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Green-First – Landscape architecture as a chance for the better

A lecture by Ingrid Liebald and Katja Aufermann / liebald + aufermann
landschaftsarchitekten und stadtplaner, Munich on May 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Oskar
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“We build ...

... and always leave a footprint. Our concern is to do justice to every place and to create habitats for people, but also for animals and plants, which we all too often deprive of their habitat first for this purpose. That’s why we focus first on the existing landscape with its special features and potentials.” This is the credo of landscape architects Ingrid Liebald and Katja Aufermann.

In their view, the topic of green should be at the beginning of all planning tasks in every building project at every planning level, whether urban land use planning or works planning: “Green First” as the pioneer Richard Bödecker called this philosophy.

Bavarian Landscape Architecture Prize 2022

In 2022, liebald + aufermann landschaftsarchitekten und stadtplaner were awarded the Bavarian Landscape Architecture Prize for their ecological model settlement in Prinz-Eugen-Park in Munich.

In planning and building, they want to take advantage of the opportunities to preserve what is valuable through forward-looking concepts and, in addition, to give something back to the place that is being taken away from it and that is becoming increasingly rare in the highly dense cities as well as the ever more sealed landscapes: green spaces with adapted water management - on all building levels. These should provide a habitat for people as well as for plants and animals. They contribute significantly to improving the microclimate.

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The partnership liebald + aufermann landschaftsarchitekten und stadtplaner was founded in 2012 by Ingrid Liebald and Katja Aufermann in Munich and currently comprises a well-established team of just under a dozen dedicated employees. They are supported by a long-standing network of experienced planning partners.

In their work, they always keep an eye on those who do not enjoy a large lobby: e.g. people with a migration background, senior citizens, children, but also insects, bats and some so-called weeds. Ideally, they plan gardens with the participation of the future residents and users for their needs and demands. In this way, they contribute to everyone taking responsibility for “their” areas after the landscape architects have left the construction site.