

It is a pleasure to introduce Eve Blau as a Fellow of the Society of Architectural Historians.

Eve Blau has achieved international recognition for her contributions to the study of urbanism and its architectural expressions through her magisterial scholarship. Her research, focusing on geographies as diverse as Vienna, Zagreb, and Baku, has provided a model for historical analysis that embraces the social and political dimensions of city building and urban form while simultaneously paying heed to the discipline of architecture and architectural thinking. Blau's book *The Architecture of Red Vienna* (1999) was honored with both the 2000 Spiro Kostof Book Award and the 2001 Alice Davis Hitchcock Award. As Adjunct Professor, History of Urban Form, at the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, she has served as principal co-investigator for the Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative, *Reconceptualizing the Urban: Interdisciplinary Study of Urban Environments, Societies, and Cultures*. Her abiding interest in the urban has continued most recently upon publication, with Ivan Rupnik, of *Baku: Oil and Urbanism* (2018). In recognition of her contributions to the history of social movements and of the interdisciplinary breadth and innovation of her scholarship, the Republic of Austria awarded her the Victor Adler State Prize in 2015.

Blau has been a prolific scholar, in addition to her numerous books publishing widely in academic journals, producing edited volumes, orchestrating exhibitions, and garnering many competitive grants and fellowships. The breadth of her studies and her particular interest in historiographical issues led her, during her editorship of the Society's *Journal*, to oversee the frequently cited *Architectural History 1999/2000: A Special Issue of JSAH* (1999), which mapped the current state of the field.

A highly regarded and inspiring mentor to her students, and recognized for her intellectual rigor by her colleagues, Eve Blau's generosity and her openness to the wide array of perspectives that characterize the field of architectural history align her with the central tenets of the SAH mission. Her service as editor of the *JSAH* (1997–2000), on the SAH Board, and on prize committees of the Society attest to her dedication to the discipline.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Blau on her much deserved induction as Fellow, Society of Architectural Historians.

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