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**LEARNING
VIENNA
HONGKONG**

FROM

ANTIPODES

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I N T R O D U C T I O N

- The double-conference will be presented simultaneously with two projectors by the two architects. The pictures will consist of a series 50 pairs of topics / images – listed below. Two slides for each topic.
- Each topic has two images, HK and Vienna, with only a few lines of data, text and comment.
- The goal of this kind of presentation is to stimulate the awareness of the spectators to comprehend "the antipode", to learn the opposite, to understand the difference and diversity. This process helps to undermine judgement and to question the proper position, to clear the own orientation and to learn from the "strange".
- The antipode should be less competitive and therefore the different quality should easier be recognized. Both cities seem to have very different survival strategies, different life values and different building structures in the consequence.
- At the end the comparison of the two diverse organisms should result in new recognitions about the understanding of the own city and of the city in general. The confrontation of the difference will have the effect of a "cultur clash": something new will come out of this.
- What and how can we learn from antipodes; is the truth less absolute and more relative? What are chances, new perspectives, what are the architectural/urbanistic consequences?

- We both are sure that only the permanent meeting, observing, perceiving of the urban difference will enable the creative architect to find valid, human and ethical solutions for the future.
- We will produce also a booklet by the September 2002, each topic will be placed on two pages facing each other: Vienna – Hongkong. The booklet will be edited in Hongkong, will have 144 pages and show the same number of colour photographs.

T O P I C S

1.

Governor H K, Mayor Vienna

2. **TO PIC** (introduction)

3. **DATAS** (comparing)

Population
 Population 2002
 estimate 2015
 Area
 Number of households
 Elevation
 Density
 Population world ranking
 Contribution to GNP*
 % of total national population
 Number of households
 size, density, height

4. **POLLUTION**

Air quality
 Sulphur Dioxide
 Suspended particles
 Airborne lead
 Carbon Monoxide
 Nitrogen Dioxide
 Ozone
 Waste

5. **TRANSPORT & TRAFFIC**

Public transport
Transported passengers
Length of metro and
rail network
Transported passengers airport
Cars per person
Parking spaces
Accidents number
Killed people number...

6. ENERGY

Electric energy
Oil consumption
Gas consumption

7. SPEED - FREQUENCY

8. LIVING

Flat
Terrace
habitants per km²
m² per person in social housing
bourgeois housing

9. HISTORY

Age
development in 2000 years
growing speed
position in the world
political function
economical
contribution to the nation

10. POLITICS

Political system,
Mayor and governor
position in the nation

11. ETHICS/CORRUPTION

Situation

12. ECONOMY

13. TOURISM

Attractions
Development
significance of culture, shopping
data
rights
tourists per year per inhabitants

14. CRIME

Murder rate
drugs
safety

15. MODERNITY

Percentage multinationality
Social standard
Racism
open society
women rights
openness to foreigners

16. PUBLIC SPACE

public space
plaza
linkage
street
alleyway
parks
playgrounds
beaches
bicycles

17. NATURE

18. FLORA, FAUNA

19. WATER

Drinking water
Sea – River
Retiring age
Working hours/life time

20. WORK

Hours/week/year

21. LEISURE TIME

Café
Food
love hotel...

22. SPORTS

active, passive
kinds

23. CULTURE

active, passive
visitors / concerts
number of events

24. ARCHITECTURE

Skyline
Definition of skyscraper; Buildings over 22 meters (Vienna definition),
Past, Present, Future

25. CITY PLANNING

Speed
Needs
Quantity
Quality
Efforts
Two typical city planning projects (Mehrwert Simmerring, ...)

26. ARCHITECTS

Total number
Architects / inhabitants
Employees / architectural office
Building capacity / architect
Norman Foster (Eurogate Vienna, H KSH -Bank, Airport)
Harry Seidler (buildings H K + Vienna)

27. BRIDGES

Skybridge
Skywalks
No Bridges H.K. – Kowloon, Project Lorenz / Kada / Schleich Berge mann,
New Bridge to airport – historical bridges Vienna, Otto Wagner,
Stadtbahn

28. EDUCATION

29. ENTERTAINMENT

30. CHILDREN

31. ATMOSPHERE

Speed

The smells

The noises

The spaces / spatial quality

street sound

smell

dark corner

32. FUTURE CHANCES

Survival strength

hopes

chances