Space, life, and politics: Counter-projects and the Socio-Ecological Transition

28-29 October, 2024

October 28, 2024 13.00 welcome and registration

13.30 introduction

session 1 | concrete-utopias

14.00 Operational Crisis

COLLECTIF (IN)VISIBLE - Paris (FR) / Oscar Basnier - Paris (FR)

Silent giants: the land as counter-project

Robin HUEPPE - ETHZ (CH)

Counter-memories, counter-narratives, and counter-utopias

Edmond DRENOGLLAVA - University of Cincinnati (US)

14.45 round table

15.30 coffee break

session 2 | representations

16.00 Can Nature be seen? Constructing Alternatives (Representation) to the Anthropocene

Damien GREDER - Graduate Institute (CH)

Foregrounding Miningscape as a planetary commons

Sabina FAVARO - University of the Witwatersrand (ZA)

Exploring gestures of re-presentation: methodologies of a counter-gaze

Noélie LECOANET - Laboratory of Urbanism, EPFL (CH)

16.45 round table

17.30 coffee break

18.30 conference finissage "Water Designs"

Paola Viganò, "Water as a subject"

19.45 dinner with the participants

October 29, 2024 8.30

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9.00 keynote #1

Maria Kaika, "Turning up the Heat: Urban Political Ecology for a Climate emergency"

10.00 coffee break

session 3 | counter-actions

10.30 The Regreening of Sudbury as a Radical Case of Deanthropic Urbanism

Shin KOSEKI - Université de Montréal (CA)

Experience in politics, experiment in the city, experimentation in public policies

Marie BERTRAND - - Laboratory of Urban Sociology, EPFL (CH)

Liquid Traces: Make live and let die in the Mediterranean sea

Katerina INGLEZAKI - Bauhaus of the Seas

Rural Transitions, Rural Disobedience

Konstantinos VENIS & Federica Natalia ROSATI - Uliège / ULB (BE)

Intersectionality and the Right to the City: the counter-occupation of space and nature in Hong Kong

Gianni TALAMINI - City University of Hong Kong (HKG)

11.45 round table

12.45 lunch break

14.00 keynote #2

Kristiaan Borret, "Embracing Complexity"

15.00 coffee break

session 4 | radical policies

15.30 Transition in the "in-between". Are we entering a counter-project?

Flore GUICHOT - Laboratory of Urbanism, EPFL (CH)

Counter-project for the city: the future improvement zones

Matthias LECOQ - UniGE(CH)

On the possibility of a landscape biopolitics

Davide MONTANARI - PoliMi (IT)

Get back LIFE to the SPACE - Transforming Urban Spaces in China

Zhidong CHEN - Hong Kong (HKG)

From New Villages to The New Urbanization Policy: China's Biopolitical Project

Qinyi ZHANG - Brussels (BE)

16.45 round table

17.45 conclusions