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Themes and Focus Areas



Interior Design

The theme focus is Sustainable Systems for Living & Universal Design. Key topics for potential lectures and workshops include:

Greening & Universal Design: Showcasing thoughtful, small-scale interventions that transform abandoned areas. This combines the greening of urban spaces (rooftops, courtyards) with Universal Design principles to create accessible, aesthetic, and community-oriented environments.

Modular Innovation: Featuring breakthrough modular solutions for interiors and public spaces (furniture, urban equipment), with an emphasis on Design for All and the innovative use of sustainable, locally sourced materials.

The Tiny House Revolution: Critical discussions on pilot projects for small, sustainable housing units, exploring a new culture of living that champions mobility, energy efficiency, and community sharing.

Visual Communications

The theme focus is Visual Commentary & Nature-Inspired Design. Key topics for potential lectures and workshops include:

Patterns of Nature in Design & Biophilia/Biomimetics: Exploring sustainable visual communication and utilizing patterns of nature (Biomimetika) in design.

Socially Engaged Design: The role of visual communication (e.g., posters, digital media) as a powerful tool for social connection, identity, and engagement on challenging topics like climate change and social inclusion.

Fashion And Textiles

The theme focus is Circular Fashion and Textile Innovations. Key topics for potential lectures and workshops include:

Sustainable and Bio-Based Textiles: Investigation into materials from renewable sources, recycled fibres, or biopolymers, and sustainable textile processing approaches such as natural dyeing and printing. The focus is on next-generation innovative materials that reduce the environmental footprint.

Reuse and Garment/Textile Upcycling: Strategies for upcycling, redesigning, and extending the lifecycle of garments through circular models and zero-waste approaches, and experimentation with surplus textiles for transformation into sustainable, modular products.



Zero-Waste Pattern Making and Digital Approaches:
Cutting and design techniques that prevent waste
generation, including experimentation with
modular garments and the use of 3D design and AI
for efficiency.

Design Management

The theme focus is Strategic Design Management
for Sustainable Mobility. Key topics for potential
lectures and workshops include:

Design Management Approach to Sustainable
Mobility: Integrating user-centered research,
sustainability, and innovation. Exploring the
potential of electric mobility through the lenses of
modularity, personalization, and ecological
responsibility, focusing on the diverse needs of
future users. By combining research, design, and
strategic thinking, the project aims to deliver
conceptual proposals that offer a fresh and
forward-looking perspective on sustainable
mobility and the evolving role of electric vehicles in
modern society.

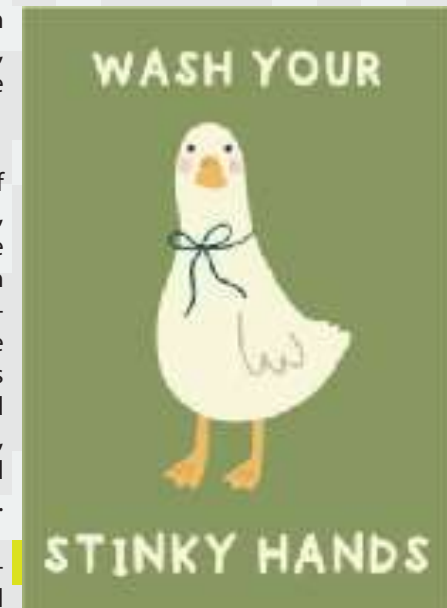
Beyond Screens and Structures: Applying Biophilic Design From Built Space to UX

Luciaj Primožič Erjavec, M.A. Design
Creative Strategy Manager & Interior Designer,
PhD. Candidate

The workshop explored how the principles of biophilic design—long embedded in architecture, interior, and environmental design—could be translated into the realms of spatial communication and digital UX/UI. Framed by insights from environmental psychology and visual perception, the introductory session unpacked how natural forms and patterns, organic shapes, fractal geometries, and layered visual hierarchies shape how people perceive, navigate, and emotionally respond to designed environments.

Participants, primarily students of Visual Communications, were invited to move fluidly between physical and digital contexts. They conceptualized a range of interventions, from environmental graphics and illustrated wall surfaces to signage systems, tactile artifacts, and atmospheric visual elements that contribute to interior moods. At the same time, they examined how these biophilic principles could inform digital interfaces and interactive displays, creating continuity between screen-based and spatial experiences.

Set against the backdrop of increasingly hybrid environments—where physical and digital layers coexist in places like transport hubs, healthcare settings, educational institutions, libraries, and retail spaces—the workshop emphasized integration over separation. Students experimented with approaches that bridged architecture, interior design, visual communication, and UX/UI, ultimately proposing more cohesive, human-centered environments that resonate both visually and experientially.



Design Thinking for Design Doing

Lynne Elvins
Design Management Slovenija
Design Rally, UK

The workshop provided a practical and engaging introduction to Design Thinking as a human-centered approach to problem solving. Participants were guided through the key stages of the process, from developing empathy with users to clearly defining challenges and generating creative, actionable ideas.

Combining concise theory with hands-on exercises, the session introduced essential tools and best practices used in contemporary design management. Participants explored how these methods could be applied within their own business contexts, working on real-life scenarios and shaping strategies for new products, services, and brand development.

Bringing together attendees from a variety of sectors, the workshop fostered an open and collaborative learning environment. Both newcomers and those looking to refresh their knowledge gained valuable insights into integrating Design Thinking into their everyday practice, leaving with a clearer framework for innovation and decision-making.



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Patterns of Nature in Design: Form-giving Principles and Patterns in the Universe and in Human Being

Sr. Lect. Luka Mancini, M.A.
Faculty of Design, Slovenia

The workshop examined how patterns found in nature can serve as fundamental tools for design, moving beyond aesthetics into the realm of structure and meaning. Drawing on examples from the natural world and the human body, it revealed how recurring systems—growth, repetition, and proportion—shape the way forms emerge and evolve.

