



ASTOC ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS stands for architecture and urban planning in all proportions. Since 1990 we have been realising projects in Germany and abroad, for both public and private clients. To date we have handled over a thousand projects and have 100 employees.

WHAT WE DO: WE FIND SOLUTIONS.

We do not shy away from any new challenge, on the contrary: we find projects with particularly challenging starting points especially exciting. Discussions and confrontations with our planning responsibilities inspire our work. Starting from the quarter and an examination of the quality of social spaces, we develop master plans for both whole cities and districts, but also considering every individual building in detail. Designing neighbourhoods is our particular strength, with clarity and system.

Projects which we are able to support through all phases and proportions from the initial urban planning concept to building completion enable us to deliver a consistent result creating a sense of identification and in the end satisfaction for users. For us the needs of our clients are always foremost.

WHAT WE BELIEVE IN: COMMUNICATION IS EVERYTHING.

Our open-plan offices in Cologne's Suedstadt reflect our working methods. As a team we support each other even under complex conditions to find the best solutions. We see ourselves as communicators at the interface between various actors and interested parties. Our clients greatly appreciate our long years of experience – we stand for intelligent thinking, a sense of proportion, a sense of rhythm.

Open communication within the team is also important. We have felt very at home in Maria-Hilf-Strasse for a number of years now, not only because the premises allows us to work with concentration, but also because it allows us to celebrate just as intensely. Our kitchen is a place of informal exchange on all sorts of matters. Our team spirit and enthusiasm for our work has bound us together for almost 30 years and we are very proud of that.

HISTORY

ASTOC was founded in 1990 by Peter Berner, Markus Neppl and Oliver Hall together with Kees Christiaanse and it basically emerged from a student planning group at the University of Aachen.

FIRST OFFICE – 1991-1994 IN COLOGNE-ZOLLSTOCK

The young graduates move into their first offices in the south-west of Cologne. The early stages of the firm are characterised by an intense and interdisciplinary cooperation between Germany and the Netherlands, which is still part of the office profile today.

INITIAL PROJECTS - 1994-2002 OFFICE IN COLOGNE'S RHEINAUHAFEN

The most sustained projects include the successful bid and realisation of Holzhafen Hamburg in 1994 and the commissioning and implementation of the master plan for HafenCity Hamburg, a contract awarded to ASTOC following an international tender process in 1999.

Kees Christiaanse becomes long-term advisor.

BRANCHING INTO TEACHING AND RESEARCH 1999

Markus Neppl becomes active in the field of teaching and research and assumes professorships, firstly at the University of Kaiserslautern and then from 2003 at the Karlsruhe University of Applied Science as Chair for Urban District Planning and Design. As a result, an additional project office is opened in Karlsruhe.

Since 2003 Oliver Hall has been Professor of Urban Planning and Urban Design at the Detmold School of Architecture and Interior Architecture (a specialist department of the Ostwestfalen-Lippe University of Applied Sciences) and on the Town Planning NRW Master's programme.

DEEPLY ROOTED IN COLOGNE – SINCE 2002 IN MARIA-HILF-STRASSE

ASTOC settles into a former industrial loft in the Maria-Hilf-Strasse of Cologne's Südstadt – which remains to this day our constantly expanding headquarters.

In 2008 the office already employed 30 architects and urban planners.

NEW STRUCTURES IN 2014

The circle of managing directors is expanded to include Ingo Kanehl, Andreas Kühn and Jörg Ziolkowski. The new partners were already long-term employees of the firm and now manage the office together with Peter Berner, Markus Neppl and Oliver Hall. Switzerland's largest BIM project, the new BB12 building for Bern's University Hospital, led to the opening of our Bern project office in 2014, from which emerged today's Archipel Generalplanungs-AG.

The 25-year anniversary is celebrated in style in 2016 together with business partners, friends and long-term advisors.

GROWTH TREND 2018

Today the office boasts 1500 projects and over 80 employees. A few employees and also some clients from the initial years have remained loyal to the firm for almost 30 years.

PROJECTS COMPLETED AND IN REALISATION (SELECTION 2012-2018)

New main building BB12 Inselspital Bern, GFA 84.000 qm, 2022
Campus Neuenheimer Feld Heidelberg, BGF ca. 800.000 qm, 2018
Wankdorf City II Bern, GFA 38.500 qm, 2020
KölnCubus I + II, GFA 22.000 qm, 2018
Residences Rhein 7 Düsseldorf, GFA 36.000 qm, 2018
Extension office building Viega Attendorn, GFA 6.700 qm, 2017
Campus Ruhr West University Mülheim a.d. Ruhr, GFA 62.800 qm, 2016
Residences Grüner Weg Cologne, GFA 37.000 qm, 2016
Waldbadviertel Cologne, GFA 14.000 qm, 2017
Gustav-Heinemann Quarter Cologne, GFA 48.700 qm, 2017
Klagesmarkt Hannover Reorganisation, 8 ha, 2017
Gürzenich Quarter Cologne, GFA 15.000 qm, 2015
Marina Quarter Regensburg, GFA 68.000 qm, 2015
Schlachthof Karlsruhe, Urban framework planning and revitalisation cold storage building, 7 ha, 2014

