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Affordable Housing in the 21th Century

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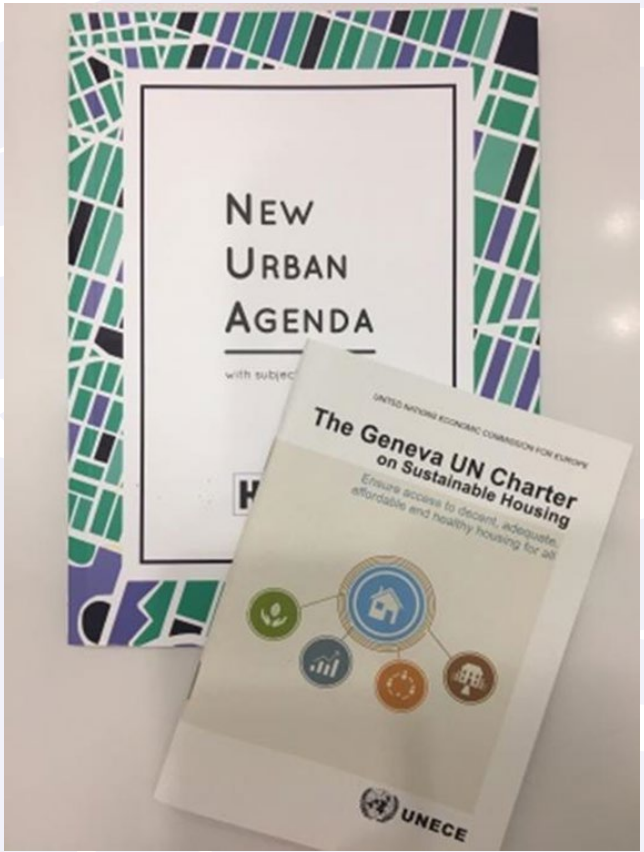
UN Geneva Charter implementation

- Contribution to the “New Urban Agenda“
- Contribution to the “2030 Agenda“ – SDG 11 (not only)



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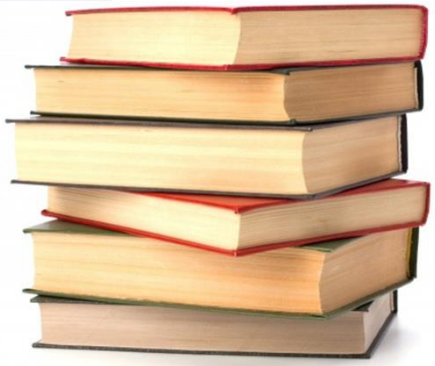
UN Geneva Charter implementation

Tools - dialogues and knowledge transfers

- Conferences, workshops, meetings, seminars, training lessons

Tangible outputs – analyses, practical guidelines, studies, recommendations

- Publications and other documents



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Affordable Housing Conference (June, 2019)

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dostupné bydlení
v 21. století

Mezinárodní konference o dostupném
a udržitelném bydlení v kontextu výzev 21. století
Fakulta architektury, ČVUT v Praze
21. - 22. června 2019

affordable housing
in 21st century

International Conference on Affordable
and Sustainable Housing in Context of
the 21st Century Challenges
Faculty of Architecture, CTU in Prague
21 - 22 June 2019

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Inspirational discussions …

- Looking for **the right balance** between necessary regulation and over-distortion of the housing market.
- **Complex and contradictory nature of housing** – comprising private need for place to live and the wider social imperative of long-term strategic investment.
- Sustainability and affordability as **two dimensions** of the housing issue – are often in direct conflict.

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Interesting presentations …

Martin Lux:

- **Privatization trap:** When social/public rental housing is built, sooner or later there is a demand for its privatization; or it is transformed into de facto homeownership support.
- **Paradox of decentralization:** Small and politically weak municipalities do not have sufficient fiscal sources to maintain active social housing policy and refuse to make financially costly and politically unpopular decisions.