Participants explored how these form-giving principles could be translated into contemporary design practice, from visual communication to spatial and digital environments. Through analytical observation and experimentation, they investigated how natural patterns such as fractals, branching systems, and layered hierarchies can inform composition, guide perception, and create more intuitive user experiences.

By positioning nature as a generator of design logic rather than a source of visual reference, the workshop offered a deeper understanding of how designers can create work that resonates on both a cognitive and emotional level—bridging the universal structures of the natural world with human-centered design.



Experimental and Sustainable Photography

Marta Leticia Sanchez Cardete
Professor of Photography at the EASD Valencia, PhD in Fine Arts, and researcher in experimental and sustainable photography, Escola d'Art i Superior de Disseny, Valencia, Spain

Ana Mª Delgado Jarana
Photography teacher at the EASD Valencia and researcher in experimental and sustainable photography
Escola d'Art i Superior de Disseny, Valencia, Spain



In an era shaped by the relentless flow of digital imagery and instant consumption, the workshop turned its focus toward a slower, more reflective approach to photography. Rather than prioritizing the final image, it emphasized process—positioning experimental techniques as a way of thinking, sensing, and learning through making.

Working with methods such as anthotypes, chlorophyll prints, and plant-based film development, participants engaged directly with organic materials, embracing

processes reconnected image-making with nature's rhythms, encouraging a shift away from precision toward experience, sensitivity, and material awareness.

Rooted in a phenomenological perspective, the approach foregrounded personal perception and emotional engagement, treating photography as an embodied practice. By removing the camera and beginning with the tangible, the workshop fostered a deeper understanding of image creation—one that values slowness, sustainability, and error as an essential part of creative discovery.

Green Meets Cool Contemporary Marketing of Circular Design

Prof. Dr. Dominik Walche
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Innovation and Marketing,
Department Design and Green Engineering,
Salzburg University of Applied Sciences, Austria

Set against the realities of the Anthropocene, the lecture explored how design and marketing must respond to a world in which human-made materials now outweigh all living biomass. Rather than framing sustainability as an obligation, it proposed a shift in perspective: what if circular design could be desirable—even cool?

Moving between theory and practice, the session unpacked how “coolness” operates in consumer culture, linking products to identity, status, and emotional appeal. Sustainability, it argued, gains traction not only through ethics but through aspiration.

A series of striking examples—from furniture made of birch bark to accessories crafted from orange peel—demonstrated how waste can be transformed into innovative, high-value products. These projects repositioned circular design as a space of creativity rather than compromise.

At its core, the lecture highlighted the power of storytelling and strategy. Through tools like the creative brief, participants explored how to communicate sustainable ideas in ways that resonate with contemporary audiences—turning “green” into something not just responsible, but culturally relevant and compelling.





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Brand Building

Lynne Elvins
Design Management Slovenija
Design Rally, UK

The workshop explored brand building beyond the surface level, positioning brands not simply as visual identities, but as meaningful promises made to customers. It examined how a brand communicates what a business stands for, shaping perception, trust, and long-term relationships.

Through a clear and structured approach, participants were introduced to the essential building blocks of a strong brand—from defining purpose and values to establishing consistent messaging and visual language. The session highlighted how these elements work together to create coherence and recognition across all touchpoints.

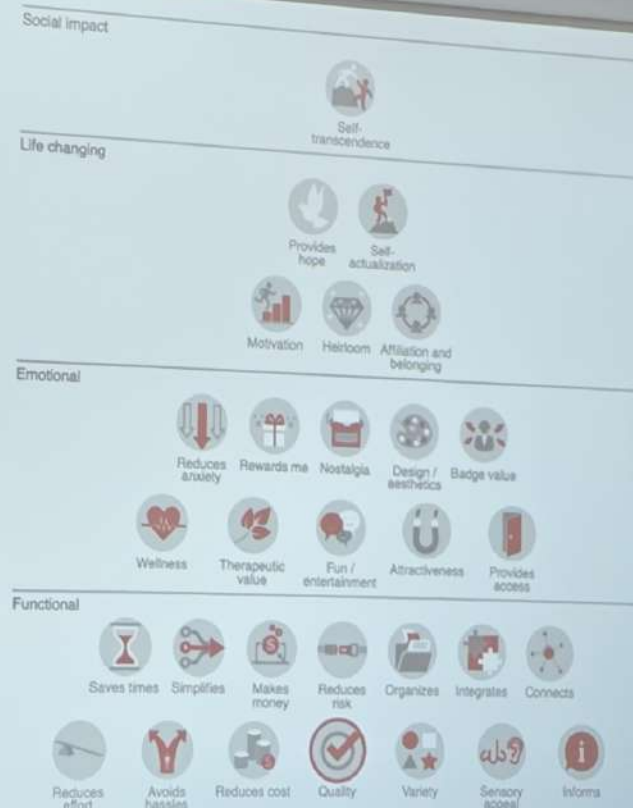
Focusing on real-world applications, the workshop demonstrated how a well-developed brand can foster customer loyalty and differentiation in competitive markets. Participants left with a deeper understanding of how to build and sustain brands that resonate, endure, and deliver on their promise.



Q: what value do you deliver?

Bain Elements of Value Pyramid (B2C)

All decisions fulfil a functional element, but beyond that people make emotional judgements, and beyond that they hold bigger lifetime goals or beliefs about what will give them a 'good life'.



