

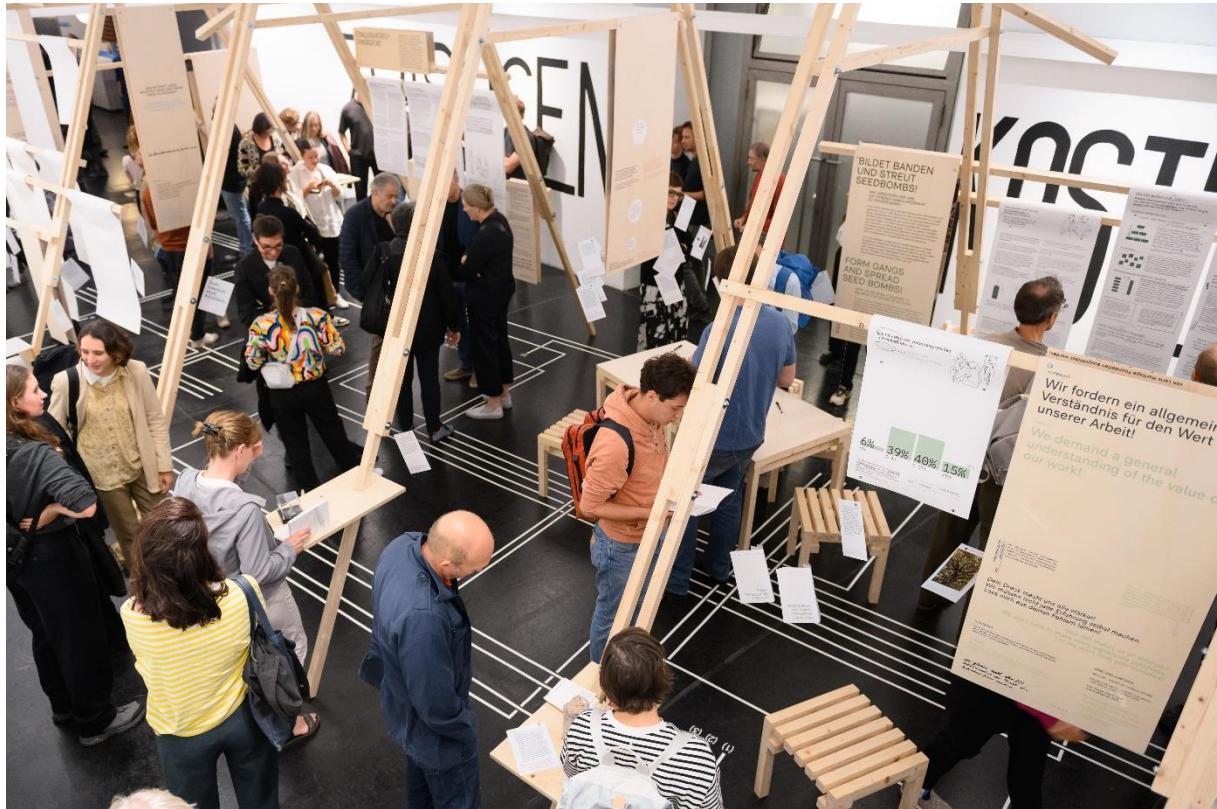
EXHIBITION

Back and Forth Cost Estimates, Breastfeeding and Turnaround Strategies
Positions of our Generation

Opening: 11 June 2025, 7 pm at the HDA, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

Exhibition: 12. June – August 22, 2025

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



Exhibition zkmb Foto: eSeL.at-Joanna Pianka

The exhibition *Back and Forth Cost Estimates, Breastfeeding and Turnaround Strategies* brings together the most pressing questions, positions and demands of young architects in Austria. The challenges are great: actively shaping the turnaround in construction, creating fairer working structures and increasing their own room for manoeuvre by changing the framework conditions. A collectively curated mapping will be shown, which was developed together with 60 architects and forms the prelude to an open discussion. The installation invites exchange, poses questions and is intended to grow through comments from visitors.

Despite multiple crises, the current generation of young architects is acting with tactical optimism. In the midst of pressing challenges - the climate crisis, rising construction and rental costs, buildings as objects of speculation and limited room for manoeuvre - they are establishing their own practices. The exhibition '*Back and Forth Cost Estimates, Breastfeeding and Turnaround Strategies*', or zkmb for short, is a snapshot of their questions, positions and demands.

The exhibition title forms the framework for a comprehensive, collectively curated mapping, which is divided into seven thematic areas and opens up spaces for discussion: What motivates young architects to set up their own practice? How can we demand and help shape fair working structures? Who actually designs space and for whom is it designed? Can we still build (new) buildings in times of climate crisis? How can we join forces to increase our room for manoeuvre? What do planning processes and stakeholder constellations need to look like in order to pursue social and ecological concerns? How can we take a stance and what practices are needed to maintain a stance?

A total of 60 young architects who are setting up their practices in Austria and the surrounding area were involved in the preparatory work for the exhibition. 34 of them came together in spring 2023 for workshops in Linz, Dornbirn and Graz, some of this group and 26 others were also asked about their concerns as part of a series of interviews in 2022. 8 of these 60 young architects form the zkmb core team.

The exhibition is not intended to be a conclusion, but a prelude. zkmb is a platform for discourse that collects questions and positions and shows which approaches and strategies offer opportunities for young architects in particular. The exhibition installation consists of reused material that has been transformed into a new spatial structure. Visitors can move through the three-dimensional mapping, which invites them to linger and discuss. Empty spaces have been deliberately left in the design to provide room for additions and comments from visitors.

zkmb-Core team:

Solveig Furu Almo, Ella Felber, Anna Firak, Silvester Kreil, Lukas Pankraz Mähr, Natascha Peinsipp, Theresa Reisenhofer und Felix Steinhoff, Jakub Dvorak, Clara Hamann, Judith Kinzl, Jamie Wagner, Felix Zankel.

An exhibition of the Architekturzentrum Wien

Highlights zur Ausstellung zkmb

world_wide_wisdom mit Yuma Shinohara

Make Do With Now: New paths in Japanese architecture

Date: 25 June 2025, 7 pm

Venue: HDA, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

world_wide_wisdom invites international architects and thinkers to give keynote speeches and talks to accompany the exhibitions. The exhibition 'Make Do With Now', curated by Yuma Shinohara, introduces a young, little-known generation of architects in Japan whose work is driving the region's current architecture.

www.instagram.com/shinogee

zkmb – How we want to work?

Date: 2 July 2025, 7 pm

Venue: HDA, Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz

zkmb has already collected impulses in several places in Austria. Now the team from the girls collective in Hungary is also developing a format that makes the positions of the youngest generation of architects visible. In an open dialogue, they will work out how a sustainable working world in architecture can be designed that also permanently anchors the perspectives and values of young architects in structures and practice.

girlscanscan.com

www.instagram.com/girlscanscan

zkmb – FINALE

Date: 22 August 2025, 8:15 pm

Venue: HDA, 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 exhibition finale *Back and Forth Cost Estimates, Breastfeeding and Turnaround Strategies. Positions of our generation* will be announced shortly.

Further information can be found on the HDA website:

<https://hda-graz.at/en/programme/zkmb-positions-of-our-generation>

Press photos can be found under the following link:

<https://hda-graz.at/en/press-area-hda/zkmb-positions-of-our-generation>

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