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Start of Submission  
**„BLUE AWARD 2016“**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMPETITION FOR ACADEMIC FIELDS OF  
ARCHITECTURE / URBANISM AND REGIONAL PLANNING / CIVIL ENGINEERING**

The Department for Spatial and Sustainable Design, Vienna University of Technology, and the Society of Architecture and Spatial Design is organizing the BLUE AWARD, an **international student competition for sustainable architecture**. The prize is overseen by the UIA, International Union of Architects, represented by its President Albert Dubler.

The competition is open to university students of Bachelor's and Master's Degree programs, as well as for students working on a diploma thesis or dissertation, in the academic fields of architecture, urbanism or regional planning. The submitted project must be part of a supervised coursework, having taken place during one of the following semesters: Summer Semester 2014, Winter Semester 2014/15, Summer Semester 2015 and Winter Semester 2015/16 and Summer Semester 2016.

The submission for Blue Award 2016 starts on March 1st and ends on May 10th, 2016.

The Blue Award 2016 will be awarded in **three categories**.

**Category 1** - Urban Development and Transformation, Landscape Development

**Category 2** - Ecological Building and Building in Existing Structures

**Category 3** - Innovative Systems and Detailed Solutions

The prize of 10,000 Euros will be divided by the jury among the three categories of the competition. The jury may decide upon a number of honourable mentions.

The Japanese architect **Kazuyo Sejima**, SANAA Architects, will be Honorary President of the International Jury. Awards Ceremony, Exhibition Opening and the Workshop will take place from the 22th - 25th August, 2016 at the World Conference on Timber Engineering.

Catalog: the prize winners will be published.

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**End of Submission:** May 10th, 2016

**Registration:** [www.blueaward.at](http://www.blueaward.at)

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