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BoråSpatial: Modular Greening Systems and Participatory Making Tools for Circular and Resilient Cities

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Lodz University of Technology, Lodz, Poland

The BoråSpatial concept explores how modular greening systems can transform urban environments into resilient, inclusive, and sustainable spaces. Developed within the Horizon Europe project SustDesignTex*, this research introduces a new design language for bio-based composite materials, combining PLA matrices with natural fibers such as flax, hemp, and recycled wool.

Beyond technical innovation, BoråSpatial emphasizes user-inspired design through generative toolkits and making tools, enabling citizens to actively shape material aesthetics and spatial configurations. These co-design instruments—tested in the BoråSample phase—support tactile and visual evaluation, fostering creativity and ownership in the development of vertical gardens and micro-interventions aligned with Sponge City principles. The system integrates modular structures with distributed micro-manufacturing models, enabling low-carbon production and local adaptability.

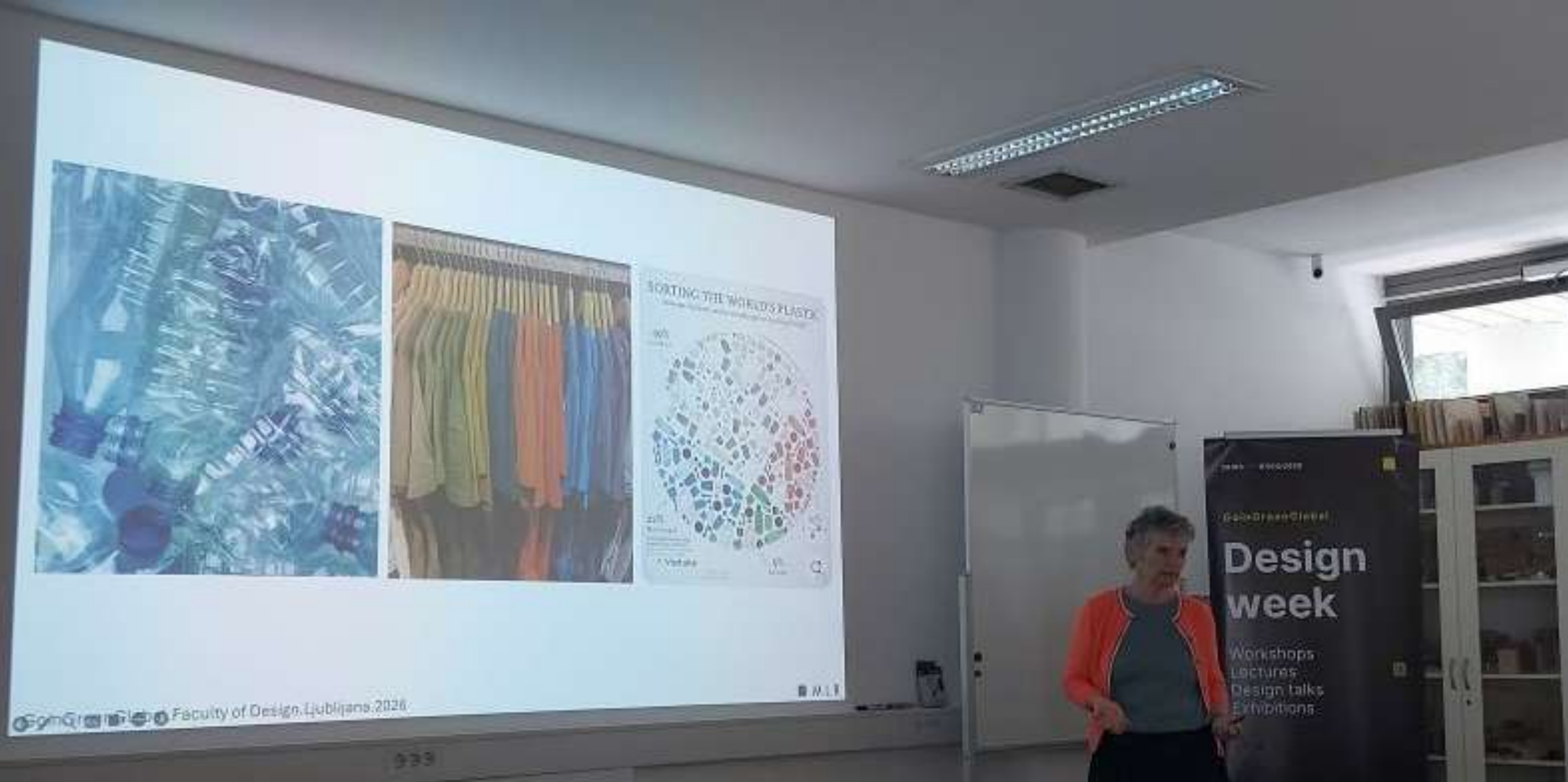
Current prototypes demonstrate the potential for balconies, facades, and semi-public spaces, while future directions include biomimetic reinforcement patterns and textronic integration. BoråSpatial is not only a design project but a research and educational platform, advocating systemic change in how we conceive sustainable urban architecture—where making becomes a participatory act of resilience.



