

# Contextualism, Collage City and Beyond

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## Abstract

It seems an appropriate time to revisit Contextualism and *Collage City* within the framework of *GUDesign network*, and the new tools of representation available in the contemporary meta-city of information.

This initial *Contextualism, Collage City and Beyond* seminar will investigate Colin Rowe's mid-twentieth century role in appropriating Sitte's 1890's reaction to Von

Forster's 1860 imperial design for the Vienna Ringstrasse. Rowe's critical appropriation paved the way for later iterations and code shifts that greatly expanded into a more fragmented, inclusive *Collage City*. It took Rowe several iterations to develop this concept with Fred Koetter and with his *Roma Interrotta* team. Hopefully, this and future seminars will explore strength and weaknesses of the mutations of Rowe's classical impulse as it, in its turn, evolved with urban design into the 21st century.

## Seminar

- **Michael Schwarting** (New York Institute of Technology, American Academy in Rome Prizewinner - USA), *Rome. Urban Formation and Transformation*
- **Esin Komez Daglioglu** and **Cansu Turk** (METU, Ankara - Turkey), *Rowe's Legacy of Figure-Grounds and Plan Games in Texas and Cornell Pedagogy*
- **Steven Peterson** and **Barbara Littenberg** (Independent Scholars, Partners in Peterson Littenberg Architects, Drexel Prize Winners - USA), *Collage City from Roma Interrotta to the World Trade Center Competition*
- **Blake Middleton** (Partner Handel Architects, Independent Scholar, American Academy in Rome Prizewinner - USA), *Beyond Contextualism? Sustainable Urban Design from the Cornell Studios; Providence, Boston and at the Cornell-Technion Campus in New York*
- **David Grahame Shane** (Columbia University, NY – USA), *Contemporary Urban Design and Colin Rowe's intellectual biography 1938-1978*

Discussant: **Rosemary Wakeman** (Fordham University, NY – USA)