

DOCOMOMO ISC

INTERIOR DESIGN

Report of activities (December 2024 – March 2026), list of members and plan of future action
(2026-2028)

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1. ISC-ID Seminars, Collaborations, Publications

1.1. Seminars

Belgrade International week of architecture

Belgrade International Week of Architecture 2025, jubilee year (20 year)

The DoCoMoMo ISC/ID Committee organized a seminar, **DOCOMOMO ISC/Interior Design Seminar Hidden Authors of Modernity: Women Artists, Interior Designers, and Architects**, on women creators' contributions to modernism in interior design, architecture, and arts, hosted by BINA within its festival framework. It uncovered their innovative work and examined creativity within modernism's humanistic contexts.

Discussions covered cultural/social influences across Latin America, Western/Southern Europe, the Balkans, and Eastern Mediterranean, comparing challenges and opportunities.

The event featured brief presentations followed by moderated discussions, fostering inclusive appreciation of women's roles and modernism's cultural diversity.

Wednesday, 23 April 2025, Belgrade

Moderator: Milena Kordić

Presenters: Ana Tostões, Anita Puig Gomez, Eva Storgaard, Deniz Hasirci (online), Zsuzsanna Böröcz, Marta Peixoto, Silvia Segarra (online), Rade Mrlješ.

Society of Architectural Historians events in May and June

Presenting at the seminar of the SAH committee.

The first event took place on **May 15 at 12 noon (Eastern Time, online)**, under the title "*Gender, Identity, and Resistance: Strategies and Methodologies of Women Designers on the Edge*".

The session featured three presentations exploring how women designers have challenged invisibility and redefined cultural narratives. The presenters were: Maria Isabel Oliver (*Safia Farhat's tapestry: exploring identity and resistance*); Zsuzsanna Böröcz (*Making Women Designers Googleable: The methodology behind the Flanders Architecture Institute Wiki Women Design Project*); Deniz Hasirci (*Modern interior architects in Turkey: a focus on women*). All three papers are part of the publication *Modernist Women Interior Designers and Artists*, the result of a seminar organized by the Specialist Committee on Interior Design of Docomomo International. Eva Storgaard and Marta Peixoto also contributed to the book and moderated the May session.

The second event, under the title "*Women in Architecture & Interiors*", was held on **June 5, 2025, at 12 noon (Eastern Time, online)**, featuring Ana Tostões and Zara Ferreira, who presented the aforementioned book, which they edited. The session also included presentations of two chapters from the publication: *Behind the Shades: Le Klint and the Female Touch* by Eva Storgaard and *Lina Bo Bardi Furniture: Exploring Her Diverse Nuances* by Marta Peixoto. These texts continue the thematic focus of the previous event, while the book presentation addressed the publication itself and its editorial process.

Design History Society Annual Conference 2025. Ankara Bilim University 04-06 September 2025

Panel *Time and the Modern Interior: Navigating the Tension Between Timelessness and Adaptability*, organized by Zsuzsanna Böröcz, Deniz Hasirci, and Milena Kordić, presented in Ankara, September 2025.

Articles and presenters

- Time and exile inside the house of Lina Bo Bardi (Ana Tostões and Marta Peixoto)
- Modernist design, universally contemporaneous? A discussion of an architect's home in Belgian Flanders (Els De Vos)
- Life in the MoMo houses in Mexico. Some living testimonies of that experience (Silvia Segarra Lagunes)

Ornamentation, decorative art, and symbolism in Ancient Egypt and its influences on Contemporary Art, Doctoral Program in History and Arts at the University of Granada; lecture 'Egyptian Inspirations in Contemporary Art and Design', by Silvia Segarra.

XVI DOCOMOMO Brasil Seminar: O FUTURO DO PASSADO Arquitetura moderna viva e urbana.

Session *IMPUREZAS NO MUNDO MODERNO e EXCURSOS* (IMPURITIES IN THE MODERN WORLD and EXCURSIONS), organized by Ana Tostões and Marta Peixoto. Anita Puig presented a paper in this session.

19th Docomomo International Conference. Los Angeles March 2026

Our committee's participation (ongoing):

- Ana Tostões (chair of the session 4A, and paper *Non-Contradictory Complexity*)
- Bárbara Coutinho (paper *The role of shop interiors for the spirit of a fashion brand*)
- Deniz Hasirci (paper *Modernists after Modernism: Interior Architects in Turkey*)
- Eva Storgaard (paper *The Wicked Problem of Modernist Stained-Glass Church Windows*)
- Marta Peixoto (Member of the Scientific Committee; chair of the sessions 1H and 1D, and paper *Non-Contradictory Complexity*)
- Milena Kordić (paper *Palace of Serbia: Collaborative Framework of Yugoslav Modernism*)
- Zsuzsanna Böröcz (Chair of session 3E, and paper *The Wicked Problem of Modernist Stained-Glass Church Windows*)

1.2. Publications

Docomomo Journal N° 73 – 2025/1

Docomomo Journal N° 73 (published: 2025-08-22), entitled [Modern Interiors in Times of Crisis](#)
Guest-edited by Zsuzsanna Böröcz and Deniz Hasirci.

The publication features the editorial by Zsuzsanna Böröcz, and Deniz Hasirci, and texts by Deniz Hasirci, Marta Silveira Peixoto, and Milena Kordić.

Journal of Interior Design – IDEC

(<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/10717641251381225>), text by Deniz Hasirci.

Arpha Proceedings (<https://ap.pensoft.net/article/34961/>), text by Deniz Hasirci.

1.3 MoMove

Despite several contacts made with Docomomo International during the International Conference in Chile (2024) and subsequently by email, there have been no answer regarding our proposal of launching a call for participation in the MoMove Virtual Exhibition, focusing on modern interiors to invite all chapters to contribute with examples of modern interior design.

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Members and Functions 2024-2026

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Plan of Action 2026 - 2028

1. Conferences and Seminars

Docomomo Tr-Interior Symposium

The 4th symposium will take place in Turkish, 8-9 June.

Virtual Roundtable: New Research on the 1925 Paris Exhibition

The Events and Conferences Committee of SAH – in which Anita PUIG is involved – is hosting a virtual roundtable celebrating the centenary of the 1925 Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes in Paris, taking place on March 27th.

Current Issues in Interiors Symposium 2026.

Els De Vos, Deniz Hasirci and Zsuzsanna Böröcz will present a paper at the seminar that will be held in a hybrid format from April 15–17, 2026, hosted by Yaşar University, in Izmir, Turkey.

2. Networks and partnerships

Increasing the contacts, which have been built up during the previous years, looking for active partners for our future plans. Examples:

- Center for Interior Studies of Copenhagen as part of the Royal Danish Academy
<https://royaldanishacademy.com/center-interior-studies/about-center-interior-studies>
- DHS Group and Conference:
<https://www.designhistorysociety.org/conferences/view/design-and-transcience>
- ICDHS | International Conferences on Design History and Studies
- ICOM/Design
- IFI | International Federation of Interior Architects/Designers
- SAH Historic Interiors Affiliate Group
<https://sahhistoricinteriorsaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/>

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