Achievements of the Partnership in the Field of Innovation, Brand Implementation, Award Acquisition, and the Achievement of Objectives in Accordance with the Call for Proposals and the Contract

Jernej Kos
Design Management Slovenia
VERTIKALA 7 Management, Slovenia



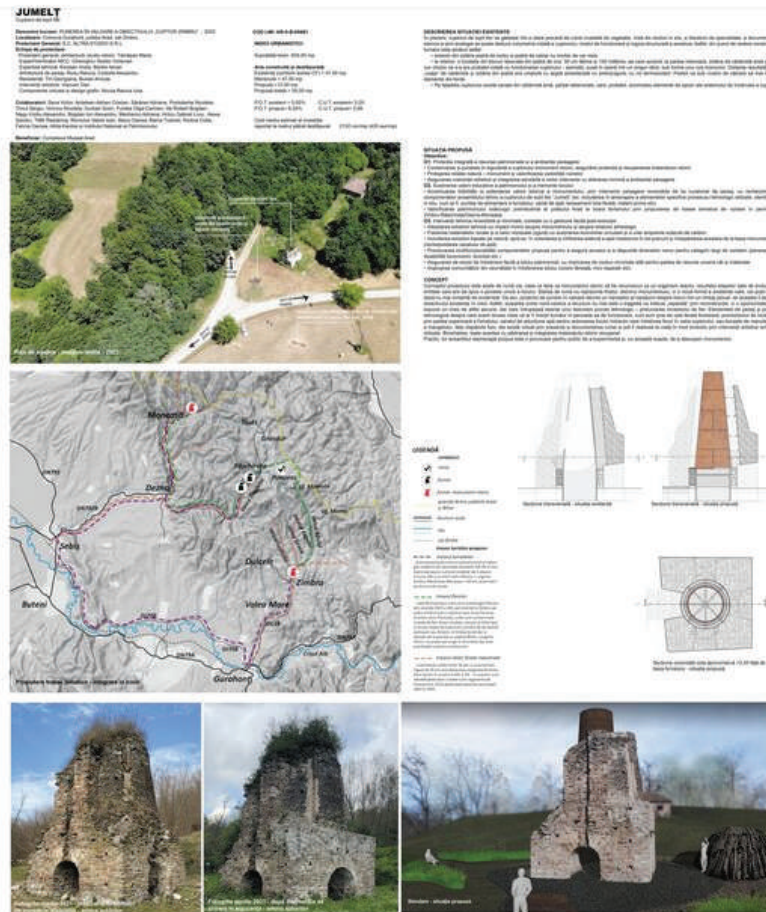


Designing with Circular Principles vs. Cradle-to-Cradle Principles. Discussion and more hands-On Praxis

Marie-Louise Rosholm
Textile consultant & designer
Studio MLR, Copenhagen, Denmark

The workshop explored how circular design and Cradle to Cradle (C2C) principles can be applied in practice, reframing sustainability as a creative opportunity rather than a limitation. Working hands-on with existing products, participants analysed materials and construction before developing redesigned solutions based on reuse, longevity, and waste-free cycles.

Material awareness was central, enabling informed decisions without compromising functionality. Through collaborative work and discussion, the session emphasised reparability, adaptability, and new use models—highlighting how sustainable thinking can enrich and strengthen contemporary design practice.



Placemaking Beyond the City - The Jumelt Furnace Project

Assoc. Prof. Arch. Maria Tămășan, PhD
Faculty of Design, Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania

The presentation explored placemaking beyond the urban context, focusing on how overlooked rural sites can be reimagined as meaningful, accessible destinations. It positioned these spaces not as peripheral, but as valuable cultural and experiential landscapes with the potential to reconnect urban audiences with heritage, nature, and community.

At the center of the discussion was the transformation of the historic Jumelt furnace in the village of Zimbru, Arad County—a project developed between 2020 and 2022 through close collaboration between architects, landscape designers, engineers, artists, craftspeople, and local residents. Through small-scale yet strategic interventions, the site evolved from a neglected industrial relic into a place of learning, encounter, and aesthetic engagement.

The presentation highlighted how interdisciplinary approaches, combined with sensitive design and storytelling, can activate such locations without overwhelming them. With thoughtful communication and scalable strategies, these projects have the



Service Design and Designing the Future: Inclusive, Safe, and Sustainable Cities

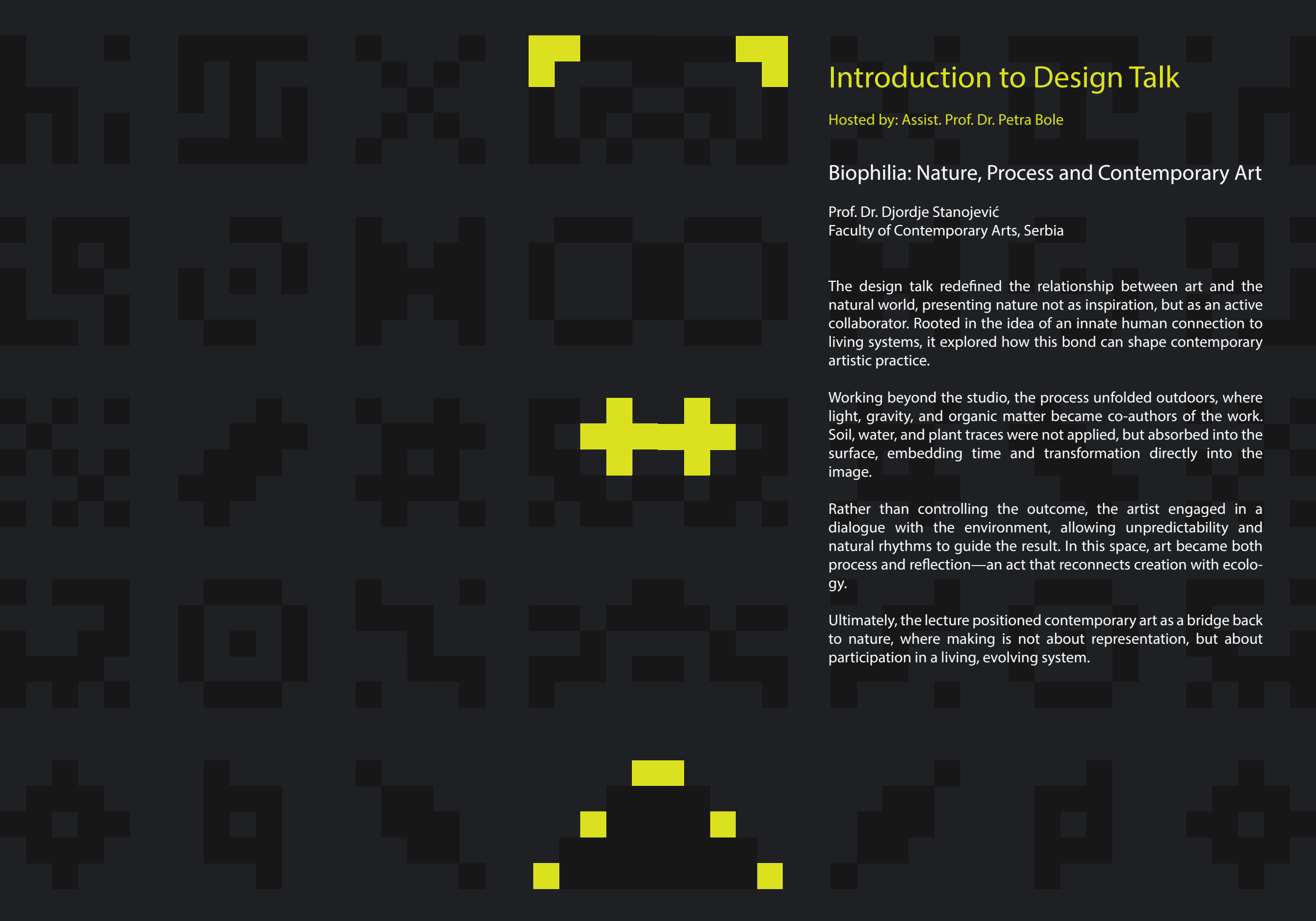
Dr. Hena Ali, PhD
London College of Communication, University of the Arts London, UK

