

AUSSTELLUNG

What to do? What to do!

banale potenziale – Laboratory for Researching the Street

Opening: 10 April 2025, 7 pm at HDA - Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

Exhibition: 11 April-23 May 2025, Tue-Sun 11 am-5 pm

Guided tours of the exhibition: Saturday 3 pm, Sunday 11 am and on request



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For 48 hours non-stop in autumn 2024, *banale potenziale* was dedicated to questions of so-called public space, especially the street. Alternative uses were trialled, new perspectives opened up and hidden potential made visible. "*banale potenziale* - Laboratory for Researching the Street" at HDA - Haus der Architektur builds on the debates of *banale potenziale* and takes them further. As an exhibition, meeting place and discourse space, it sheds light on the history of banale, presents the results of the 48 hours and also shows new contributions.

In the city, the private and the public are dynamically intertwined. With the temporary interventions of *banale potenziale* in autumn 2024, the Annenviertel became a place of encounter, exchange, work and shared experience for 48 hours. Alternative uses were trialed, new perspectives opened up and hidden potential made visible. The exhibition "*banale potenziale* - Laboratory for Researching the Street" provides an insight into the history of the banale, presents the results of the 48 hours and also shows new contributions. As an expansive installation, it opens up a field of experimentation that continues the debates of *banale potenziale*. It blurs the boundaries between the exhibition space and the street and goes beyond an exhibition to become a meeting point and space for discourse. Together with students, architecture graduates and experts, reflection on the so-called public space will be deepened. The topic will be made accessible to a wide audience at lectures, discussions and workshops, which will be condensed into the Graz neighborhood festival "Lendwirbel".

banale potenziale is part of Banale, a series of exhibitions organized by architecture students at Graz University of Technology since 1993. It emerged from the lively and critical discussion culture of the architecture drawing rooms and was originally conceived as an exhibition of works by and for students. In recent years, it has developed into an interdisciplinary exhibition series that presents students' projects, reflects on current topics in architecture and addresses social challenges.

The exhibition "*banale potenziale* - Laboratory for Researching the Street" shows contributions by

Kollektiv Raumstation, Radio Helsinki, Zara Pfeifer, Das letzte Ma(h)l, Natalia Vasadze, Hannah Wohofsky, Jonah Burgsteiner, Klara Schmidt, Sebastian Stubenrauch, Ajna Babahmetovic, Adna Babahmetovic, Valentin Böhm, Cedric Zellweger, spaxMama, Naomi Baumann, Robin Klengel und Leonhard Müllner/Total Refusal

Lendwirbel-Activities: raum*f, Institut Vierzehn, Architects4Future, Radio Helsinki, Rivka Saltiel/Forum Stadtpark

banale potenziale-Team

Jonah Burgsteiner, Momo Francesca Canzian, Fabian Fazio, Lena Maierhofer, Max Benjamin Spamer

Highlights of *banale potenziale* – Laboratory for Researching the Street

Book Launch: Publication to *banale potenziale*

Date: 30 April 2025, 7 pm

Venue: Haus der Architektur, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

banale potenziale will be accompanied by a publication, which will be presented on 30 April as part of a book launch followed by a party at the HDA. It documents the results of the temporary interventions and expands the discourse with guest contributions that provide new impetus for the use and design of public space.

Workshops during „Lendwirbel“

Date: 1 May – 3 May 2025, exact dates to be announced shortly

Venue: Haus der Architektur, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

As part of the *Lendwirbel* district festival in Graz, a diverse workshop programme will take place that will explore the themes of the exhibition in greater depth from various perspectives. The workshops will be organised together with *Architects4Future*, *Forum Stadtpark/Uni Graz*, *Radio Helsinki*, *Raum*f*, *Institut Vierzehn* and many other partners.

world_wide_wisdom with Ralph Nabil Nasrallah

Date: 14 May 2025, 7 pm

Venue: Haus der Architektur, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

Ralph Nabil Nasrallah studied architecture in London and is currently completing his master's degree in Copenhagen. In his lecture, he will talk about his projects, which were created alongside his architecture studies in various European cities. His work can be seen in the exhibition *banale potenziale* - Laboratory for exploring the street.

***banale potenziale* – Laboratory for exploring the street FINALE**

Date: 23 May 2025, 8:15 pm

Venue: Haus der Architektur, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

The finale of each exhibition at the HDA is conceived by the HDA's student employees and conveys the content one last time in an unconventional way. Further details on the finale of the exhibition *banale potenziale* - Laboratory for exploring the street will be announced shortly.

The exhibition and supporting programme will take place as part of *Design Month Graz 2025*

Weitere Informationen gibt es auf der HDA-Website:

https://hda-graz.at/en/programme/banale_potenziale

Pressebilder finden Sie unter folgendem Link:

https://hda-graz.at/en/press-area-hda/press_information_banale_potenziale

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