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09:00 AM - 6:00 PM,  
PALAZZO CANAVÉE, ROOM C3.89

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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

# THE URBAN MICROCLIMATE AS ARTIFACT

A COMPREHENSIVE REFLECTION of the concept of the "microclimate" and "microclimatology" (Helmut Landsberg) from the perspective of architectural theory as well as cultural and social sciences is still barely developed. Microclimates are far more than physical-thermodynamic phenomena; microclimates are fabricated thermal places offering valuable insights into everyday culture, social conditions, and political aspirations of energy-based and urbanized societies. By bringing together different case studies from cities around the world, the symposium will explore microclimates as human artifacts approached with a combination of social, cultural and architectural research methods.

THE SYMPOSIUM intends to outline the concept of the microclimate and its variations for urban indoor and outdoor spaces highlighting its relevance for contemporary architecture and urban design practice. Lisa Hescong's notion of "thermal delight," which celebrates and cultivates the diversity of microclimatic conditions rather than leveling them, is yet to be created for the 21st century.

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• INTRODUCTION  
PROF. SASCHA ROESLER  
9:00-9:30  
• MILAN, ITALY  
DR. ROBERTO LEGGERO  
9:30-10:15  
COFFEE BREAK 10:15-10:45  
• PALM SPRINGS, USA  
DR. MATTHIAS BRUNNER  
10:45-11:30  
• TAICHUNG, TAIWAN  
PROF. PHILIPPE RAHM  
11:30-12:15  
• JAKARTA, INDONESIA  
DR. LIZZY VAN LEEUWEN  
12:15-13:00

LUNCH 13:00-14:15  
• PARIS, FRANCE  
DR. IGNACIO REQUENA-RUIZ  
14:15-15:00  
• KOUDOUGOU,  
BURKINA FASO  
PROF. FRANCIS KÉRÉ  
15:00-15:45  
COFFEE BREAK 15:45-16:00  
• MANILA, PHILIPPINES  
DR. MARLYNE SAHAKIAN  
16:00-16:45  
COFFEE BREAK 16:45-17:15  
• DISCUSSION  
17:15-18:00