The session explored cities not simply as physical environments, but as dynamic systems of services, interactions, and experiences that shape everyday life. Framed through the lens of service design, it invited participants to rethink urban challenges as opportunities for more inclusive, safe, and sustainable futures.

Drawing on global case studies—from water-absorbing “sponge cities” in China to self-healing infrastructure in the Netherlands and vertical farming in Singapore—the lecture demonstrated how innovative design strategies are already reshaping the way cities function. These examples highlighted the power of systems thinking and human-centered approaches in addressing complex urban needs.

Blending theory with interaction, the session encouraged critical reflection through discussion, live inputs, and speculative questioning. In a hands-on workshop component, participants worked across disciplines to imagine urban services for 2050, mapping user journeys and stakeholder ecosystems while proposing forward-looking, yet practical solutions.

By shifting focus from objects to systems, the lecture opened up new perspectives on design’s role in shaping resilient and equitable urban futures where services, rather than structures alone, define the quality of city life.



Introduction to Design Talk

Hosted by: Assist. Prof. Dr. Petra Bole

Biophilia: Nature, Process and Contemporary Art

Prof. Dr. Djordje Stanojević
Faculty of Contemporary Arts, Serbia

The design talk redefined the relationship between art and the natural world, presenting nature not as inspiration, but as an active collaborator. Rooted in the idea of an innate human connection to living systems, it explored how this bond can shape contemporary artistic practice.

Working beyond the studio, the process unfolded outdoors, where light, gravity, and organic matter became co-authors of the work. Soil, water, and plant traces were not applied, but absorbed into the surface, embedding time and transformation directly into the image.

Rather than controlling the outcome, the artist engaged in a dialogue with the environment, allowing unpredictability and natural rhythms to guide the result. In this space, art became both process and reflection—an act that reconnects creation with ecology.

Ultimately, the lecture positioned contemporary art as a bridge back to nature, where making is not about representation, but about participation in a living, evolving system.

Biomimicry

Sr. Lect. Luka Mancini, MA
Faculty of Design, Slovenia

The design talk introduced biomimicry as a contemporary approach that looks to nature not for imitation, but for understanding. Framed as a system refined over billions of years, nature was presented as a model of efficiency, adaptability, and sustainability—offering principles that can be translated into design practice.

Rather than focusing on visual resemblance, the talk emphasized underlying structures and patterns, from fractals and Fibonacci sequences to organizational systems found in natural processes. These patterns were explored as powerful tools for graphic design, informing composition, hierarchy, and the development of generative visual languages.

For designers, this perspective encouraged a shift from crafting isolated elements to thinking in systems—how visual identities evolve, respond, and grow. Biomimicry opened space for dynamic and flexible design approaches, rooted in simple rules yet capable of producing complexity.

Positioned as both inspiration and methodology, nature emerged as a guide for creating work that is not only aesthetically engaging but also intelligent, sustainable, and deeply aligned with the logic of living systems.

From Materials to Meaning – The Non-Toxic Approach

Petra Marinko
Non Tox Uni Kum, Slovenia

The talk explored a shift in design thinking—from focusing on form and function toward a deeper awareness of materials and their impact on human health. Framed through the philosophy of non-toxic design, it highlighted how the spaces we inhabit are shaped not only by aesthetics, but by the substances embedded within them.

Drawing on research and practice, the session revealed how many commonly used materials—often considered safe or standard—can still pose hidden health risks, from volatile organic compounds to heavy metals. In response, the talk advocated a more conscious approach, in which designers actively seek healthier, non-toxic alternatives and understand the full lifecycle of materials.

At its core was a simple but powerful idea: materials carry meaning. Every choice reflects a value system—about health, responsibility, and the relationship between people and their environment. By prioritizing natural, renewable, and carefully evaluated materials, design becomes a tool not only for creating spaces but for shaping well-being and long-term sustainability.

