Film Screening and Opening Party

The Domino Effect (2012), a documentary film by Daniel Phelps, Megan Sperry, and Brian Paul
Thursday, March 13th 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Goethe-Institut Wyoming Building
5 E. 3rd Street (at Bowery)

Conference

Friday, March 14th 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Jerry H. Labowitz Theatre for the Performing Arts
Gallatin School of Individualized Study
1 Washington Place

INTRODUCTION

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FORMAT Short 5-10 minute presentations that address the following framing themes and questions, followed by discussion

Panel 1 / 10:00 - 11:30 am
Environment & Citizenship or,
The Social Construction of Nature in the City
This panel will seek to identify how the construction of “nature” informs the construction of the urban subject or citizen, and explore new and emerging sites at which “nature” occurs in the city. To what extent are urban spaces inhabited “naturally”, by whom, for whose benefit? What are the social and ecological consequences of our continuous construction, reconstruction and appropriation of urban nature?

Moderated by Peder Anker (History of Science, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, Environmental Studies, NYU)

Panelists: Vyjayanthi Rao (Anthropology, New School), Lynnette Widder (Architecture, Sustainability, Earth Institute, Columbia University), Tyler Volk (Biology, Environmental Studies, NYU), Colin Jerolmack (Sociology, Environmental Studies, NYU), Eric Sanderson (Senior Conservation Ecologist, Wildlife Conservation Society)
Lunch break 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Panel 2 / 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Design, Participation & Citizenship
Whereas the social sciences approach the concepts of “city” and “citizen” in terms of what can be known, the design disciplines—working propositionally—engage with the known in order to focus on what may be imagined and possible. This panel will focus on ‘spaces of insurgent citizenship’ in discussing possible scenarios for designers and social scientists working together in identifying ruptures in the spaces of everyday life: spaces where invention, exchange, co-creation and mobilization of collective energies re-imagines today’s cities and urban territories.

Moderated by Louise Harpman (Architecture, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, Environmental Studies, NYU)

Panelists: Miodrag Mitrasinovic (Urbanism + Architecture, Parsons the New School for Design), Gianpaolo Baiocchi (Sociology, Director of Civic Engagement, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, NYU), Mariana Mogilevich (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Metropolitan Studies, NYU), Eric Klinenberg (Sociology, NYU), Stephen Duncombe (Sociology, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, Media, Culture and Communications, NYU), Andreas Kalyvas (Political Science, New School)

Coffee break 2:00 - 2:15 pm

Panel 3 / Design Humanism? 2:15 - 3:45 pm
How can we interpret the needs of diverse social groups and design material spaces and artifacts that are viable and emancipative? Can design help us create new and richer tools for strengthening citizenship and advancing human rights and responsibilities? [How] can climate change-related emergencies serve as new sites of interaction between the two?

Moderated by Mitchell Joachim (Architecture, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, Environmental Studies, NYU) and Ioanna Theocharopoulou (Architecture, Parsons the New School for Design)

Panelists: Susanne Schindler (Architect, Candide Journal), Brian McGrath (Dean, School of Constructed Environments, Parsons the New School for Design), Victoria Marshall (Landscape Architect, Urban Designer, Parsons the New School for Design), Susannah Drake (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, dlandstudio), Natalie Jeremijenko (Artist, Art Education, Environmental Studies, NYU).

Coffee klatch 3:45 - 4:00 pm
Workshops
Saturday, March 15th 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Goethe-Institut Wyoming Building
5 East 3rd Street (at Bowery)

Presenters:
Zoning and Affordable Housing- Mark Torrey
Communication and Community Engagement- Megan Sperry
Design for an Aging Population- Matthias Hollwich
Midtown and MoMA- Mitchell Joachim, Miodrag Mitrasinovic, Ioanna Theochropoulos

For more information please see:
http://www.gdnyu.com/events.html
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www.goethe.de/newyork