

Bruno Tauts Hufeisensiedlung

UNESCO-World Heritage „Berlin Modernism Housing Estates“

Among experts the German architect Bruno Taut (1880-1938) is considered the master of colorful building whose pioneering work set global standards for the design of large-scale housing estates. Especially the listed monument Hufeisensiedlung in Berlin-Britz, built 1925-1930, is internationally recognised as a key work of the reform-oriented public housing and became part of a UNESCO World Heritage in 2008. The colorfully designed estate provides many green spaces and is built around a 350-meter-long structure, spectacularly curved in a horseshoe formation. It follows the then popular model of „light, air and sun for all“ and soon became an icon of modern architecture in the 1920s.

This architectural guide book has been designed to fit the style of the buildings and features some 150 images, plans historical and contemporary photographs – many of them previously unpublished. It provides insight into architecture, construction and social history and presents the most important architects, planners and residents. An additional chapter is dedicated to the project „Taut’s Home“, a terraced house that has been completely restored in the style of the 1920s and now serves as rentable museum that received wide public acclaim. The book also stresses current projects and strategies to handle monument protection issues in times of progressive privatization.

Last not least, the guide presents the basics about the other five settlements that belong to the UNESCO World heritage of the „Berlin Modernism Housing Estates“ and includes recommendations for trips to other estates designed by Bruno Taut.

About the author

Ben Buschfeld is a freelance graphic and book designer specialising in architecture and history. A local resident of the Horseshoe estate since 1998, he initiated a number of projects, which i. e. include a web-based monument-protection database and an exhibition about the estates historical background and today’s situation within the recently privatised monument ensemble. For their private project, the rentable museum “Taut’s Home”, Buschfeld and his wife, landscape architect Katrin Lesser, were awarded the European Union and the Berlin Monument Award.

Press invitation

We cordially invite you to join the release event which will include a small talk and interview opportunities followed by the author, editor and designer providing us a short tour through the estate, the current exhibition and „Taut’s Home“ nearby.

When: Friday, 21st August, 11.00 – 12.30 am

Where: „Infostation Hufeisensiedlung“, Fritz-Reuter-Allee 44, 12359 Berlin

A free press copy of the book can be requested via mail or is provided at the press conference on site. We are looking forward to your visit. To improve planning, please tell us if you would like to attend the presentation and address to

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