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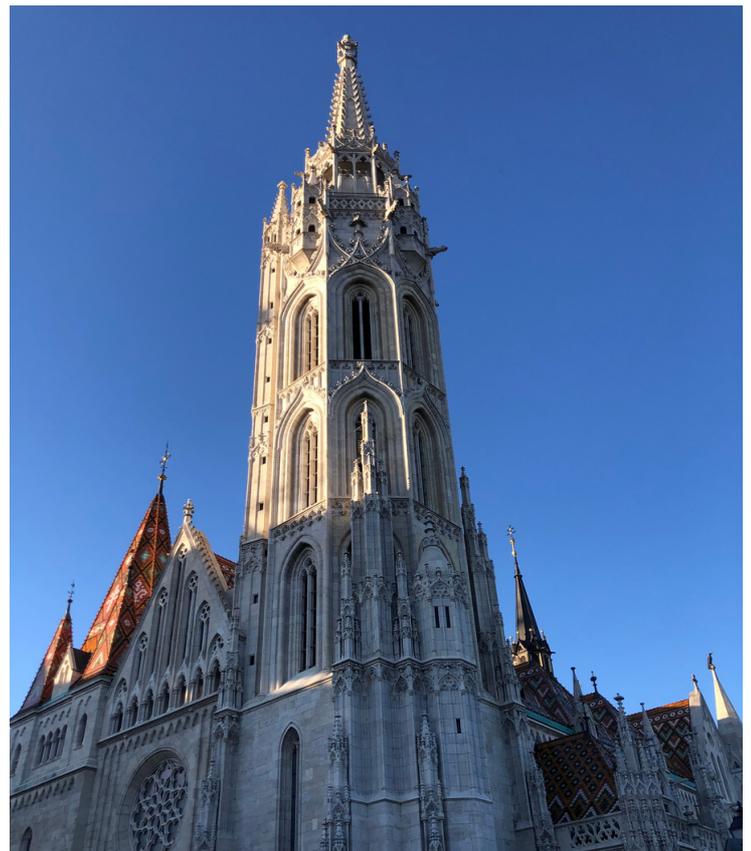
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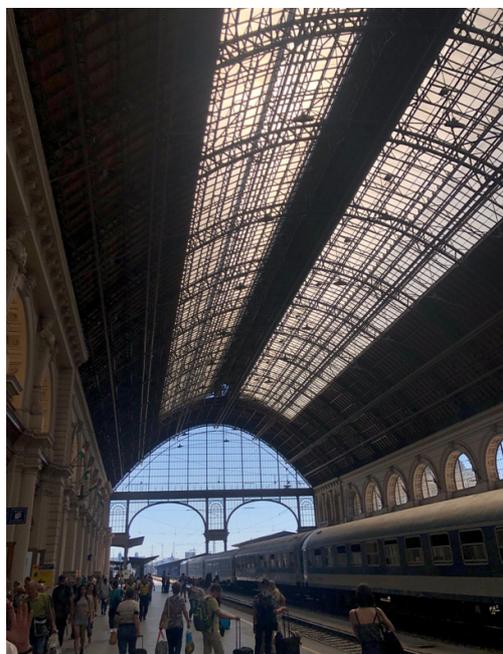
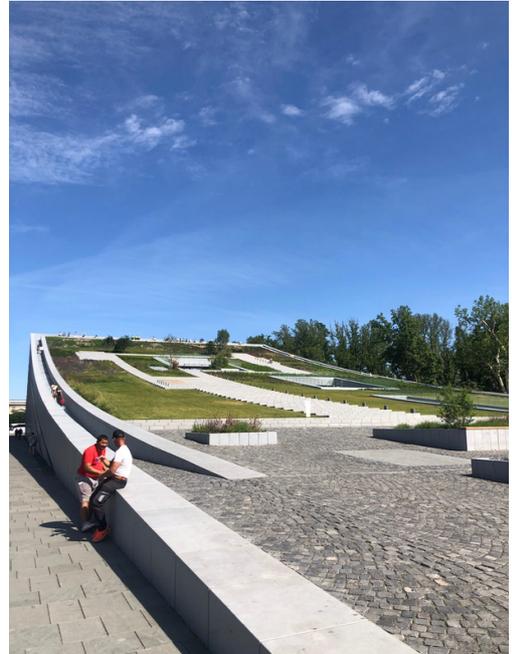
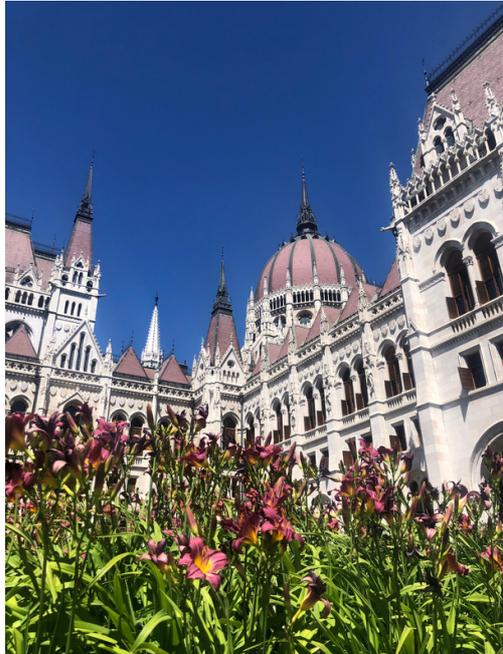
Budapest - a Retrospective Experience

