Erich Mendelsohn and the built heritage of the 20th century

Chamber of Architects Berlin, former Metal Workers’ Union House; Alte Jakobstraße 149, Berlin

Monday, 21.03.2022, Symposium Day 1

09:00 – 9:30 opening block: welcome and greeting by hosts, organisers, supporters
MODERATION: JÖRG HASPEL (ICOMOS GERMANY, ERICH MENDELSOHN INITIATIVE CIRCLE)

WELCOME
Theresa Keilhacker, Architektenkammer/Chamber of Architects Berlin, President
Timo Mager, ICOMOS Germany, President
Eran Mordohovich, ICOMOS Israel, President

GREETINGS
Roman Luckscheiter, German UNESCO Commission DUK, Secretary General (online)
Dalit Atrakchi, Israel National Commission for UNESCO, Secretary General (online)
Mary Miller, Getty Research Institute, director (online)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS OF THE ERICH MENDELSOHN INITIATIVE CIRCLE
Regina Stephan, Erich Mendelsohn Initiative Circle, ICOMOS Germany

10:00 - 12:00 block 1: World Heritage
SESSION CHAIR: KATARZYNA PIOTROWSKA, POLAND, (WORLD HERITAGE EXPERT)

Birgitta Ringbeck, Germany, Federal Foreign Office: Transnational Nominations: Mapping of Attributes and Values conveying the OUV of the nominated Property

Bogusław Szmygin, Poland, ICOMOS ISC Theory and Philosophy of Conservation and Restoration: UNESCO Transnational Serial World Heritage Nominations – Rules, Advantages, Challenges

Moritz Wullen, Germany, Kunsthbibliothek(Art Library, Staatliche Museen zu Berlin: The Mendelsohn System

Maristella Casciato, USA, Getty Research Institute Los Angeles: Eric and Louise Mendelsohn papers, Germany and United States

12:00 - 13:00 lunch break
13:00 - 15:00 block 2: The Impact of Spirituality on Mendelsohn’s Oeuvre

SESSION CHAIR: TINO MAGER, (PRESIDENT ICOMOS GERMANY)

Ulrich Knufinke, Germany, Lower Saxony State Office for the Preservation of Historical Monuments / TU Braunschweig: Erich Mendelsohn’s Jewish Cemetery Complex in Königsberg (Kaliningrad): Cemetery Buildings as a Contribution to the Development of Architecture with Jewish Connotations in the Weimar Republic

Alona Nitzan Shiftan, Israel, Technion Haifa, Avie and Sarah Arenson Built Heritage Research Center: Zionism in Practice: Erich Mendelsohn from Berlin to Jerusalem

Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Ireland/ USA, University College Dublin (online): Spiritual heritage - Mendelsohn’s late synagogue architecture in the US

15:00 - 15:30 coffee break

15:30 - 17:30 block 3: Life and Work in Exile

SESSION CHAIR: CHRISTOPH RAUHUT (STATE CONSERVATOR BERLIN / ICOMOS GERMANY)

Jörg Stabenow, Germany, Philipps-University Marburg (online): From Westend to Rehavia, Erich Mendelsohn’s houses as milestones of a cosmopolitan career

Eric Nay, Canada, OCAD University in Toronto: Exploring Erich Mendelsohn’s Oeuvre as a Narrative of Place and Diaspora

Ita Heinze-Greenberg, Germany, ETH Zurich, Institut gta: Erich Mendelsohn: Architecture and Exile

20:00 Evening Event

(Klick Kino, Windscheidstraße 19, 10627 Berlin)

WELCOME: AYHAN AYRILMAZ, (VICE PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF ARCHITECTS / ICOMOS GERMANY)

Movie night on the occasion of Mendelsohn’s birthday with film screening “Mendelsohn’s Incessant Visions” and discussion with the film maker and director Duki Dror
Tuesday, 22.03. 2022 Symposium Day 2

09:00 - 10:00 visit of the IG Metall Haus and the Chamber of Architects Berlin
Guided tour by the Berlin Chamber of Architects and the Erich Mendelsohn Initiative Circle

10:00.12:00 block 4: International Influence on and through Mendelsohn´s Work
SESSION CHAIR: ANDREA JÜTTEN (DOCOMOMO GERMANY)

Alan Powers, UK, University of Kent (online): Erich Mendelsohn and the Reception of Modernism in England, 1920-1933

Patxi Eguiluz & Carlos Copertone, Spain, Freelancer: BERLIN MADRID BILBAO

Marco Silvestri, Germany, University of Paderborn: On the Global impact of Erich Mendelsohn’s architecture. Sergio Larraín’s Oberpaur Building in Santiago and modern architecture in Chile.

12:00 - 13:00 lunch break

13:00 - 15:00 block 5: Mendelsohn’s placement in architectural history
SESSION CHAIR: ERAN MORDOHOVIC, (PRESIDENT ICOMOS ISRAEL/TECHNION HAIFA)

Anat Falbel, Brazil, European Architectural History Network: Erich Mendelsohn: the crisis of the modern movement and historiographical criticism

Wim De Wit & Daniel Gregory, USA, Architectural Historian and Curator & Architectural Historian and Editor (online): Bay Region Modern Meets Mendelsohn

Emily Pugh, USA, The Getty Research Institute: In the Shadow of Expressionism: Erich Mendelsohn’s Architecture in the 1950s and 1960s

15:00 - 15:30 coffee break

15:30 - 16:30 closing panel discussion
MODERATION: MICHAEL WORBS, UNESCO AMBASSADOR (RET.) OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Panellists Marleen Meißner (German UNESCO Commission); Dalit Atrakchi (Israel National Commission for UNESCO - tbc); Birgitta Ringbeck (German Federal Foreign Office); Eran Mordohovich (Technion Haifa / ICOMOS Israel); Leo Schmidt (ICOMOS ISC 20C); Regina Stephan (ICOMOS Germany, Erich Mendelsohn Initiative Circle)

16:30 - 17:00 recap, outlook and thanks

From 17:00 farewell