CONTEMPORARY RURALITIES // CHANGING GROUNDS

A SYMPOSIUM ON THE CHANGING CONCEPTS OF RURALITY.

THE DANISH ARCHITECTURE CENTRE

JANUARY 24 - 25, 2020
Contemporary Ruralities // Changing grounds
Public symposium at the Danish Architecture Centre (DAC)

Date: January 24 - 25 2020

Public symposium at Danish Architecture Centre in connection with the exhibition ‘Going Rural’ by Rural Agentur.

In December 2018 the UN General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People working in Rural Areas (UNDROP).

The Declaration can be seen as symptomatic for how “The rural” is witnessing radical transformations, conceptually as well as spatially. The status of rurality in a so-called urban age is increasingly subject to controversy as the physical imprint of urbanization seems to span the entire globe.

As we witness how spaces become destabilized both in their environmental, economic, political and cultural sense, “the rural” and “the urban” can no longer be seen as fixed spatial categories.

And yet we believe that there is an urgent need for addressing concepts of ‘contemporary ruralities’ from the perspective of what has been coined ‘planetary urbanization’.

With this symposium we hold a two-fold ambition of, on the one hand, addressing alternative spatial framings of ‘contemporary ruralities’, and on the other hand, investigate ways of engaging in strategic actions and policies related hereto.

The symposium brings together architects, researchers, artists and practitioners from diverse backgrounds to convey the cracks and lines in approaching rurality today.

The symposium is organized by Rural Agentur in association with ARENA Architectural Research European Network Association and the Danish Architecture Centre, and takes place in relation to the exhibition ‘Going Rural’ (1.11.19 - 2.2.20) by Rural Agentur at the Danish Architecture Centre.

For more information and to sign up
> ruralagentur.com/events
> arena-architecture.eu
> dac.dk/en/exhibitions/dreyers-architecture-gallery-2019

Section 1:
Friday 24.1.
9.30 - 11.30
Nikos Katsikis: “The Rural” under Planetary Urbanization: From Hinterlands to Operational Landscapes
Marten Kuijpers: Automated Landscapes, AI and rurality.
Anna Sofie Hvid
In the Agriculture State : Aesthetic mobilizations of rurality.

Section 2:
11.45 - 13
Christophe Golay: Rural transformations in light of UNDROP
Pieter Versteegh : Rurality and perspectives for economic equity

Summary and panel discussion
Lunch break

Section 3:
14.30 - 17
Round table on rural practice, work presentations by students of The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, School of Architecture and Rural Agentur.

Section 4:
Saturday 25.1.
Optional excursion, site walk and lunch at the office farm of Rural Agentur, Østagergården in Jystrup.

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