



OCTOBER 9TH – 10TH 2024

Spirit of Paimio Conference 2024

ALVAR AALTO'S
PAIMIO SANATORIUM
PAIMIO, FINLAND

Spirit of Paimio Conference

Reimagining Community

On October 9-10, the second annual Spirit of Paimio Conference will gather speakers and guests in Paimio, Finland, for two days filled with inspiring keynotes, talks and round-table discussions on the future of architecture, cities, societies and wellbeing.

With the iconic sanatorium by Alvar and Aino Aalto as a starting point and backdrop, curator Joseph Grima, known for his design practice Space Caviar, and Mirkku Kullberg, CEO of the Paimio Sanatorium Foundation, have put together a program around the theme *Reimagining Community*.

PROGRAM

The conversation will take as its starting point the following statement by Alvar Aalto:

"Building art is a synthesis of life in materialized form. We should try to bring in under the same hat not a splintered way of thinking, but all in harmony together."

The idea of "togetherness" is a thread running throughout much of the Aaltos' work, and read from a contemporary perspective, resonates with the practice of community-building through design. Despite being an early work, Paimio Sanatorium represents one of the most ambitious endeavors in this direction by the Aalto studio – or any other, for that matter – and it is for this reason that will form the basis for Spirit of Paimio 2024 edition.

Spirit of Paimio 2024 will be an opportunity to look to new visions of community and their relevance in a technologically empowered era. Now that the togetherness Aalto advocated is no longer dependent on spatial proximity, what will the consequences be for the human experience? What can be learnt from the tangible architecture of the Aalto's masterpiece and transposed into the community-building practices of the years to come?

We invite guests of all backgrounds to join us for two days of profound dialogue and collaborative inspiration.

THE SPIRIT OF PAIMIO CONFERENCE 2024
DAY 1: OCTOBER 9, 2024

9:00 – 9:45	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:45 – 10:00	Opening Remarks Mirkku Kullberg, CEO, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation Joseph Grima, Curator, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation
10:00 – 11:00	Talk: Ersilia Vaudo Chief Diversity Officer, European Space Agency Respondent: Joseph Grima, Curator, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation
11:00 – 12:00	Talk: Dan Hill Director, Melbourne School of Design Respondent: Marco Steinberg, Founder, Snowcone & Haystack
12:00 – 13:00	Unveiling of results of Incomplete City Paimio Workshop and Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:00	Talk: Spencer Bailey Co-Founder, the Slowdown, and Editor-at-Large, Phaidon Respondent: Mirkku Kullberg, CEO, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation
14:00 – 15:00	Talk: Studio Swine Artistic collective by Alexander Groves and Azusa Murakami Respondent: Yoko Choi, Curator and Writer
15:00 – 16:00	Talk: Bjarke Ingels Founder, Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) Respondent: Spencer Bailey, Founder, The Slowdown, and Editor-at-Large, Phaidon
16:00 – 16:30	Panel Discussion & Recap Panelists: Dan Hill, Ersilia Vaudo, Studio Swine, Spencer Bailey Moderator: Joseph Grima, Curator, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation
16:30 – 17:00	Presentation of the results of the Paimio Sanatorium Foundation Residency Program

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DAY 2: OCTOBER 10, 2024

10:00 – 10:05	Welcome and Recap of Day 1
10:05 – 10:45	Talk: Loreta Castro Reguera Design Director & Founder, Taller Capital, and Professor of Architecture, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
11:00 – 11:40	Talk: George Massoud Director, Material Cultures
11:40 – 12:00	Conversation on New Directions in Architectural Practice Participants: Loreta Castro Reguera, George Massoud, and Nicolay Boyadjiev. Nicolay Boyadjiev is Practice Lab Lead at Rearc institute.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 14:00	Talk: Beatriz Colomina Professor of the History of Architecture, Princeton University Respondent: Kieran Long, Director, Amos Rex Art Museum
14:00 – 15:00	Talk: Jean Lee and Dylan Davis Ladies & Gentlemen Studio Co-curators of Furnishing Utopia and Public Access project Respondent: Oliver Jahn, Journalist and Curator
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:15	Talk: Ferdinando Verderi Creative Director Respondent: Oliver Jahn, Journalist and Curator
16:15 – 17:00	Talk: Carlo Ratti Director, MIT's Senseable City Lab Director, the 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale Respondent: Joseph Grima, Paimio Sanatorium Foundation
17:00	Closing Remarks

If you have any questions, please contact us at
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