Budapest, between 1867 and 1918 one of the twin capitals of the Austro-Hungarian Dual Monarchy, the multinational, multireligious, multi-ethnic empire in the heart of Europe, was the destination of the first excursion abroad organized by the Kollektiv. Between June 18 and 25, a varied group of fourteen people – bachelor students, master students and PhD-candidates – visited the city that used urban beauty as a means to represent Hungary's social, cultural and economic aspirations. The participants visited the great railway stations (one of Gustav Eiffel,

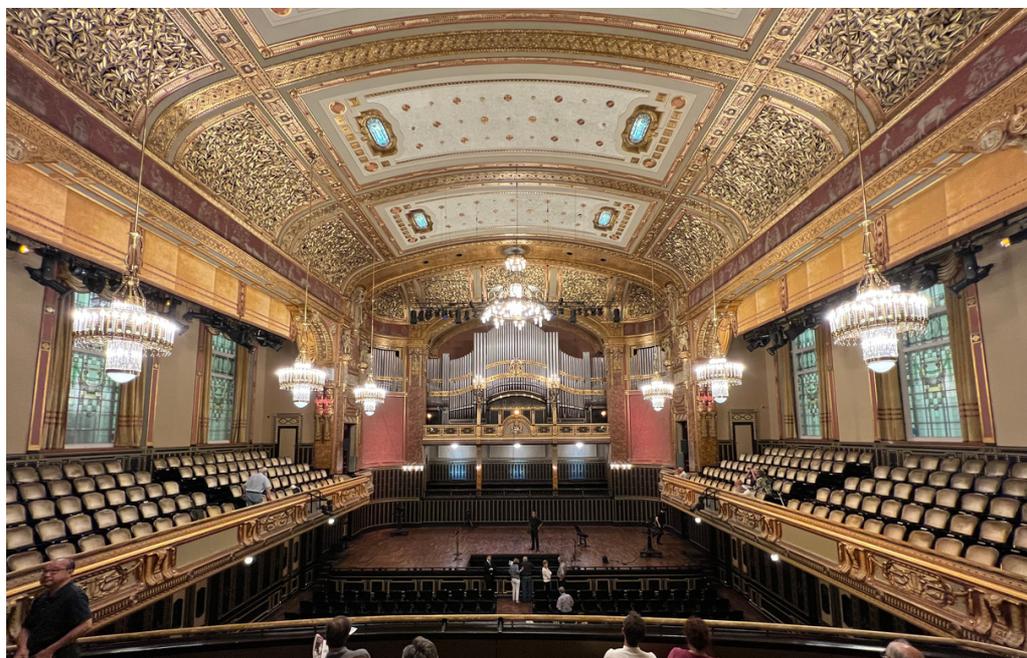
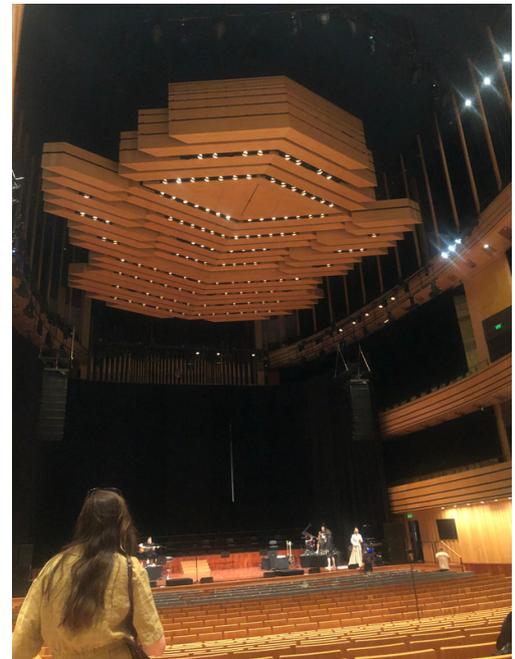
which is now carefully being restored and transformed in the city's main railway hub); the beautiful synagogue, testimony to the period when a quarter of the city's population was Jewish, the New York Coffee House, dozens of the city's characteristic 'palatial' tenement buildings, the baths, the building of parliament, the Gresham palace, the famous Museum of Arts, the new Museum of Ethnography in the city's main park, Kas Oosterhuis' 'white whale', the market hall, the 'populist' National Theater, the Bartok Béla concert hall, the medieval city of Buda, the giant imperial palace with its museums- and, of course, the ruin bars and the restaurants...

