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Since July 2010 Alfredo Brillembourg & Hubert Klumpner have held the Chair of Architecture and Urban Design at ETH, Zurich. Since 2007 they have taught at Columbia University, where they founded the Sustainable Living Urban Model Laboratory (S.L.U.M LAB). Their work is primarily geared towards research and development in architecture, with the goal of transforming cities in the 21st century. U-TT's projects aim to create a bridge between first world industry and third world underprivileged informal urban areas.

In 2010 Brillembourg & Klumpner were awarded the Ralph Erskine Award for their dedication to improving living and social conditions in slums around the world. In 2011 Urban-Think Tank was awarded the Gold Latin America Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction, and in 2012 they were awarded the Silver Global Holcim Award for Sustainable Construction. Both awards were granted to Brillembourg & Klumpner for U-TT's Centro de Ação Social por Música, in Paraisópolis, São Paulo. Urban-Think Tank has also presented work at the Museum of Modern Art (New York), and at the Venice, Rotterdam and São Paulo Biennales. As co-principals of Urban-Think Tank and co-Chairs at ETH, Brillembourg & Klumpner concentrate on establishing experimental and sustainable living models for global cities and global slums.

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