

International Seminar «UNISCAPE *En-Route*»

INJURED LANDSCAPES: Reuse & Recycle

LIEGE
Cité Miroir

5th – 7th October 2014
visit and seminar

8th October 2014
doctoral colloquium

Within the framework of its participation to the network UNISCAPE-EUROPEAN NETWORK OF UNIVERSITIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EUROPEAN LANDSCAPE CONVENTION, the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Liège, through the activities of LabVTP « Ville-Territoire-Paysage», inaugurates a new cycle of European scientific seminars: « UNISCAPE *En-Route*»

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The objective of the rotating seminars (*en route*) is to compare knowledge and landscape's practices specific to the host institution's site.

A dialogue between actors and local decision-maker, researchers and university representatives so opened around concrete situations.

Each seminar is an opportunity to reflect on the values, issues and modes of intervention specific to the present state of the landscape-types present in the "anchor site" of the host institution and project their future.

This event intends to be an incubator of knowledge in reference to a given concrete landscape, where the sharing of experiences helps to stimulate new or existing initiatives that promote innovative thinking about landscape dynamics both locally and globally.

Centered on the European convention, the seminars, through the theme « Injured Landscapes: Re-use and Recycling» try to answer a double stake:

- a local stake by the landscaped / environmental approach which touches directly places, lifestyles and cultures peculiar to sites and to the populations which characterize the anchoring site of the host university ;
- a global stake by taking advantage of the comparison to foreign experiences regarding methods and specialized knowledge, as well as the contexts of actions and interactions with research.

These forgotten and used sites, at first invaded heavily, exploited up to the end of their depths and often covered with the waste of a carefree society, feed the double face of the landscapes: the visible, pleasant, bucolic and soothing face against the dark, not visible, suffering, suffocated and torn side. These wounds interest us and the selective looks of which these landscapes are the victims interest us too.

The themes to be treated start from questions linked to disaffection, dis-location, dis-junction (B. Goetz), to loss of identity, but also to memory, to time, to practices of reappropriation and sensibilisation, whose first objective is to put the injured

Becoming interested again by the materials that constitute the character and the structure of the landscape contexts, by dealing with the processes that have marked the coherent phases as well as the others, allows one to rediscover the processes and the dynamics past and present.

The return in the fine reading of the places for which the seminar pleads gives keys allowing to sketch ways of restoring of active consciousnesses to be restored to re-engage essential proactive capacities for the overtaking of the critical phases reached regarding reallocation of territories in crisis.

- ## TOPICS
1. **LANDSCAPE and MEMORY:** trace, time, future of the past
 2. **LANDSCAPE CYCLE and RECYCLE:** re-use, re-launching, techniques and iterative thoughts
 3. **HUMAN and NATURAL INTERACTION:** natural and human time process, combined actions and projects
 4. **PROSPECTIVE ATTITUDE:** reading and writing approach, project as a medium, research by project, alternative methods.

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REGISTRATION

Mail to : en-route@uniscape.eu
 Payment : Members of partner organizations
 - Before the 1st September 2014: 120 €
 - After the 1st September 2014: 150 €
 Other participants
 - Before the 1st September 2014: 180 €
 - After the 1st September 2014: 210 €
 One day Registration : 80€ before the 22th September 2014

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Communication : LAST NAME, First name + INJURED LANDSCAPES registration

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Sunday, 5th October 2014: site visits
 We will introduce the participants to various landscape aspects of the "anchor site" of the Faculty of Architecture, first navigating on the river Meuse, then exploring the Liège conurbation.

Monday, 6th October – Tuesday, 7th October 2014: seminar
Wednesday, 8th October 2014: half-day doctoral and research colloquium



places, whose structures and equilibria were deeply transformed, back into a new production circuit. The thoughts and practices of recovery, concerning dozing landscape coherences, are today at the basis of methodologies and experimentations allowing worn-out contexts to become places carrying "new signifying chains" ((U. Eco).

The seminar is the occasion to make re-emerge innovative potentials from territories that have lost all visibility and their ability to maintain the conditions of equilibrium and that still today suffer from the dynamics of dis-sociation that cut all relationship between man and his environment.

The exchanges can so touch questions as relative to the reintegration of a place in a new life cycle, with regard to its capacity to re-acquire recognition and dignity from its history, already holding the necessary elements for a new phase of relaunching.

