

Friday April 11th 2014, 15:00-17:00
CONFERENCE AND BOOK LAUNCH

A MAP OF HUTOPOLIS

A talk about Chinese urbanization and design actions for the city

Spazio Tecno ai Caselli di Porta Garibaldi
Piazza XXV Aprile, Milan, Italy [\[map\]](#)

' **A MAP OF HUTOPOLIS** ' is an event about cities, design actions for the urban environment and presentation of the book 'A Map of Hutopolis' a publication promoted by RCS China that envisions solutions to the problems provoked by the radical urban development in Asia.

Nowadays the **urbanization process in China** causes an internal massive migration, that generates social and economic contrasts in the cities; in Europe instead, metropolis are dealing with problems related to the current crisis, which opens up new opportunities. Action is needed.

In the context of the **Milan Design Week** the opportunity will be to talk about design strategies and actions as well as new tools for the future of the city. Tools that integrated with policies, urban planning and other disciplines, could generate a real urban evolution considering citizens as a creative source.

A panel of experts, researchers and designers will participate in the debate, moderated by Prof. Luisa Collina, Full Professor at Politecnico di Milano.

Breakdown

15:00 - 15:05

Event introduction by **Prof. Luisa Collina**, Full Professor at Politecnico di Milano

15:05 - 15:20

'De-signing Urban China' by **Prof. Tong Lam**, Associate Professor of History, University of Toronto;
Visual Artist

15:20 - 15:35

'From Metropolis to Sustainable Cities' by **Gabriele Battaglia**, Journalist based in Beijing, China Files

15:35 - 15:50

'A map of Hutopolis' by **Giannantonio Bongiorno**, **Luis Aguirre** and **Eugenia Murialdo**, Hutopolis Curators

15:50 - 17:00

Panel discussion - moderated by Prof. Luisa Collina with **Beatrice Leanza**, **Aric Chen**, **Prof. Tong Lam**, **Prof. Gianpiero Bosoni**, **Gabriele Battaglia**, **Sarah Orlando** and the **Hutopolis team**.

The event will be in English language

Hutopolis is a research program that aims to investigate new boundaries for urban development in China. Starting in 2010, it has worked as a platform developing soft and physical strategies, visions and ideas, taking Beijing as case study. The research and the events realized during this time have been conceived by a collaborative network featuring professionals from different backgrounds, students and citizens from China and all over the world.

The book 'A map of Hutopolis' condense this effort into a symbolical book/map that envisions solutions to the problems provoked by the radical urban development in Asia, a context characterized by a continuous process of destruction and construction that leaves unanswered questions related to quality of life in the new settlements and issues related to preservation.

Hutopolis is an initiative launched and curated by Giannantonio Bongiorno and [AQSO architectos office](#), together with Eugenia Murialdo and a wide team of researchers, students and architects from Tsinghua University, Politecnico di Milano, University of Genoa, University of Valladolid, Polytechnic University of Valencia and with the support of Strelka Institute, Beijing Design Week and the Dutch design firm [LAVA](#). The project received the patronage of Italian Cultural Institute in Beijing.