

**PORTIKUS EXHIBITION HALL – FRANKFURT AM MAIN****PUBLIC BUILDINGS
EXHIBITION HALL**

CLIENT	STIFTUNG GIERSCH
MEASURES	Newbuild
TIMEFRAME	2004–2006
SERVICE PHASE	LPH (HOAI) 1–9
SIZE	GFA 770 m ²
AWARDS	Martin Elsaesser Award 2008

„Portikus“, the internationally renowned exhibition hall for contemporary art, stands on the Main Island at the Alte Brücke (Old Bridge) in Frankfurt am Main. For centuries, the bridge served as a route for the transport of goods, connecting northern Italy and the Hanseatic cities. It stood under imperial protection and included a prison, a chapel, mills, towers and several other structures. The building drew upon the location’s history typologically, without embodying any one particular historical style. Nevertheless, a dispute over the flat roof that had occurred a hundred years ago repeated itself in meetings with the Städelschule Frankfurt, which occupies the building. The only difference was that today’s traditionalists were arguing for the flat roof and not for the steep roof as did the traditionalists at the start of the 20th century. The building’s apt architectural form corresponds with the simplicity of the architecture of the exhibition room inside the building.



ALTE BRÜCKE – FRANKFURT AM MAIN

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS
ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

CLIENT	City of Frankfurt Department Road Construction and Development
MEASURES	Renovation
TIMEFRAME	2013–2014
SERVICE PHASE	LPH (HOAI) 1–5, OAM 6–8
AWARD	Competition 2nd prize

The two stone foreshore bridges and the steel structure that was interposed after the destruction in World War II are the elements that characterize the design. The careful renovation revives the historical appearance of the Alte Brücke and renews the functionality of the bridge structure. The newly developed lighting underlines the urban planning and architectural concept and highlights the historical significance of the Alte Brücke.