Urban Explorations - Works&Words. Exhibition on verbal and visual research practices

English abstract

Urban explorations – Works&Words was an exhibition on the practices of researching the urban environment. The exhibition developed from a collegial collaboration between Malmö university, Sweden and Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) N.Y., U.S.A.

The exhibition was curated by Karin Grundström (Urbana studier, Malmö university) and Roberley Bell (Imaging arts and sciences R.I.T.) in collaboration with Jules Chiavaroli (Dept of Architecture, Golisano institute of sustainability, R.I.T.) and the Community Design Center in Rochester, which hosted the exhibition.

In the curating process, the concept urban exploration was identified as a shared starting point. Linguistic and cultural differences prevented the use of alternative concepts such as stad/city; offentlig plats/public place and rum/space. Instead, the practices, i.e. the act of exploring through both verbal and visual means, formed the common basis. Researchers in architecture, planning, design and photography exhibited analyzes of the urban environment through their Works and Words. Colleagues, students and the public participated in a seminar at the opening of the exhibition.

Urban explorations – Works&Words was transported to Sweden and exhibited at the MEDEA studio, Malmö University.

Svensk sammanfattning


Utställningen kurerades av Karin Grundström (Urbana studier, Malmö universitet) och Roberley Bell (Imaging arts and sciences R.I.T.) och genomfördes i samarbete med Jules Chiavaroli (Dept of Architecture, Golisano institute of sustainability, R.I.T.) och Community Design Center i Rochester där utställningen visades.

I kureringsprocessen identifierades begreppet urban exploration som gemensam ingångspunkt. Språkliga och kulturella skillnader omöjliggjorde alternativa begrepp som stad/city; offentlig plats/public place och rum/space. Istället var det praktikerna, själva utforskandet av det urbana genom både ord och bild som var grundläggande. Forskare inom arkitektur, planering, design och fotografi ställde ut egna verk som analyserade den urbana miljön.

Allmänhet, kollegor och studenter deltog i ett seminarium i samband med utställningens öppnande.

Urban explorations – Works&Words transporterades till Sverige och visades även i MEDEAs lokal i Niagara vid Malmö universitet.
Urban Explorations - Works&Words present ongoing research by twelve scholars in architecture, art, design and photography. The projects presented share a common approach to explore the urban through both image and text.

Reception/Vernissage
Wednesday October 12, 5-7 pm.

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Host Institution:
The Department of Architecture
Golisano Institute for Sustainability & The College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.).

Curators:
Roberley Bell,
Professor of Photography, R.I.T.
Dr Karin Grundström,
Senior Lecturer in Architecture & Built Environment, MU, Sweden.
People & Works & Words

Andoh, Nana-Yaw. Assistant Professor of Architecture
Golisano Institute for Sustainability, R.I.T.
Sustainable Urban Mobility in Developing Countries: a Case Study to Reduce Traffic Congestion in the Central Business District of Accra, Ghana.

Bell, Roberley. Professor of Photography
College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, R.I.T.
Writing in the Space of the Water: a Book about the Process of Seeking out a Series of Trees in the City of Istanbul.

Chiavaroli, Jules. Professor of Architecture
Golisano Institute for Sustainability, R.I.T.

Davenport, Meredith. Associate Professor of Photography
College of Imaging Arts & Sciences, R.I.T.
Occupation.

Frear, Lorrie. Associate Professor of Design
College of Imaging Arts & Sciences, R.I.T.

Dr. Grundström, Karin. Universitetslektor of Architecture and Built Environment
Department of Urban studies, Malmö University.
Gating the Commons: a Swedish take on the Gated Community.

Dr. Hellström-Reimer, Maria. Professor of Design in theory and practice
School of Arts and Communication, Malmö University.
Dr. Tania Ruiz Guiterrez, Honorary Doctor at Culture and Society, Malmö University.
A Photo-Novel in Progress.

Jallow, Sabina. Adjunkt of Built Environment
Department of Urban studies, Malmö University.
At the Meadow: a Photo-documentary about Daily Life in Central Park.

Russotti, Patti. Associate Professor of Photography
College of Imaging Arts & Sciences, R.I.T.
A Contemplation of Flowers: Where Did Your Garden Grow?

Dr. Schmidt, Staffan. Universitetslektor of Design in theory and practice
School of Arts and Communication, Malmö University.
Sollicitus per Communi: On Becoming Common.

Dr. Thorson, Joshua. Assistant Professor of Photography
College of Imaging Arts & Sciences, R.I.T.
Exhibition, Seminar and vernissage at Rochester Design Center
Urban Explorations - Works&Words present ongoing research by eight scholars in architecture, art, design and photography. The projects presented share a common approach to explore the urban through both image and text. Urban Explorations - Works&Words was exhibited at the Rochester Community Design Centre (CDCR) in October 2016 and is followed by a Pop-Up at MEDEA, Malmö University.

WORKS&WORDS
Pop-Up Exhibition in Malmö

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Exhibition at MEDEA Malmö University