Urban Environments Initiative

Virtual Workshop Program

Spaces of Living in Transformation—in Times of Uncertainty

Time: 26 June 2020, 2:30 p.m. CET
Venue: Zoom Meeting (link to be sent ahead of workshop)
Conveners: Eveline Dürr (LMU) and Regine Keller (TUM)

The originally planned two-day workshop in June has been postponed until further notice (currently anticipated for January 2021). Nevertheless, in the spirit of adaptation, we invite you to re-connect with the UEI group in a virtual half-day workshop hosted on Zoom and to share your research and thoughts on “Spaces of Living in Transformation,” with a special emphasis on how these spaces are impacted and further transformed by the current global pandemic.

As previously suggested, we encourage participants to develop 5–10 presentations/videos/other creative formats that they can share with other participants live on Zoom (through the screen sharing function [see Zoom guidelines]). You are invited to keep your chosen theme for the June
workshop and, if applicable, frame it in relation to the current pandemic: how has COVID-19 impacted urban spaces, assemblages of/relations among humans and between human and other-than-human entities, and/or halted or prompted transformations?

The half-day workshop set to begin at 2:30 p.m. CET (8:30 a.m. EST; 4:30 p.m. GST; 6:30 p.m. IST) will be divided into two sessions. Parts one and two of session 1 will comprise presentations relating to Theme 2) Creating/destroying/decolonizing spaces of living and extinction. The first part of session 2 will consider Theme 1) Material/built environment, while the second part of session 2 explores Themes 3) Spatial/social justice, accessibility, and inclusion, and 4) Belonging/identity. Each bundle of presentations will be followed by a general period of discussion and questions. Following the sessions, we hope to brainstorm possible outputs for the UEI including written collaborations and possible online contributions for the UEI website, in addition to providing information concerning future events.

Schedule

26 June 2020

14:30–14:50 Introduction
   - Conveners Eveline Dürr and Regine Keller
   - Technical Overview of Workshop

14:50–15:50 Session 1/ Part 1 Creating/Destroying/Decolonizing Spaces of Living and Extinction

14:50–15:00 The Elephant in the City: Of Synurbising Forests and Ethologising Infrastructures
   Anindya Sinha (NIAS, Bangalore), Nishant Srinivasaiah (Frontier Elephant Programme/NIAS, Bangalore)

15:00–15:10 Cities Making Nature: Unplanned Habitats and New Ecologies in Coastal Cities
   John Burt (NYU Abu Dhabi), Mary Killilea (NYU), Anne Rademacher (NYU)

15:10–15:20 From Oceanscape to Cityscape: Urban Socio-ecological Metabolisms at Eko Atlantic City, Lagos, Nigeria
   Joseph Adedeji (FUTA Akure)

15:20–15:30 Transformation and Risk: The Urban Coastline of an Active Volcano in Naples, Southern Italy
   Karen Holmberg (NYU)

15:30–15:50 Discussion
15:50–16:50  Session 1/ Part 2
Creating/Destroying/Decolonizing Spaces of Living and Extinction

15:50-16:00  Promising Plans, Contested Calculations: Sea Changes on Auckland’s Waitemata Harbour
Gordon Winder (LMU Munich)

16:00-16:10  Intensities and Capacities: Forms of Living and Dying in Pandemic Cape Town
Thomas Cousins (University of Oxford)

16:10-16:20  A Decolonial Approach to Ecological Grief?
Katherine Wright (LMU Munich)

16:20-16:30  Living Architecture and Blue-Green Systems
Ferdinand Ludwig (TU Munich), Friederike Well (TU Munich)

16:30-16:50  Discussion

16:50–17:05  Break

17:05–18:15  Session 2/ Part 1
Material and Built Environment

17:05-17:15  Infrastructural Ecologies
Maan Barua (University of Cambridge)

17:15-17:25  Urban Transformation for Climate Adaptation via Green Infrastructure - What does it mean?
Stephan Pauleit (TU Munich)

17:25-17:35  Logistical Ecologies. A Singapore Story
Felix Mauch (TU Munich)

17:35-17:45  Urban Skin. An Environmental Historical Perspective on City Pavement
Simone Müller (LMU Munich)

17:45-17:55  Landscape, Sport, Environment: On the History of Spaces for Sport in Berlin
Sonja Dümpelmann (University of Pennsylvania)

17:55-18:15  Discussion
18:15–19:15  Session 2/ Part 2  
*Spatial and Social Justice, Accessibility, and Inclusion  
Belonging and Identity*

18:15–18:25  *Beyond Space: Sprawl, Race and Mobility in Postwar America*  
Robert R. Gioielli (University of Cincinnati)

18:25–18:35  *New York's Post-Industrial Waterfront: A Lesson in Environmental Gentrification and Environmental Inequality*  
Kara Schlichting (City University of New York)

18:35–18:45  *A Tale of Two Cities: The Labor of Scraps in Philadelphia and Guangzhou*  
Amy Zhang (NYU)

18:45–18:55  *Food, Cities, and Control: Culinary Panic and COVID-19*  
Sasha Gora (LMU Munich)

18:55–19:15  Discussion

19:15–19:35  Closing Remarks

*Possible collaborations and outputs  
Upcoming events  
Content and format(s) of next workshop*

*See next page for further information regarding the UEI directors, presenters, and staff.*
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