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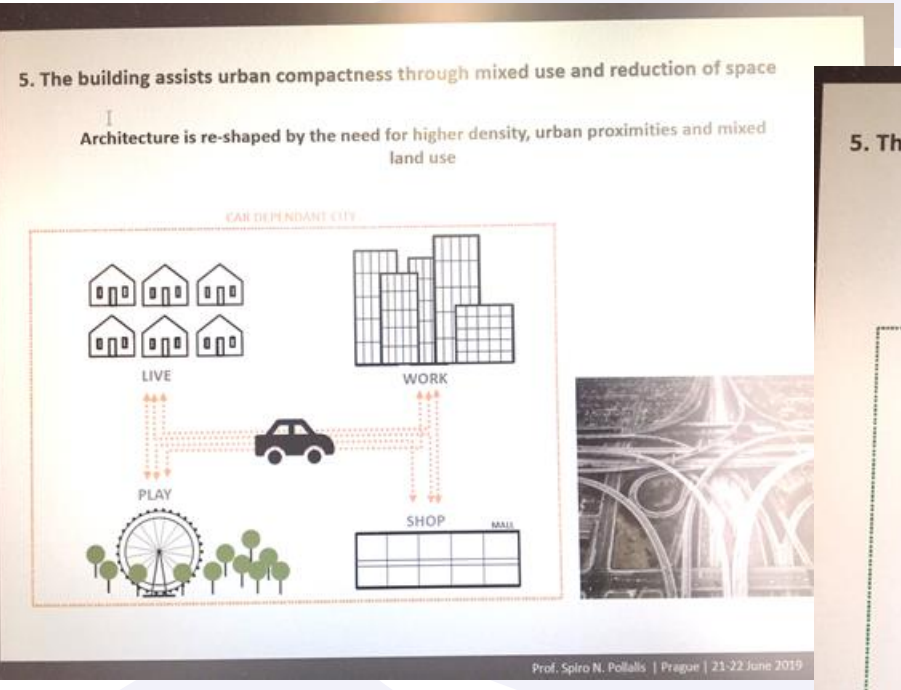
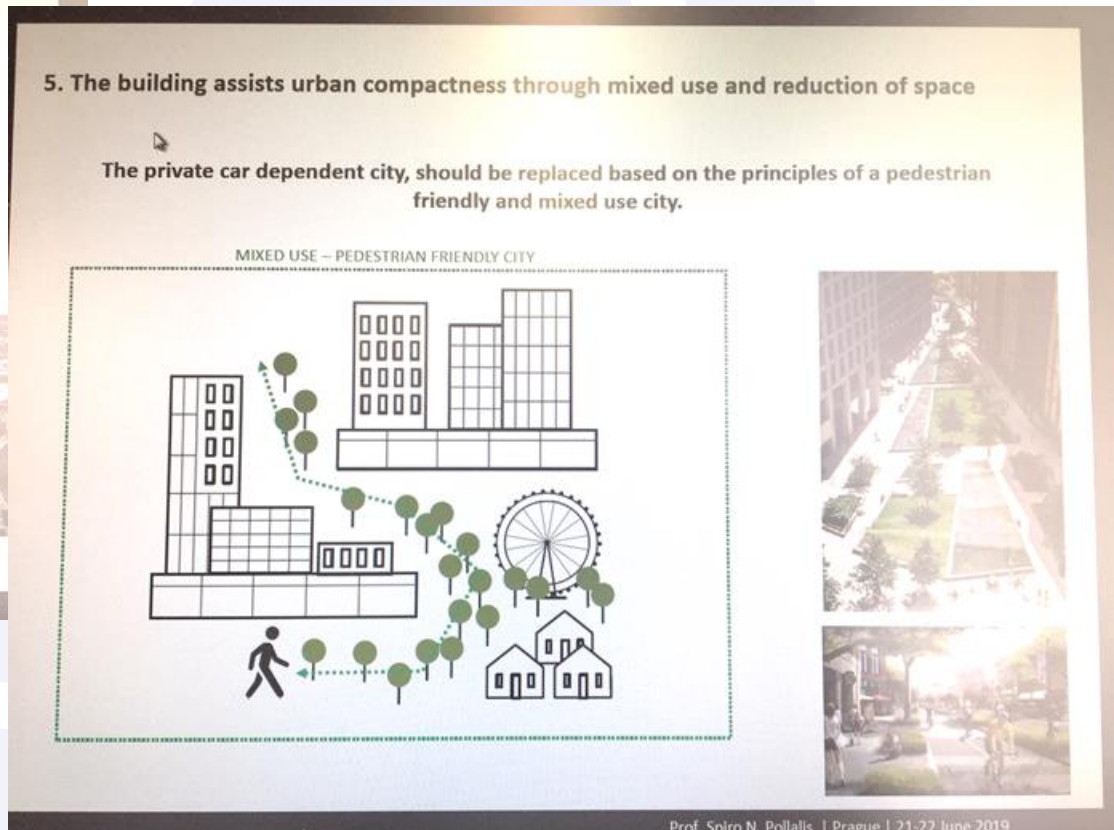
Interesting presentations …

Spiro Pollalis:





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Interesting presentations …

Wojciech Korbel:

- the overcrowding rate (2016):
  - -IN POLAND – 40.7% of people live in overcrowded dwellings
  - -EU AVERAGE – 16.6% of people live in overcrowded dwellings

Country / EU (28)	Percentage rate of people living in overcrowded dwellings
EU-28 (average)	16,6
Estonia	13,4
Czech Republic	17,9
Lithuania	23,7
Slovakia	37,9
Hungary	40,4
Poland	40,7
Bulgaria	42.5
Latvia	43.2
Romania	48.4

Source: The overcrowding rate, 2016 EUROSTAT
https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Housing_statistics#Housing_affordability

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Interesting presentations …

Adam Zábranský:

- **The city of Prague** owns 31,000 flats = about 5% of total housing stock in the city.
- **Consequence:**
  Decreasing possibility of providing rental housing for those people and families who cannot afford market rents.
- **Solution:**
  New municipal housing construction, end of privatization, more efficient use of the existing housing stock.

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Housing affordability as an European issue!

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"A monologue shrinks your world. Dialogue magnifies it."

(Reinhard K. Sprenger)

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