

FOREWORD

Dear Colleagues,

As Konya Technical University, we are proud to organize the fourth of ICONARCH congress series. The 4th International Congress on Architecture and Planning has provided a qualified scientific discussion environment on almost all issues concerning Architecture and Planning with a very intensive and comprehensive program.

ICONARCH congresses are organized every two years by Konya Technical University Faculty of Architecture and Design. We would like to organize this fourth congress by hosting our protocol members and guests in Konya, the cradle of civilization, the Seljuk Capital and the city of Mevlana. However, the pandemic conditions did not allow this. Despite everything, we held a very useful and successful congress.

The concept of "space", which has been handled at different scales within the education and practices of Architecture and Planning, has taken on a more complex structure with the meaning loaded on it in recent years. Analyzing and understanding this complex structure necessitates process-based perspectives. It also requires an understanding based on cooperation with different disciplines. ICONARCH IV aimed to bring together the profession of architecture and planning and disciplines that have strong relations with these professional fields. In a period where spatial approaches are heavily on the agenda, our congress was held with the theme of "Space and Process" at the center of new searches and discussions. In the congress, under the main theme of "Space and Process", within the scope of the themes determined under 9 different subtitles, the way the space was handled at different scales and the attributed meaning has been discussed.

Each society and production style creates its own space that meets its own needs, reflecting its lifestyle and culture. Architecture and planning disciplines recognize that space and society have the potential to mutually transform each other. In the history of humanity, we are living a period in which change is extremely rapid in every field. Technological developments, climate changes, ecological crises, growing socio-economic unrest, global migration, political conflicts, social, cultural and spatial transformations should be evaluated sensitively in the process of change of space. In this transformation process of the world, ICONARCH-IV is an important platform for those who want to explore the new global society and space dynamics. In this context, ICONARCH-IV has emphasized the metamorphosis and innovations through which space and spatial processes pass in the face of rapidly changing demographic, social,

economic, ecological and technological structures. Space is considered as the transformer, reflection and result of these changes.

An intensive exchange of information and interaction has taken place at the congress, where scientific studies addressing the versatile structure of spatial processes in various dimensions has been presented. On behalf of my school, I would like to thank the valuable scientists, invited speakers and keynote speakers who participated in our congress from Turkey and abroad, especially to Prof. Keith Halfacre, Prof. Robert Cervero, Prof. Simin Davoudi, Prof. Ayda Eraydin and Prof. Eva Stachura.

On this occasion, I would like to thank the Members of the Scientific Committee who played different roles in the organization of the congress and my friends in the congress organization committee. I would also like to thank Konya Technical University Rectorate, Architecture and City Planning Departments, which contributed to the organization of the congress, and TUBITAK, which provided financial support to the congress.

ICONARCH IV is a scientific event that guide researchers and practitioners working in the field of architecture and planning, stating that I wish to be together again in ICONARCH V, which will be held in 2022, and I present my respects.

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