COMPETITIONS

Harbor Redevelopment Seoul Incheon, Korea with BAEK Architects, 2nd prize 2018
Masterplan Bildungscampus Gelsenkirchen, GFA 12.000 qm, 1st prize 2018
Monheim Medical campus, GFA 10.000 qm, 1st prize 2018
Regensburg, Urban study Kirchmeierstraße, 2nd prize 2018
Düsseldorf Reorganisation Konrad-Adenauer-Platz, GFA 28.000 qm, mention 2018
Renovation Spitäler Schaffhausen, 2nd prize 2018
Bonn façade competition West.Side, 1st prize 2017
Spandauer Ufer Berlin, GFA 80.000 qm, 1st prize 2017
Stuttgart, former IBM site with Kleihues, 3rd prize 2017
Berlin, competition for ideas "high-rise-type" with Lorber Paul, mention
München, Residences at Candidplatz, 3rd prize 2017
Hamburg, Holstenareal, 4th prize 2017
Solingen, Urban competition for ideas Omega-Quarter, 1st prize 2016
KoelnMesse 3.0, mention 2016

AWARDS

Deutscher Städtebaupreis 2019, Klagesmarkt Hannover, Auszeichnung
Polis Award 2018, Klagesmarkt Hannover, 2. Preis Urbanes Flächenrecycling
Polis Award 2018, Waldbadviertel Köln, 2. Preis Soziale Quartiersentwicklung
Deutscher Bauherrenpreis 2018, Wohnbebauung Grüner Weg Köln
Auszeichnung guter Bauten 2017 BDA Mülheim, Hochschule Ruhr West
polis Award 2017, Kategorie: Soziale Quartiersentwicklung, Anerkennung,
Wohnbebauung Grüner Weg, Köln
iF Design Award 2017, Disziplin: Architektur, Hochschule Ruhr West, Mülheim an
der Ruhr
WAN Future Projects Urban Design Award 2016, Masterplan IFC, Moskau
Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA, Architekturpreis Nordrhein-Westfalen 2015,
Auszeichnung, Siedlung Buchheimer Weg, Köln
German Architects, Bau des Jahres 2014, Stadthafen Senftenberg
Kölner Architekturpreis 2014, Auszeichnung, Siedlung Buchheimer Weg, Köln
Deutscher Landschaftsarchitekturpreis 2013, Sonderpreis Infrastruktur und
Landschaft, Preisträger; Masterplan Emscher Zukunft
Urban Living Award 2013, Nominierung; Siedlung Buchheimer Weg
Urban Land Institute, Global Awards for Excellence 2013, Preisträger; Masterplan
Hafencity Hamburg

COMMITMENT

BDA Bund Deutscher Architekten NRW, Vorsitz Peter Berner 2011-2017
Landesinitiative StadtBauKultur, Peter Berner
Vorstand des Architekturforum Rheinland, Peter Berner
Gestaltungsbeirat Stadt Köln, Peter Berner
BuildingSmart e.V. aktive Mitgliedschaft Jörg Ziolkowski
Planungs- und Gestaltungsbeiräte Mainz, Tübingen und Ulm, Markus Neppl
AIV Architekten- und Ingenieurverein Düsseldorf e.V., Ingo Kanehl
Deutsche Akademie für Städtebau und Landesplanung
Förderverein Bundesstiftung Baukultur e.V.
Freunde des Historischen Archivs der Stadt Köln e. V.



PETER BERNER
DIPL.-ING. ARCHITECT
MANAGING DIRECTOR

since 2014
Managing director ASTOC International GmbH

since 2012
Membership advisory board Landesinitiative StadtBauKultur North Rhine-Westfalia

2011-2017
Chairman of Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA, association North Rhine-Westfalia

since 2011
Chairman Architektur Forum Rheinland e.V.

since 2008
Membership in the architectural advisory board of the city of Cologne

1992-1994
Assistant at summer academy House of Architecture Graz and Vienna, Austria

1990
founding ASTOC Architects and Planners, Cologne with Markus Nepl, Oliver Hall and Kees Christiaanse
Diploma RWTH Aachen with honors
Werner-von-Siemens-Medaille für den wissenschaftlichen Nachwuchs der BRD
Schinkel Prize with Artecta

1986-1990
students' planning group Artecta Aachen with Frank Beckmann, Oliver Hall, Markus Nepl, Andreas Kühn and Eva Sobesky

