

## Positioning:

### Erich Mendelsohn and the built heritage of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 MENDELSON 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 MENDELSON 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, Kunstbibliothek/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 Shifan, 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