

TRIALOG's annual meeting 2017 "Mapping: Space and Action"

Friday, 1 December 2017, 9:00-18:00hs

weißensee kunsthochschule berlin, Bühringstraße 20, 13086 Berlin, Germany

For more than a decade now, mapping has become an acknowledged instrument of research, analysis and diffusion of expert as well as everyday life knowledge in the planning and social sciences. Mappings of various nature and at various scales—from wide-span global relations to individual behaviour and movement patterns in local contexts—offer an interdisciplinary approach, open to artistic interpretations, to the paradigm of space and have relevantly expanded cartography's understanding and practice.

Thereby, mapping is gaining popularity also beyond the scientific field. On the one hand, "mapping from below" and "community mapping" are being applied both in formal planning processes of neighbourhoods, cities, landscapes or even regions (in these cases, practitioners speak of participation or participatory moments) and in more radical self-organised processes initiated by inhabitants. On the other hand, artists adopting cartographic approaches are increasingly challenging one-sided interpretations and traditional applications.

During the conference, questions shall be tackled such as:

- When and how is mapping an appropriate research instrument, and how can it be used in artistic fields?
- What do maps show, and what do they not show?
- In how far do these visualisations help to increase information and participation?
- In a thoroughly visualised, even hyperreal world of simulacra (Jean Baudrillard), is the informative function that many continue to attach to maps and mappings obsolete, should it be thoroughly abandoned?
- Which are the advantages of radically subjective—yet well informed—visualisations?

Tentative programme:

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 Welcoming speech: Leonie Baumann (khb); Kosta Mathey (TRIALOG)
- 10:00 Introduction: Günter Nest (khb, Master-Programme “*Spatial strategies*”) and Klaus Teschner (TRIALOG)
- 10:30 Rossana Poblet: *Mapping to reduce urban risk*
- 11:00 Bilge Kobaş, Elif Ensari Sucuoğlu and Can Sucuoğlu: *Webscraping and location mining – for a better understanding of urban structure, potentials and problems*
- 11:30 Discussion
- 12:15 Lunch break
- 13:30 kollektiv orangotango / Asa-FF: *This is Not an Atlas*
- 14:00 Moritz Ahlert: *Die Vermessenheit von Google-Maps – Künstlerische Kartierungsprojekte aus Berlin und Mexiko*
- 14:30 Discussion
- 15:15 Coffee break
- 15:45 Diana Lucas-Drogan: *Counter-Mappings: Performativ-involvierende Mappingpraxis im Bereich der Kunst und Architektur*
- 16:15 Elise Olmedo: *Textile cartography. A crossover between research and creation for the practice of geography*
- 16:45 Elisa T. Bertuzzo: *Maps on the move*
- 17:15 Discussion
- 18:15 Drinks and finger food

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