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Flux Culture

Migration in Europe: New Lifestyles & Maps
A Thinktank/Seminar/Workshop



Educational partnership

There is a movement of people in Europe, individuals and families relocate from country to country, city to city in pursuit of happiness, be it climate, security, education, society or material wealth. There is a new **Flux Culture** never before possible, as borders open and the market drives forward. Our seminar/workshop will deal with the effects of this migration on the **built environment**: our regions, cities, neighbourhoods and buildings. The seminar will take place at this years **EASA** assembly in **Letterfrack, Ireland** from the 9th to the 24th of August. For more visit www.easa008.ie

**Deadline for Declarations of Interest:
26 January 2008**

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(To declare interest we require your name, country and a travel estimate)

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1.0 *{Theme}*

1.1 Flux Culture

There is a movement of people in Europe - individuals and families relocate from country to country, city to city, in pursuit of their version of happiness - be it climate, security, education, society or material wealth. There is a new culture of movement and migration made possible by open borders, market forces and advances in transportation. There is a population constantly in flux – there is a flux culture.

1.2 Migration in Europe

This seminar/thinktank/workshop aims to deal with an issue that effects people all over greater Europe. The effects of Immigration and Emigration on our nation states are well documented, our seminar aims to deal with the effects of this phenomenon on the built environment: our regions, cities, neighbourhoods and buildings, from the point of view of young academics in the fields of architecture and urbanism.

1.3 New Maps

At a large scale, we can view the current state of Europe, identifying our economic regions, transport hubs and creative cities independent of national and provincial borders. We can easily identify the regions experiencing large-scale immigration and emigration. Such observations lead us to a number of issues on interest, including:

- The current and future directions of migration of people in Europe
- The marketing of our cities as destinations for creative talents
- The relationship between demographics and economics in our cities
- The effects of brain-drain on peripheral regions experiencing out-migration
- Invisible structural borders in Europe affecting paths of migration
- Multiculturalism and the integration of foreign nationals, their cultures and ideals in their host society

1.4 New Lifestyles

At a smaller scale we can discuss the effects of migration on our cities and built environment. We could observe the new migratory lifestyles of European citizens, in particular travelling students, transient young professionals and workers. Could there be a new urban structure or a new architectural typology to address the needs of such people?



2.0 *{Format}*

2.1 Introduction

Approximately 25 participants will compose the seminar, from as many European nations as possible. This workshop does not have a tutor - there is a brief - which you are currently reading! In this sense it is an experimental workshop for EASA. The participants together will determine their process and goals.

2.2 Timetable

The seminar will run over the workshop days, effectively as a workshop. It will run for 10 days: from Wednesday 13th August to Saturday 16th and again from Monday 18th to Saturday 23rd.

Participants will meet for approximately 5/6 hours per day, not including breaks for coffee and lunch.

2.3 Preparation

Participants will be expected to bring prepared subject matter they would like to discuss (essay/presentation/ slides). It is intended that participants will bring to the seminar the experiences of their country/region/city in terms of migration and movement of people.

2.4 Presentation

The first day of the seminar will involve presentations of research to fellow participants.

2.5 Discussion

Following presentation of researched material, participants will discuss the prevalent issues and decide the issues for further investigation and development.

2.6 Research

Internet facilities will be provided on-site. It is intended that the seminar participants will use the 400 assembled students in the greater assembly as a study group.

2.7 Development

Participants will use their unique skillsets as architecture students to develop their findings into tangible results (models, sketches, statistics, maps etc..).

3.0 *{Results}*

3.1 Aims

As a seminar, the aim is to educate on the issues.

As a thinktank, the aim is to develop new areas for discussion and investigation.

As a workshop, the aim is to produce statistics on the issues and strategies to address them.

3.2 Product

The seminar should produce tangible results. Results could take the form of drawings, diagrams, presentations, booklets, videos or conceptual pieces.

3.3 Legacy

It is anticipated that participants will be able to present their findings in their home universities. It is hoped that the findings of this seminar will open new areas of discussion in architecture and urbanism.

Following the productive dialogue thus far between the (European Association of Architectural Education) and EASA Ireland, it is hoped that the findings would also be presented to the EAAE.



4.0 *{Funding}*

4.1 The Youth in Action Program

Following discussion with Leargas, an Irish governmental body to support international youth work and organisations, EASA Ireland became aware of several avenues of funding for our work in Letterfrack.

It is the intention of EASA Ireland to directly fund this seminar under the European Commission - Youth in Action program 2007-2013. The seminar will operate under Action 3 of the program: Youth in the World, Section 3.1: 'Cooperation with the neighbouring countries of the European Union.' Section 3.1 provides for activities possible under Section 4.3: Training and networking of those active in the field of Youth Work and Youth Organisations, where the activity is a Seminar.

Our primary deadline for funding is the 31st of January. It is because of this funding and deadline that we have the unorthodox procedures and format for a EASA workshop.

4.2 Incentive to Participants

Part of any possible grant to this seminar and EASA Ireland under the Youth in Action program would include funding towards the travel expenditure of participants. It is expected that participants would be able to receive up to 70% of their flight costs in travelling to Dublin. The grant would cover expenses incurred to EASA Ireland, including travel within Ireland, food and accommodation, this is part of our motivation to organise the seminar.

4.3 Conditions

The initial applications to this seminar are considered by EASA Ireland as declarations of interest. Declarations are made in the knowledge that participants will devote themselves to this seminar/thinktank/workshop in place of a regular workshop come EASA Ireland 2008.

Following the collection of declarations, EASA Ireland will judge whether the activity is feasible and apply for the grant if so. The workshop may continue regardless if EASA Ireland is unable to procure a grant from the Youth In Action program. If we are unable to receive a grant but there is sufficient interest to continue with the seminar, participants will be unable to receive compensation for their flights.

There are several conditions attached to this workshop due to the source of funding. Conditions include limits on the number of participants from non-EU, EFTA and Accession states, however EASA Ireland is confident that we can work around regulations and would not deter anyone from declaring their interest.

5.0 *{Application}*

In order to declare your interest, we require some information. Applicants must email their:

Full Name

Nationality

Email address

Phone Number

Flight Cost Estimates

to ronan.mccann@easa008.ie, before the 26th of January 2008

Note: Flight cost estimates must be the cheapest return flights available to Ireland from the 9th to the 24th of August 2008.

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