

EAAE

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The European Association for Architectural Education is an international, membership-based Association organizing architectural schools in Europe. Membership is not limited to countries that belong to the European Union, all European countries may participate. The EAAE is a non-profit, Belgian registered organization.

The purpose of the Association is to advance the quality of architectural education and also to promote the quality of architecture in Europe. The Association provides a forum for generating information on aspects of architectural education and architectural research.

The mission of the Association is to build a network of European schools of architecture, fostering discussions, exchanges and a common policy in Europe to advance the quality of architectural education. The EAAE promotes the interests of member schools as institutions and academic environments.

MSA

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The MSA | Münster School of Architecture was the first architecture department in Germany to be awarded the UIA/UNESCO certificate of quality in 2020 and is thus recognised worldwide. Teaching and research is represented by personalities from national and international professional practice. The MSA maintains diverse international relationships and university collaborations and is characterised by specific, innovative teaching formats, especially in the MA programme.

With its BA and MA degree programmes, the school focuses on an holistic approach with an explicit concept- and practice-oriented emphasis on design and construction, which is complemented by a wide range of academic subjects. The omnipresent discourse with the professional and academic world and the constant deliberation on the question of the requirements for a balanced curriculum reflect both the necessary substantial continuity and the change in our professional profile - caused by technological, social, economic, ecological and cultural transformations. - The school responds to this, for example, with the introduction of prototypical teaching fields such as "circular construction" and "data driven design".

The MSA is located in the centre of Münster's creative district, the Leonardo Campus, in the immediate vicinity of the Academy of Fine Arts and the MSD Münster School of Design. Special studio spaces, a comprehensive library and an outstanding materials library, well-equipped workshops, a digital laboratory and extensive computer pools provide the best conditions for creative study.

WELCOME



**LESS
IS MUST**

EAAE ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Prof. Oya Atalay Franck
President of EAAE/AEEA

Embark on the journey towards a more graceful future today! Our dynamic ecosystem is in perpetual evolution. As architects and planners, we play a pivotal role in shaping it. In educating aspiring architects, planners and designers, as well as in conducting research on all facets of the built environment, there is a pressing need to prioritize sufficiency and embrace interdisciplinary approaches as never before. We eagerly anticipate a multitude of perspectives, bold collaborations and profound revelations as we convene for our annual gathering in Münster: Let us engage in open dialogue, sparking inspiration and mutual enrichment.

MISSION MSA

Prof. Martin Weischer
Dean of MSA until August 2024

Prof. Kirsten Schemel
Dean of MSA

The EAAE Conference 2024 will take place in Münster at the FH Münster - University of Applied Sciences and the MSA | Münster School of Architecture. Architectural education today is in a state of upheaval. The great acceleration – the drastic increase in the measurable parameters of human activity – requires an examination of the enormous quantitative effects of spatial development, planning and architectural production.

This also applies to the qualitative aspects with which the corresponding professions are entrusted: topology and typology, identity and heritage, structure and sculpture, dimension and scale, materialization and sensual experience, light and shadow and many more, which are and remain formative for our built, physical living environment. These essential design parameters are also capable of addressing the issues of our time in a holistic, complex and meaningful manner, which requires more than purely quantitative approaches.

In addition, the relevance of architectural interventions comes into play and requires a serious examination of the responsibility of future architects.

For this reason, the MSA organising committee has chosen the theme LESS IS MUST for the 2024 EAAE annual conference in Münster. It is our intention that this important topic transforms into an attitude.



VICE PRESIDENT

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Isabelle
Franzen-Reuter

Vice-President for Teaching, Sustainability and University Planning

This conference offers room for a genuine reflection on the academic standards and innovative spirit that thrives here at Münster University of Applied Sciences. We are honored to host this event, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Prof. Weischer and Prof. Schultz-Granberg and the entire team at the Münster School of Architecture for their extraordinary efforts in applying to host and especially for organizing this conference.

The topic of the conference, LESS is MUST, is particularly relevant in today's world. As we face the challenges of climate change, resource scarcity, and increasing urbanization, the principles of minimalism and efficiency in design are not just ideals to aspire to – they are imperatives that must guide our work and our teaching. The discussions to be held and ideas to be shared on this occasion will contribute to how we approach these challenges in architecture and urban planning. Such exchanges allow us to find new ways of designing spaces that are not only functional and beautiful but also sustainable and mindful of our environmental responsibilities. At the Münster University of Applied Sciences, we are committed to addressing these global challenges through our strategic focus on two key areas: internationalization and sustainability. These are not just buzzwords to us, they are an integral part of our mission and our vision as a leading higher education institute.

Internationalization is central to our academic strategy. We believe that by encouraging a global perspective, we enhance the educational experience of our students and better prepare them to navigate and contribute to a rapidly changing world. This conference communicates our commitment to international collaboration. The exchange of ideas, methods, and cultural perspectives is invaluable in architecture, where the local and the global are always in dialogue.

Sustainability is another pillar of our institutional strategy, and as a commitment, we take it very seriously. Our Academic Scorecard for sustainability provides a framework that guides how we integrate sustainability in our academic programs, research initiatives, and campus operations. The topics attendants address at this conference correspond well with our aims in promoting sustainable development in all areas of study and practice. As architects and educators, you have the potential to influence how future generations will live in and interact with their environments.

Finally, I would like to thank the European Association for Architectural Education for entrusting us with the responsibility of organizing this event. We are proud to be part of a community that values excellence in architectural education and research, and we look forward to contributing to progress in these fields through conferences such as LESS is MUST.

