

SEMINARWEEK LEIPZIG



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We will all travel together to Leipzig and visit our construction site at Liliensteinstrasse 29-31 in Leipzig Grünau. There, we will critically review and reflect on the design approaches and work on them together on site. We will also meet very different people who will tell us about the housing strategies of the GDR. The ideals were shaped by social justice, in that all strata of the population, from workers to professors, should have appropriate housing. Where the existing stock was insufficient, this was to be achieved by constructing large housing estates using prefabricated construction methods.

Designed for up to 85,000 people, the Grünau housing complex is one of the largest prefabricated housing estates in the GDR, alongside Berlin-Marzahn and Halle-Neustadt. Equipped with hot water, central heating and the necessary urban infrastructure, an apartment in the WBS 70 housing series was considered a luxury when it was first occupied. After years of economic decline and the associated depopulation, Grünau has fallen into disfavour since the reunification. Today, Leipzig is one of the fastest-growing cities in Germany. The resulting pressure on housing requires a new approach to this district.

Course	Seminarweek Summer Semester 2026 ; integral part of the Studio NLG
Dates	Sunday, 1 March – Friday, 6 March 2026. Arrival and departure are to be organised independently. We will take care of your accommodation.
Costs	ca. 450 CHF, including admission fees and a group dinner
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