Rather than presenting this shift as a limitation, the talk framed it as an opportunity—an expanded field where design decisions are more informed, more ethical, and ultimately more meaningful.

Design Talk

Holistic Experience of Urban and Interior Spaces

Hosted by: Assist. Prof. Dr. Petra Bole

Prof. Dr. Djordje Stanojević
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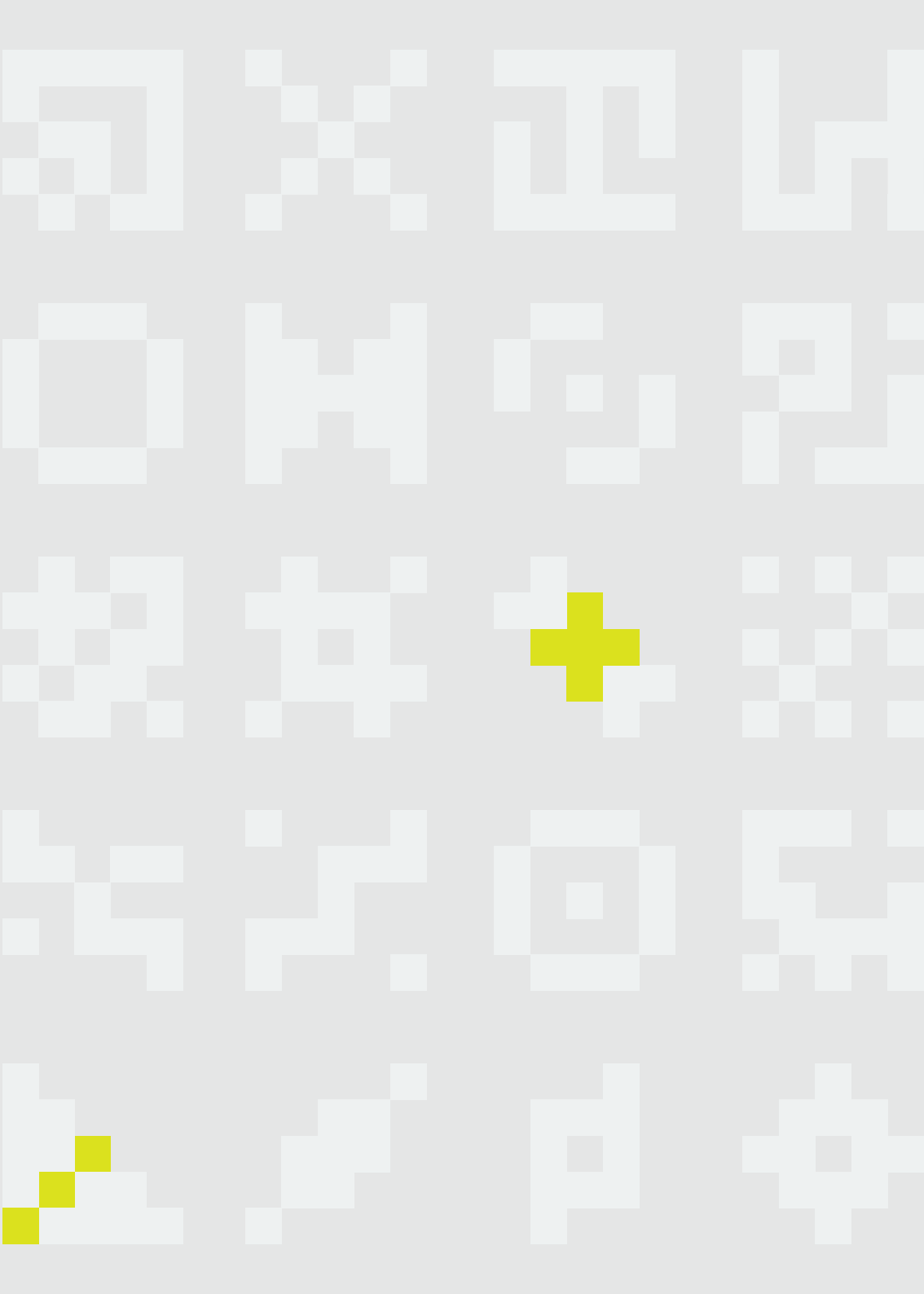
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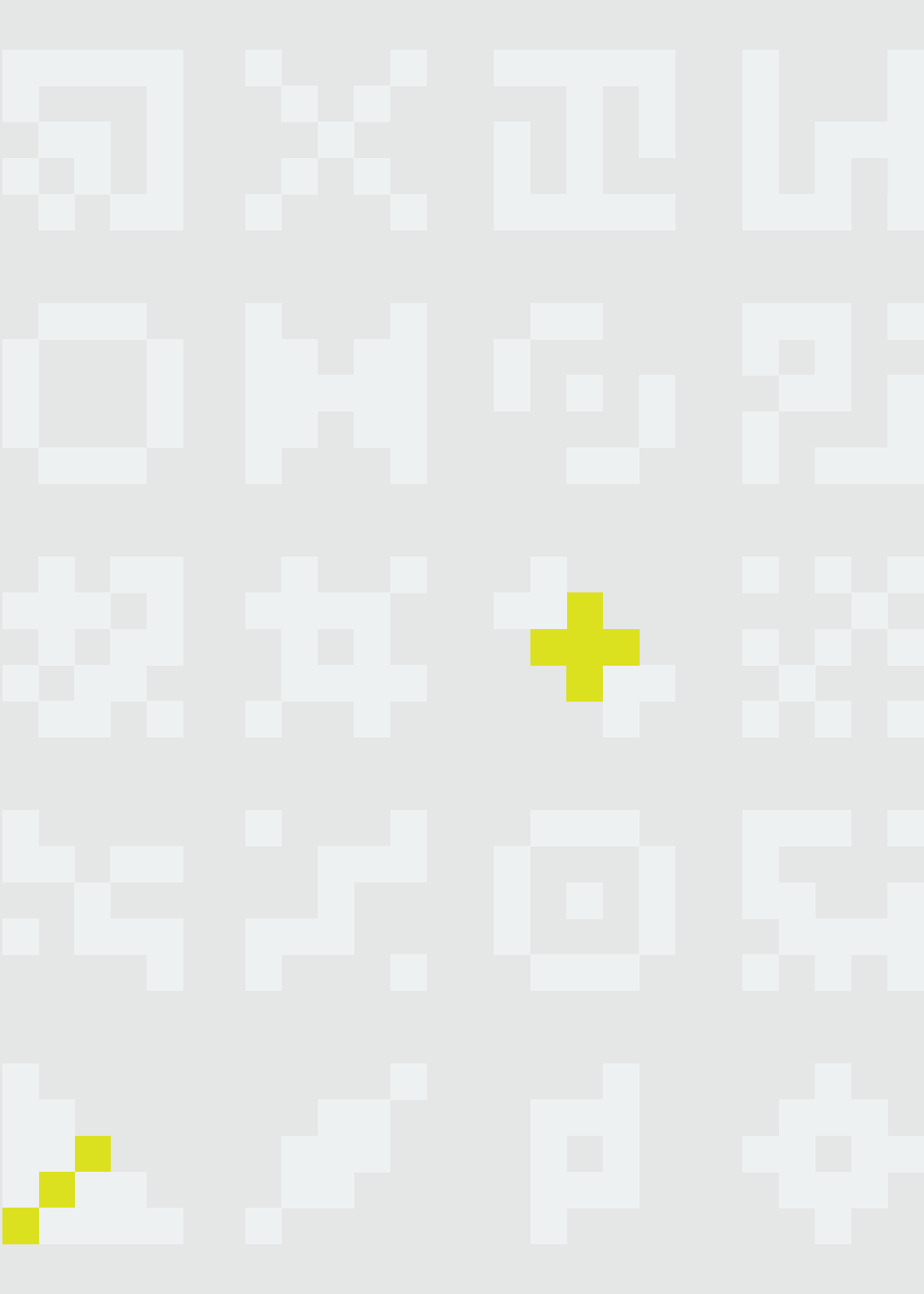
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Storytelling as a Tool for More-Than-Human Cities: The Ljubljana Case

