



Milano Arch Week 2022-2023

Waiting for Peripheries

September 26 – 27, 2022

Milano Arch Week, the event dedicated to architecture, urban transformations and the future of cities launched in 2017 and supported since then by **Comune di Milano**, **Politecnico di Milano** and **Triennale Milano**, presents **two days of lectures and roundtables** as a foretaste of the fifth edition, to be held in spring 2023.

The 2022 preview and the 2023 edition, under the artistic direction of **Stefano Boeri**, President of Triennale Milano, are curated by **Nina Bassoli**, curator for Architecture, Urban Regeneration, and the City at Triennale Milano, and **Matteo Ruta**, lecturer at Politecnico di Milano.

Two leading figures in international architecture will be the protagonists of the September event: **Anne Lacaton**, founder of Lacaton & Vassal Architects, winner of the Pritzker Prize 2021, and **Anna Heringer**, winner of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture 2007 and the Obel Award 2020. As in previous editions, the opening will be held at the Politecnico di Milano on September 26, while on September 27, the day will be dedicated to in-depth discussions and debates at the Triennale on the transformation of Milan.

Waiting for Peripheries is intended as an opportunity to take stock of the city's social and cultural forces to open a collective reflection on the theme of the peripheries, which will find its natural culmination in the next edition of the event.

What can we learn from the margins? What do we expect from housing? Is there a new way of conceiving social housing? What are the boundaries of the centre? Are neighbourhoods islands or are they rather thematic layers? And again: how can we build a solid social infrastructure that can penetrate every neighbourhood? Could schools be its new foundation? These are some of the questions that will guide the 2022-2023 edition.

In a brand new format, the event will open up to dialogue with the city's various institutions and neighbourhoods, involving local businesses and initiatives, and describing the polycentric, complex and vital nature of Milan. A call for proposals and initiatives to be included in the 2023 program will be announced during the two-day event in September.

This preview of Milano Arch Week 2023 is therefore an important collaborative opportunity to bring together the various players active in the local area and facilitate a more widespread involvement of places.

The **opening** of Milano Arch Week will be held at the Politecnico di Milano on **Monday, September 26**. The program includes an institutional welcome at 5.15 pm and a **lecture** by **Anne Lacaton** at 6 pm.

Anna Heringer's lecture is scheduled on **Tuesday, September 27** at 7 pm at Triennale Milano, to close the research day open to the whole city. Institutions and independent organisations active in the local area will reflect together on the theme of the peripheries, starting with the presentation of some best practices during the morning and continuing with an afternoon of discussion at round tables, also open to the public.

During the morning, some pilot projects will be presented as part of the "PINQUA Housing Quality Programme"; the preliminary results of the initiative "Off Campus - Il Cantiere per le Periferie" ("Off Campus. A Building Site for the Suburbs") promoted by the Politecnico di Milano, and the first Area Studies, an ongoing mapping program by the Department for Urban Regeneration of the City of Milan, with a special focus on the San Siro district. In the afternoon, discussion roundtables between institutions, planners and key stakeholders will take place, followed by a public discussion.

All events are free admission.

The lectures by Anne Lacaton and Anna Heringer will be in English. Booking is required at the following links (subject to availability):

[September 26 Anne Lacaton](#)

[September 27 Anna Heringer](#)

Program

September 26, 2022

Politecnico di Milano – Patio

5.15 pm

Institutional welcome

6 pm

Lectio magistralis

Anne Lacaton

September 27, 2022

Triennale Milano – Salone d'Onore

10 am

Welcome and launch of the call to local organisations

Nina Bassoli and Matteo Ruta

10.45 am – 12.45 pm

Best practices

2 pm - 4.30 pm

Thematic roundtables

Major transformations and inequalities (*Complexity and contradictions of the Milan Model*)

Housing for all? (*Why is living in Milan so exhausting?*)

The Public City: 15, 30 or 60 minutes? (*Thematic maps and proximity*)

Urban Acupuncture (*Cultural institutions, services and the city. With a special focus on the potential role of the New school*)

5 pm - 6.30 pm

Return to roundtables

7 pm

Lectio magistralis

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