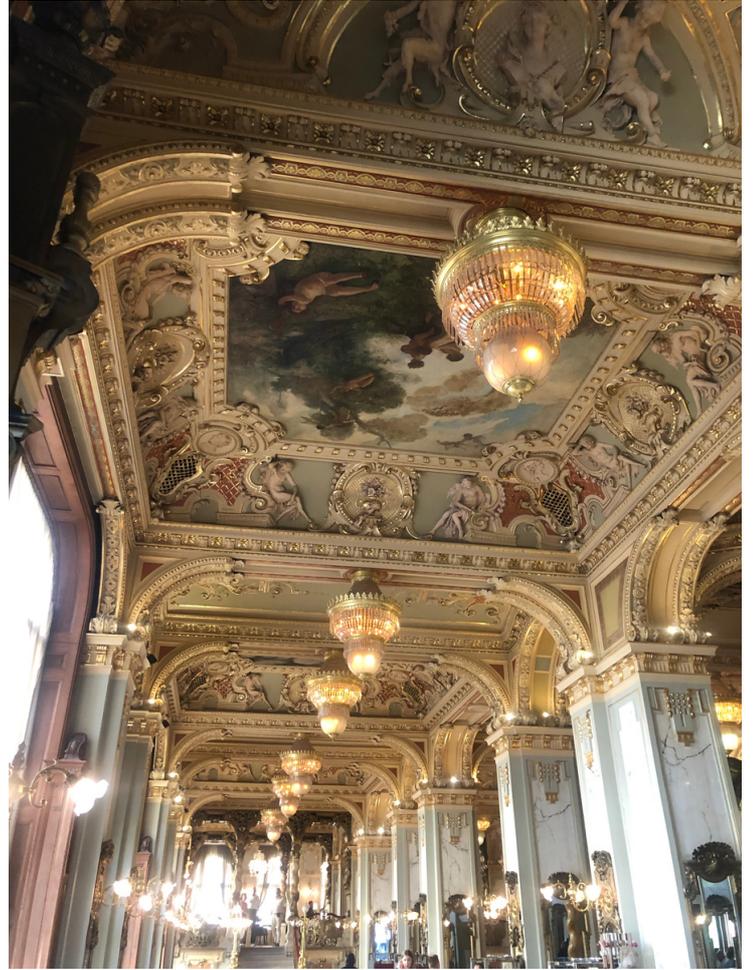
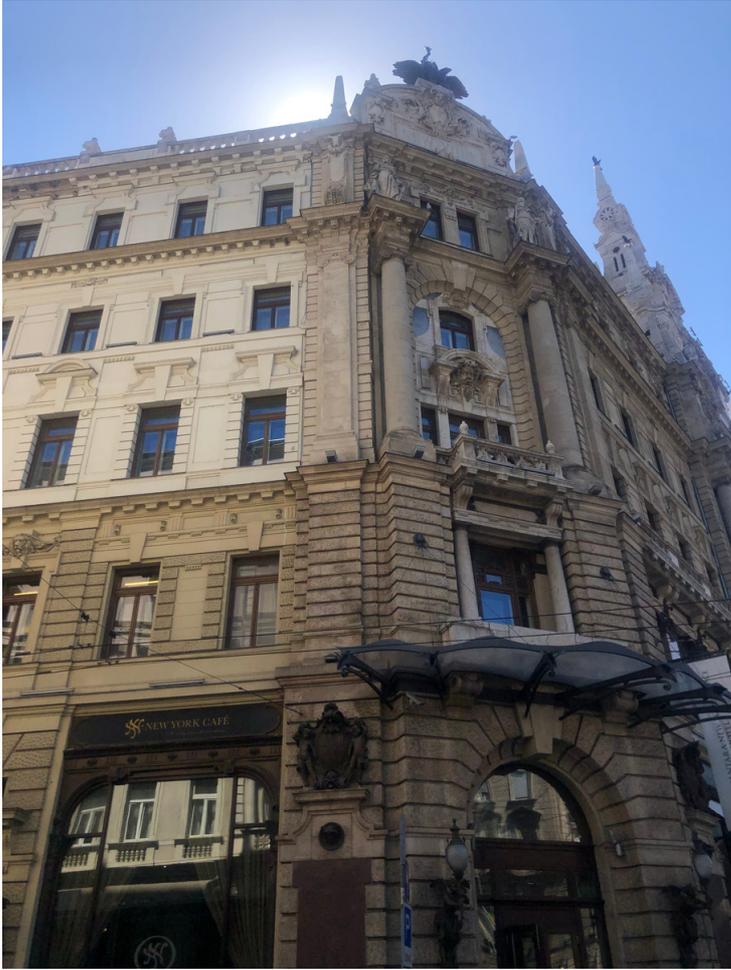
We also saw the urban and architectural consequences of Orbán's dreams to restore Budapest to its former 'kakanian' glory: everywhere, retro eclectic buildings replacing the sober, modern structures, and he wants to ban the museums from the imperial palace so that he can use it for his own purposes. New museums are planned in the city's main park... A highlight of the trip was a guided tour through the beautiful new stations of the Metroline 4; Zoltán Erő, now the city architect, took us from one station to the other, explaining the art of designing these unexpectedly complex buildings.



