

The *Design Dialogue Journal* is committed to fostering critical exchange across architecture, design, and related interdisciplinary fields, while also supporting emerging voices within the academic community. Volume 02, Issue 02 (2025) reflects this commitment by bringing together rigorously reviewed research alongside initiatives that encourage scholarly engagement and dialogue beyond traditional publication formats.

In this issue, the journal is particularly pleased to also support the ideas and contributions of young and early-career researchers through its academic collaboration with the City, Architecture and Society: Design Dialogues Conference. The conference was conceived as a platform for open discussion on the complex relationships between urban environments, architectural practice, and societal transformation, providing a space where established scholars and emerging researchers could engage in meaningful academic exchange.

Selected papers presented at the conference have been invited for publication in this issue following the journal's double-blind peer-review process, ensuring academic rigor, originality, and quality. This approach reflects the journal's dedication to maintaining high scholarly standards while simultaneously nurturing innovative and exploratory research ideas developed within conference settings.

By integrating conference-based research into its publication framework, the *Design Dialogue Journal* seeks to strengthen the connection between academic events and long-term scholarly dissemination. We believe such collaborations play a crucial role in supporting young researchers, expanding research networks, and promoting inclusive academic dialogue on a global scale.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all contributing authors, reviewers, and conference organizers whose efforts have made this issue possible. We hope that the studies presented here will stimulate further discussion, inspire future research, and contribute meaningfully to the evolving discourse in architecture and design.

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