1983-1990
studying architecture at RWTH Aachen University



INGO KANEHL
DIPL.-ING. ARCHITEKT
MANAGING DIRECTOR

2016
membership Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA

since 2014
Managing director ASTOC GmbH & Co. KG and ASTOC International GmbH

since 2010
Teaching assignment at Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Department for Urban Planning and Design

2009
Director ASTOC GmbH & Co. KG, Cologne

2006-2008
Master of Business Administration, University Duisburg-Essen / Zollverein School of Management and Design

since 2000
ASTOC Architects and Planners, Cologne / KCAP Rotterdam

2000-2001
Teaching assignment at RWTH Aachen University, Department for Building Construction and Design

1999
Otto Steidle / Peter Schmitz Architekten, Cologne

1992-1999
studying architecture at Bochum University of Applied Sciences



MARKUS NEPPL
PROF. DIPL.-ING. ARCHITECT
DIRECTOR

since 2013

Superior Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

2008

Dean of the Faculty of Architecture at KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

2004

German Werkbund Baden- Württemberg

since 2003

Professor for Urban Planning and Design, University of Karlsruhe (today KIT)

1999-2003

Professor for Urban Planning and Design, University of Kaiserslautern

1998

Teaching assignment at Cologne University of Applied Sciences

1997

Teaching assignment at Bochum University of Applied Sciences

1986 – 1990

students' planning group Artecta Aachen with Frank Beckmann, Peter Berner, Oliver Hall,
Andreas Kühn and Eva Sobesky

Diploma RWTH Aachen University with honors

Schinkel prize with Artecta

1983-1990

studying architecture at RWTH Aachen University



OLIVER HALL
PROF. DIPL.-ING. ARCHITECT
DIRECTOR

since 2003

Professor for Urban Planning and Design at University of Applied Sciences Lippe and Höxter / Detmold

Partner and Director ASTOC GmbH & Co KG, Cologne

2002-2003

teaching assignment Urban Planning and Design at Bochum University of Applied Sciences

since 2001

Membership Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA

since 1999

Membership Architekten und Ingenieurverein AIV Cologne

1990

Founding ASTOC Architects & Planners, Cologne with Kees Christiaanse, Peter Berner and Markus Neppi

1989

Schinkel prize with Arctecta

1986-1999

students' planning group Arctecta Aachen with Frank Beckmann, Peter Berner, Markus Neppi, Andreas Kühn and Eva Sobesky

1982-1990

studying architecture at RWTH Aachen University



ANDREAS KÜHN
DIPL.-ING. ARCHITECT
MANAGING DIRECTOR

since 2009
Managing director ASTOC Architects and Planners GmbH

since 2003
Partner and member of the executive board ASTOC GmbH & Co KG, Köln

1999-2002
Projekt manager ABG Allgemeine Baubetreuungsgesellschaft, Köln

1995-1999
HPP Architekten, Head of the Dresden office

1991-1995
Project manager HPP Architekten, Hamburg office

1990-1991
Architect at Prof. Jörg Friedrich architects, Hamburg

1990
Diploma RWTH Aachen University
Schinkel prize with Arctea

1986-1989
students' planning group Arctea Aachen with Frank Beckmann, Peter Berner, Oliver Hall,
Markus Neppl and Eva Sobesky

1983-1990
studying architecture at RWTH Aachen University



JÖRG ZIOLKOWSKI
DIPL.-ING. ARCHITECT
MANAGING DIRECTOR

2016
Membership Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA
Dedication to BIM and buildingSMART e.V.

SINCE 2014
Managing director ASTOC Architects and Planners GmbH

2009
Director ASTOC GmbH & Co. KG

SINCE 2008
ASTOC GmbH & Co. KG, Köln

1995-2008
founding ZIOLKOWSKI.WS ARCHITEKTUR collaborating with ASTOC

1994-2001
Assistant at the chair of construction and design at RWTH Aachen University

1992-1994
HPP Architects, Hamburg and Düsseldorf

1985-1992
studying architecture at RWTH Aachen University



SEBASTIAN HERMANN
DIPL.-ING. URBAN PLANNER
DIRECTOR

since 2019
Director ASTOC GmbH

2006-today
ASTOC ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS GmbH

2009-2013
Teaching assignment at the Institute of Urban Planung KIT Karlsruhe

2006-2007
Teaching assignment at the Institute of Urban Planung Kaiserslautern University

2007
founding „mess GbR“ with Timo Amann, Florian Groß and Thomas Müller, Kaiserslautern

2006
Collaboration with Roland Schmidt, Ingenieurbüro für Stadt- und Landschaftsplanung, Dietenheim

2003-2007
students' planning group „mess-mobile einsatztruppe stadt und stil“, Kaiserslautern

1998-2006
studying regional and environmental planning at Kaiserslautern University