Curating and Learning from Future Architecture

«Form Follows...» exhibition in summer 2016 at HDA Graz

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# The Matrix

play-criteria

# FAIRPLAY, motivated by the ambition to contribute to the construction of a socially just environment.

# PLAY OFFENSIVE, proposing possible futures without waiting to be asked for.

# EXTEND YOUR PLAYGROUND, conquering the 95% of the built environment, that are constructed without any design-ambition.

# DETOUR RULES, thinking beyond standards to create innovation and diversity.

# TEAM PLAY, constructing new alliances to use the power of communities.

# RE-PLAY, using limited resources consciously, thinking globally and acting locally.

+ joker

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**Other voices on optimism**

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# 3 Conversations, 3 topics, 9 practices

## Affordable housing
- Jack Self, London
- Urbz, Mumbai
- SuperFutureGroup, Graz

## Common space
- Plan Comùn, Santiago de Chile
- Guerilla Architects, Berlin
- Schwemmland, Linz

## Changing lifestyles
- Sara Neves + Filipe Estrella, Porto
- Lavinia Scaletti, London
- Bedroom Exodus, Vienna
What does your form follow?
# Exhibition as an open process

Newspaper + Installations
Installations

Jack Self invites you to get a deep insight into the financial logics of the London housing market that strongly drive urban development. The project: “The Ingot” is based on this research and uses the profound understanding of these financial parameters with a shift of perspective in order to develop and propose a new model for social housing that is based and not opposed to the idea of finance. Opposite the classical buildings, the material value of “The Ingot” is not decreasing but starts growing after its construction completion.

Super Future Group invites you to not only see and understand the concept of their project Urban Super Forest but also experience it. This idea of a radical transformation of the cities upper level, applied to Vienna, but also possible in various other contexts, not only proposes a fresh perspective on what would be possible, but also questions the way we live together and what we aspire from our built environment. All these aspects are real in the design proposal for the project with the clear ambition to bring back nature to the city.

Sara Neves & Filipe Estrela invite you to discover their approach to tackle the global urban condition at its origins and engage with communities in rural environments all over the world. By doing so, they cultivate a side-speed attitude in order to create meaningful spaces for and with people. Their installations invite you to step into a new role and change perspective on the building process by experiencing the hard-on approach.

Lavinia Scaletti invites you to follow her on the derelices of her self-experiments, that she sees as research tools to create knowledge for her design proposals such as the ZIP City. This project is radically re-thinking the ways of how we could inhabit our cities and propose not only a new lifestyle, but also a new physical environment that fits them.

urbz invites you to discover the various projects that they have developed in their long-term engagement in Dhariwal, one of Mumbai’s largest self-built neighbourhoods. Besides opening up an insight in the fascinating world of Dhariwal and the multiple ways of how people use its publics, you can follow the process of the construction and transformations of a house that urbZ has initiated, planned, built and transformed in Dhariwal.

Plan Común invites you to find out more about their ‘speculative strategies’ for new Common Places and to share your ideas where these visions could be implemented in Graz. Further they developed a new ‘speculative strategy’ for Andreas Helfer Platz in Graz and thereby contribute to the public debate on the future development of that place and provoke the idea of possible appropriations of the place for and by the inhabitants of Graz.

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Schwarmland invites you to explore the diversified variety of different intervention strategies that deals since several years with curator notion in the industrial harbour area of Lübek in order to open often forgotten places to the public and search for possibilities to reclaim them for and with the people who are potential users of these incredible places.

Guerilla Architects invite you to participate in their “computer supported collective action” through their living installation StadtProfessor. Graz follows... you! that is connected to the practice’s mobile office, Bastian der StadtProfessor. This installation allows you to instigate the architectural collective to realize your visions of Graz, get an insight to their virtual project cloud and exchange with them through regular Skype meetings.

Jerome Becker, Florian Sammer & Lukas Vejnik invites you to personally experience the multiple questions around sleep and its spatial consequences they are dealing with in their project “Bedroom Exodus”. They open up a field of possible imaginations of how small changes in our daily routines could transform not only our ways of living but also the ways of how we use, appropriate and co-inhabit spaces in completely new ways.

Ingrid Sabatier & Stephan Schwartz invite you to discover the intellectual and practical universes of 9 optimistic practices in the present “Form follows...” exhibition through a series of physical installation by the practices, allowing you a personal experience with the topics Common Space, Affordable Housing and Changing Lifestyles. These young architects are dealing with in their work. The “Form follows...” newspaper collects and documents the various inspirations what their forms follow, the practice’s statements on optimism and their ways of working, and opens up a broad field of ideas and visions.
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Urbz, no future
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Sara Neves + Filipe Estrella, Self constructed paradigms

Lavinia Scaletti, ZIP city Houseless not Homeless

Bedroom Exodus
#Common space

Guerilla Architects, StadtProzessor

Plan Común, Die Grüne Alternative

Schwemmland, Acting out of the niche
Conviviality

and the story goes on...
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