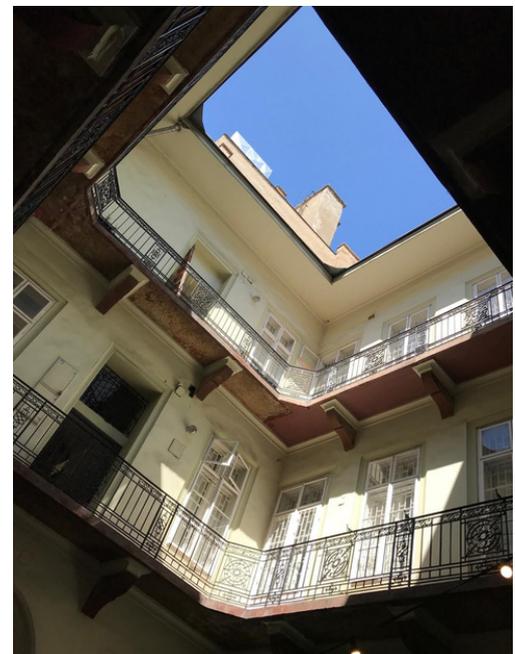
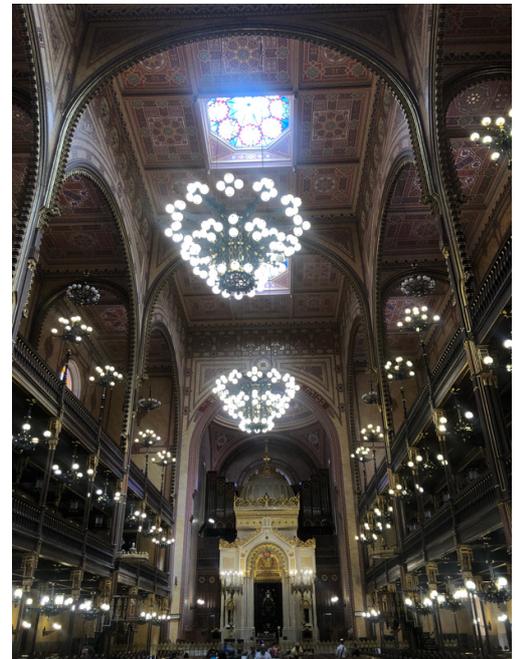


















Next Up... A Visit to Antwerp is Coming

September 30 – October 2, the Kollektiv plans a short study tour to Antwerp, de facto the capital city of Flanders, the city of Rubens. A well-kept historical city, Antwerp also has developed into a major hub of contemporary architecture. We will visit the beautifully reconstructed arts museum, a project by Kees Kaan, and walk from one highlight to the other. Governed from Vienna between the late sixteenth century and late eighteenth century, there is a cultural link between 'Kakania' and Belgium – and the city's fine dining culture is one of the qualities that clearly sets Antwerp apart from Dutch cities. The next Newsletter will provide more details... e next year. Here's a look at some of this year's decorations:



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Only members of the Kollektiv can participate in its events. Membership is open for architecturally minded students of the Department of History of Art, Architecture and Landscape (bachelors as well as masters, including exchange students and visiting students), PhD-candidates, staff members and invitees. Membership is free of charge. The costs for participation in the Kollektiv's events need to be paid by the members themselves. Interested in joining? Send a mail the Kollektiv's Secretary-General, Jenny van Calsbeek: j.van.calsbeek@student.rug.nl