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FRIEDA STREET ADOLF RADING 1931/32

Complex for the Minimum Subsistence Level
for 190 Unemployed



This housing project was built by jobless construction workers. The complex only exists of one-bedroom apartments with 36 or 45 square — that is, apartments reduced to a minimum. There are for instance only shower cabins instead of tubs in the small bathrooms and a tiny cooking area instead of a real kitchen room. Today, by the way, the average rent is around 500 Euro per month.

Complex for Minimum Subsistence Level
Irenenstraße, Metastraße, Friedestraße

Architect: Adolf Rading

Year of construction: 1930–1933 (badly damaged in WWII, rebuilt in 1951)

Shape: angular and U-shaped building

Aim of construction: Low-rent apartments for the unemployed

Structural characteristics: room size reduced to a minimum (two and two and a half room apartments of 36–45qm), but functional and, for that time, humane interior, plain masonry and exterior paint (light brown), ventilation of kitchenette and bathroom

Pergola/Arcade Outer Access (Laubengangsystem): reduced number of staircases