

Symposium Reading Patina

Learning from the deterioration of built landscapes through time

Thursday 7th, Friday 8th July 2016, TU Berlin

DAY 1 – Lectures / 14:30-20:00

DAY 2 – Lectures + Workshop / 9.30-18:00

The symposium aims to present an overview of previous and related research on the processes and mechanisms influencing built landscapes through time and how monitoring these processes can inform future projects. Presentations from academic researchers and practitioners will enable a breadth of discussion related to this topic.

The passage of time leaves traces on the surfaces of materials for example in the form of dirt, wear and tear, subsidence, surface cracks and vegetation growth. These processes of patination and decay highlight the imperfections and points of weakness in built landscapes. By monitoring "patina" the project stakeholders can gain information on the success or failure of the design, detailing, use of materials, construction and/or maintenance. We wish to start a discourse on this subject, develop new methods for monitoring, analysing and learning from these processes, and create a feedback loop to enable practitioners to use this knowledge to optimise future projects.

The first day is aimed at bringing together existing knowledge, an overview of previous research, as well as information and opinions related to this field of research. The second day will focus on the processes and mechanisms influencing change to built landscapes after completion. An interdisciplinary workshop will examine the impact of these processes from different viewpoints.

Colleagues from teaching and research, students, construction and maintenance firms, government agencies, clients and other interested individuals are invited to participate in the symposium. By bringing together the different stakeholders involved in designing, building, maintaining and researching built landscapes we hope to deepen our knowledge and understanding of time based change.

DAY 1 of the symposium will be held in English

Preliminary list of confirmed speakers:

Keynote: Niall Kirkwood „Details of Durability,” Harvard Graduate School of Design

Cordula Loidl-Reisch „Built to be wild,” TU Berlin

Bettina Wettstein „Landscape Architecture - Design Idea and Realisation,” TU Kaiserslautern

Liat Margolis „Smart Landscapes,” University of Toronto

Simon Colwill „Reading Patina,” TU Berlin

Further speakers to be announced

Venue: "Horst-Wagon-Hörsaal", Hauptgebäude (H), Room H1012

DAY 2 will be held in German and English, presentations and discussions in English

Presentation: Simon Colwill, „Landscape Architecture and the time factor”, DFG Research Project, TU Berlin

Impulse Lectures on Vandalism!, Climate and decay, Vulnerability and more.

Workshop "Learning from change"

Venue: to be announced

The event is free but places for day 2 are limited, early registration is encouraged.

Participants can register: Go to www.eventbrite.com and search for "Reading Patina"

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