

The Book

Our inspiration for the symposium on 'Campus Design', which we hosted on 18 May 2006, was the current restructuring of the ETH's teaching and research landscape, in particular, the Science City project. The symposium and the follow-up event 'Competitive Campuses' at the NTNU in Trondheim sparked high interest, and will find continuation in a further conference at the Dublin Institute of Technology next year. Encouraged by Cornelia Bauer, editor-in-Chief of the gta Verlag, we decided to publish a comprehensive book to make the findings of the symposium and research conducted at the Institute for Urban Design (ISB) accessible to a broader audience. We would like to thank Cornelia Bauer for all her support and also for encouraging us to add the collection of campus profiles to the book – now that it's done.

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Symposium and Exhibition

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The projects from the campus collection were discussed in a seminar and featured in an exhibition, which Kerstin Hoeger and Alexander Lehnerer conducted parallel to the symposium. We thank all students for compiling the raw material: Evran Alper, Norbert Föhn, Stephan Hassler, Wouter Homs, Antje Lindemann, Mario Locci, Linda Looser, Annick Mehdorn, Piero Mercadante, Daniela Pauli and, in particular, Cati Rauch and Céline Soley Suter for processing the data, Francis Fawcett for the English translation, and Michael Knutti for fabricating the 3D-prints and photos.

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