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Footbridge 2017 in Berlin is the 6th International Footbridge Conference and its title is "tell a story". It was conceived as an experiment, as it will be neither the classic engineer's posterpaper-keynote lecture conference nor a sponsored architects meeting. Experiments are risky and the main risk of this independent and non-profit conference was to invite the participants to submit a footbridge design rather than a paper. Who wants to travel far, pay for a conference and on top of it give away a design idea? But it has worked out, the footbridge community is thinking in other terms!

This book is the precious collection of this international joint effort. **The World's Footbridges for Berlin** contains around 76 footbridge design ideas for six locations in the city of Berlin. It demonstrates the creativity and generosity of engineers and architects, young or established, and from all over the world at the beginning of the twenty-first century. The book—in addition to the conference proceedings which contain the stories to be told and papers on footbridge dynamics shall serve as a souvenir for all the participants of the conference to remember the three Berlin days of debating our designs and telling our stories. Certainly this large variety of design ideas demonstrates what an important contribution to the culture of building footbridges can make.

The text on the following two pages is taken from www.footbridge2017.com where the conference was announced. For each of the six locations, engineering students of the Technische Universität Berlin prepared the design bases. Their texts and drawings introduce each location and are then followed by the pertinent designs.

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Mike Schlaich, Berlin

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