Bettina Wilk & Claudi Misteli
Director of Projects, The Nature of Cities

The workshop explored storytelling as a tool for communicating urban nature in more engaging and accessible ways. Working in small groups, participants developed comic-style narratives that translated complex topics—such as river restoration and biodiversity—into clear, relatable stories.

Rather than treating storytelling as illustration, the session framed it as a civic tool. Students created visual prototypes for real-world use, ranging from public engagement materials to exhibition formats, making both the benefits and trade-offs understandable to specific audiences.



Care Design

Prof. Chiara Cibin
Head of the Academic Course on Product
Design and Care Design

The presentation unfolded as a reflection on teaching design through the lens of care—extending beyond objects into spaces, systems, and relationships. It framed education itself as a design act, where the classroom becomes a living environment shaped by collaboration, responsibility, and inclusivity.

At its core was the idea of the classroom as a public space. Through participatory projects, students actively contributed to shaping their own learning environment—from adaptable furniture systems to collectively developed design solutions. These interventions blurred the boundaries between learning, making, and inhabiting, turning the studio into a testing ground for Design for All.

The curriculum combined humanistic thinking with technical exploration, connecting disciplines and encouraging students to approach design as an interconnected practice. Topics ranged from ecodesign and material awareness to sensitive social themes such as dementia, positioning design as a tool for empathy and understanding. Rather than focusing solely on outcomes, the approach emphasized process—reflection, experimentation, and shared authorship. In this context, care emerged not just as a subject, but as an attitude: a way of designing, learning, and engaging with the world.



Closing Ceremony

URBAN FUTURE

Host and closing speech: Prof. Nada Matičič Rožmanec
Dean of Faculty of Design, Slovenia

Emeritus Prof. Rado Bohinc, PhD
President of EMUNI University, Slovenia

Sr. Lect. Veronika Gruden Bole, MSc
Vice Dean for Quality Assurance and Social Responsibility,
Faculty of Design, Slovenia

Dr. Aleksandra Goldys PhD
EIT Climat KIC, Poland

Stitching Built by Nature

Projection of film: Our Future: Built by Nature
Hosted by:
Ben Walker
Head of Communication from Built by Nature

Projection of film: Interior Design Projects
Presentation of student projects 3rd year Interior Design Students
from the Subject Studio for Public Urban Design

World-awarded projects
Asst. Prof. Benjamin Hafner
Hafner arhitekti d.o.o.



Pohotoe from the event



GoinGreenGlobal Design Week 2026 Manifesto

Prof. Nada Matičič Rožmanec

GoinGreenGlobal Design Week 2026 marks the beginning of a new urban era, where cities evolve into regenerative, human-centered ecosystems driven by sustainable design, circular thinking, and collaborative innovation. We believe technology must serve humanity. Every innovation; digital, material, or infrastructural, should enhance quality of life, foster inclusivity, and respect ethical and environmental boundaries. Technology is a tool, not a goal; it exists to support human-centered urbanism and sustainable development. We believe beauty matters. Thoughtful design elevates everyday life, nurtures emotional and social well-being, and creates environments that are not only functional but inspiring. Beauty is a core dimension of sustainable, human-centered urbanism.

