Megalopolis Local News

25th of June 2016
Immense rainfall. Flooding issues destroys large agricultural areas and seriously disrupts the functioning of the city

February 2017
Government's designation of part of the mining area as a landfill for hazardous waste disposal, causes massive reactions from local communities

March 2017
Discussions on privatization of the Public Power Corporation give space for private investments to enter the field

The workshop

Mining dominates till today the economy in Megalopolis basin. The ongoing lignite extraction goes hand in hand with radical landscape alterations, large scale expropriations, serious environmental pollution and a multitude of socio-economic issues. Simultaneously, mining closure in the coming decades is inevitable, as energy production based on non-renewable resources is fading out.
Mitigating environmental issues is a major challenge. The question is however if good use can also be made of the still ongoing exploitation to simultaneously prepare and lay the basis for the future of the basin in ecological as well as in economical terms. Mining is by definition a temporal land use. Why not think of it in terms of transitional land use? In future oriented scenarios, landscape urbanism as a transdisciplinary approach is setting the lines for strategic planning as well as concrete actions on the site today.

Tutors:
Bruno de Meulder (KUL), Kelly Shannon (USC), Racha Daher (KUL), Matteo Motti (PoliMi), Vassilis Ganiatsas (NTUA), Panita Karamanea (TUC) and lectures from experts on each topic

Participants: students, recent graduates and young professionals in the fields of Architecture, Urbanism, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Design and the like, with a strong interest on the topic, are invited to participate.

Participation fee: 50€
On-site accommodation and catering will be fully provided by the organization.

APPLY now!
Please send by Tuesday May 30th:
a short CV and max 5 A4 pages of your most representative work, along with a paragraph of 100 words explaining your interest on the workshop.

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