

Austrian DOCOMOMO Working Party

The aims of DOCOMOMO Austria established in 2001 are to stimulate the interest of the public in Modern Movement architecture and to document and preserve important buildings; to initiate public campaigns for the preservation of important Modern Movement buildings in danger.



1.1. Liesing Employment Office in Vienna – Liesing, architect: Ernst Plischke, 1930/31. Contemporary photo.



1.2. Steiner House in Vienna - Hietzing, architect: Adolf Loos, 1910. Photo: B. Maldoner



2.1. Kahlenberg restaurant in Vienna - Döbling, architect: Erich Boltenstein, 1935. Photo: B. Maldoner.



2.2. Purkersdorf Sanatorium in Lower Austria, architect: Josef Hoffmann, 1905. Photo: A. Huber.



3.1. Kaipalast in Vienna - Inner City, architect: Ignaz Nathan Reiser, 1911/12. Photo: U. G.



3.2. Café Greif in central Innsbruck, architect: Lois Welzenbacher, 1949/50. Photo: Albertina.

Focussing the Austrian situation:



1.3. Old Textile School in Vorarlberg – Dornbirn, architects: Willi Ramersdorfer - German Meusburger, 1958. Photo: Bundesdenkmalamt.



2.3. Heubergsiedlung in Vienna - Dornbach, architect: Adolf Loos, 1923/24. Photo: A. Huber.



3.3. Settlement, Young Persons Home in Vienna - Döbling, architect: Anton Brenner, 1930. Contemporary photo.

1. Saved

- 1.1. Liesing Employment Office in Vienna – Liesing. A new function made renovation possible (architect Hermann Czech, ca. 1997).
- 1.2. Steiner House in Vienna – Hietzing. The removal of modernisations carried out in the 1950s allows this incunabulum of Modernism to be understood again as what it is (architect Burkhardt Rukschcio, 1996).
- 1.3. Old Textile School in Vorarlberg – Dornbirn. By means of a very carefully carried out restoration it proved possible to save both the substance and appearance for a new function that is closely related to the original use (ca. 2001).

2. Endangered

- 2.1. Kahlenberg Restaurant in Vienna – Döbling. This landmark is in danger due to economic senselessness.
- 2.2. Purkersdorf Sanatorium in Lower Austria. An unimaginative speculative development leaves this architectural monument no longer room to breathe.
- 2.3. Heubergsiedlung in Vienna – Dornbach. The increase in people's expectations, combined with thoughtlessness, here work in opposition to the architect's original intentions.

3. Lost

- 3.1. Kaipalast in Vienna – Inner City. This reinforced concrete frame building could not withstand the march of progress (demolished in 2001).
- 3.2. Café Greif in central Innsbruck. This café stood in the way of a planned increase in density and a commercial building (demolished 1970s).
- 3.3. Settlement, Young Persons Home in Vienna – Döbling. This home, built by Anton Brenner who studied at the Bauhaus, had to make way for a speculative housing development (demolished 1970s).