



Housing in Vienna – in search of new paths

The Siemensstraße Housing Estate (1950–54) in Floridsdorf ranks among the most significant examples of social housing and urban planning in post-war Vienna. It received much international attention and, with its 1,700 accommodation units, at the time of its construction was the largest communal housing complex in Vienna.

The architect Franz Schuster (1892–1972) designed the estate in line with an originally Anglo-American architectural concept (“New Neighbourhood”), including generous open and green spaces, which today offer the potential for redensification and mixed use of the area.

The increase in the urban population creates opportunities, but also leads to a tightening of housing issues. New and old challenges, such as the need for redensification of existing urban structures and the need for secure jobs and infrastructure, exist alongside each other.

As part of the design workshop, participants are to critically examine traditional residential buildings and typologies and to develop concepts and visions for affordable living for the planning area, which should satisfy the need for a variety of residential styles.

Photos:

<https://living2060.x-change.at/vienna-ws-site-photos>

Videos:

<https://living2060.x-change.at/vienna-ws-site-videos>

Planning documentation:

https://living2060.x-change.at/data/uploads/files/living2060-vienna_site.zip

Input presentations:

Social Housing in Vienna (Markus Tomaselli)

<https://youtu.be/MI48RUW1HLM>

"Wild" Vienna-looking back at a century of informal city development (Friedrich Hauer & Andre Krammer)

https://youtu.be/-fojY5e8_sQ

A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD - Vienna's Postwar Rapid Building Program (Wolfgang Fichna & Georg Vasold)

https://youtu.be/_XDYq6j76EQ

Social Sustainability in Residential Housing in Vienna (Sonja Gruber)

<https://youtu.be/UuYpdn96f8I>

Informal Housing between Freedom and Anxiety (Dr. Cătălin Berescu)

<https://youtu.be/CXsjlMkRHPw>

Making Home: A Case of Mumbai (Prof. Rupali Gupte)

<https://youtu.be/24D7vhvHUJY>

Last, but not Least (Dr. Jacopo Gresleri)

<https://youtu.be/XuwEdFmcmw8>