive reuse, structural design, and digital technologies, with sustainability and circularity as its core goals. It connects theory, design, and construction while rethinking buildings, materials, and methods across local and global contexts, linking teaching, practice, and research within the Accademia.

Program

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| 14:00-14:10 | Welcome by Gabriele Balbi, USI Rector and Riccardo Blumer, Accademia director |
| 14:10-14:20 | Introduction to the new IAST Institute by Ena Lloret-Fritschi |
| 14:20-15:00 | Inputs from IAST Board of directors: Muck Petzet, Franz Graf, Mario Monotti, Ena Lloret-Fritschi |
| 15:00-15:20 | Inputs from IAST members |
| 15:20-15:35 | Coffee break |
| 15:35-16:15 | Keynote address <i>The Poetics of Transformation</i> Nicolai Bo Andersen (Royal Danish Academy) |
| 16:15-17:00 | Panel discussion |
| 17:00 | Apéro |