This week is not about trends; it is about responsibility. Designers, innovators, and communities come together to shape cities and products that are ethical, sustainable, and resilient. Our focus is on long-term impact, not short-lived aesthetics. The future city is not an object; it is a living ecosystem. Urban environments are interconnected networks of people, nature, and technology—constantly evolving, resilient, and responsive to human and ecological needs.



At GoingGreen Global Design Week 2026, design is seen as something that shapes how we live, not just what we build. The focus is on moving beyond “doing less harm” toward creating cities that give back—socially, environmentally, and culturally. It’s about thinking in systems, where people, nature, and technology are all connected and constantly evolving.

A big part of this approach is involving communities as active contributors, not just users. Public spaces, everyday experiences, and a sense of belonging all matter just as much as innovation itself. The projects presented during the week reflect this mindset—bringing together design, science, and industry to create ideas that are both meaningful and practical.

More than anything, the week is about rethinking what cities can be: living environments that grow, adapt, and improve quality of life for everyone.



Creation and Work as Shaping the Idea of Sustainability

Ivana Biočina

Institute for Sustainable Fashion, Koprivnica, Croatia

The presentation offered a grounded insight into sustainable fashion through the work of the Institute for Sustainable Fashion (IOM), revealing how ecological principles can be translated into everyday practice within a small, local context. Based in Northern Croatia, the initiative brought together production, education, and community-building as interconnected aspects of a more responsible textile future.

At IOM, sustainability was not an abstract concept, but a hands-on process—from cultivating textile plants and working with natural dyes to upcycling materials and developing local production cycles. By reconnecting design with agriculture, craft, and material knowledge, the work demonstrated a slower, more conscious approach to fashion—one rooted in both tradition and innovation.

The presentation also highlighted the importance of knowledge exchange, bringing together local skills and global perspectives in regenerative textile practices. Beyond production, the initiative aimed to strengthen community and collective agency, positioning sustainability as a shared responsibility rather than an individual choice. Through this example, sustainable fashion emerged not as a trend, but as an evolving practice—one that grows through collaboration, learning, and a renewed relationship between people, materials, and place.



Democratising Urban Planning through Immersive Technologies: A Practice-Based Study of Technology-Supported Participatory Design

Anne Smith and Jolie Damen
Researchers At Thomas More University of Applied Science, Mechelen-Antwerpen, Belgium



The presentation explored how immersive technologies can open up urban planning processes to broader, more meaningful participation. Developed within the WATSUPS project in Mechelen, Belgium, it demonstrated how tools such as XR, 3D visualization, and generative AI can translate complex spatial ideas into accessible, shared experiences.

At its core was a shift toward a more inclusive and more-than-human approach—where not only citizens, but also ecosystems, biodiversity, and water systems are considered active stakeholders in design. By visualizing both human needs and ecological processes, the project fostered a deeper understanding of how urban environments can evolve in balance with nature.

Combining digital surveys, immersive co-creation tools, and interactive visualizations, the project guided participants through different stages of engagement—from early input to final design communication. Compared to traditional methods, these approaches enabled clearer spatial comprehension and richer feedback, bridging the gap between expert knowledge and public understanding.

Rather than presenting technology as an end in itself, the session framed it as a medium for dialogue—one that makes urban futures more tangible, inclusive, and collectively shaped.

Storytelling as a Tool for More-Than-Human Cities: The Ljubljana Case

Dr. Špela Leskovic, u.d.i.a.
Aleš Košak, u.d.i.a.
AKSL Arhitekti, Slovenija
Design Management Slovenia

The presentation reflected on 25 years of practice by AKSL Architects, highlighting a design approach that brings together architecture, interiors, and user experience into a cohesive whole. Operating between Ljubljana and Vienna, the studio has built a strong international presence, particularly in the field of hospitality design, where atmosphere, materiality, and spatial storytelling play a central role.

Through a multidisciplinary process, their work demonstrated how carefully considered design can engage all the senses—creating environments that are not only functional, but memorable and emotionally resonant. Recent projects across Europe, including new developments in Austria and Slovakia, illustrated the studio's continued expansion and adaptability within diverse contexts.

A key focus of the presentation was sustainability in hospitality. Rather than treating it as an add-on, the approach integrated environmental responsibility into the core of the design process—from energy and water efficiency to the use of local materials and reduction of waste. These strategies were positioned not only as ecological necessities, but as drivers of quality, cost efficiency, and meaningful guest experiences.

Ultimately, the presentation underscored how contemporary hospitality design can balance aesthetics, performance, and responsibility—shaping spaces that are both engaging for users and considerate of their broader environmental impact.



Razstava idejnih rešitev prenove občinskih prostorov Občine Domžale

Študenti Fakultete za dizajn so v zimskem semestru, 2025/2026, pod mentorstvom docenta Benjamina Hafnerja izdelovali idejne rešitve prenove občinskih prostorov Občine Domžale.

Oblikovanje interierja lahko razumemo kot sredico oz notranji ustroj objektov, kjer se združujejo funkcija, konstrukcija in estetika v skupno sporočilno noto.

Oblikovanje ni le subjektivno izmišljen dizajn mode določene dobe, ampak je le ta odsev družbe, časa in prostora.

Tudi upravni prostori niso le sejne sobe in hodniki, temveč prostori nagovora tiste institucije, ki vpliva na razvoj prostora in družbe, zato je njihova simbolna nota še toliko bolj pomembna.

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Opening of Students Exhibition

Municipal Space Renovation Projects in the Municipality of Domžale

Mentor: Asst. Prof. Benjamin Hafner (Faculty of Design, Slovenia)

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