TRANS_THINKING THE CITY:
ARCHITECTURE IN MIND: from bio-politics to noo-politics
October 31 & November 1, 2008
Organized by: Warren Neidich & Deborah Hauptmann

WHEN
Two-day Colloquium: October 31 & November 1, 2008

WHERE
Delft School of Design (DSD)
Faculty of Architecture
Delft University of Technology
Julianastraat 132, Auditorium B

THEME
ARCHITECTURE IN MIND: from bio-politics to noo-politics. colloquium invites thinkers in the areas of political and aesthetic philosophy, neuromancies, socio-cultural theory and visual & spatial theorists and practitioners such as architects, urbanists and artists. Two general concepts will guide the discussion: First, plasticity, generally indicating the idea of mutability, transformation and the inherent potential for change whether productive or prohibitive, positive or negative. For some this can be understood as a theoretical notion; for others a property of brain; for others still a metaphorical or diagrammatic concept applied to the culture surrounding built environment, as well as spatial analysis and design. Second, no-power, understood generally as a power exerted over the life of the mind, including memory and attention which together form the ever evolving concept of the general intellect (nous). For some this will be directly related to current theoretical discussions on “noo-politics” and “economies of control”; for others the term will indicate the ways and means by which the neurobiological architecture may be reconfigured; for others this will be a new and yet undiscovered concept with respects to built environments and spatial analysis and design, and this is, precisely one of the principle aims of this colloquium – to bring an understanding of the importance of this issues to the fare with respects to thinking on the City.

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PROGRAM
Day 1 - Friday October 31
8:00 Coffee
9:10 Welcome: Aric Grafstadt
9:20 - 10:00 Deborah Hauptmann | Introduction: Trans Thinking
10:00 - 11:00 Yvon M. Goetghe | Motivations of Contemporary Urban Space and the Cognitive Turning Point of Capitalism
11:00 - 12:00 Charles Wolfe | The Social Mind
Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 John Pratt | Defense and the Brain Ontology and Neuropolitics
2:00 - 3:00 Keller Easterling | Extraterrestrial
3:00 - 4:00 Markus Mieseler | The Uninvited Outsider
Coffee
4:00 - 5:00 Panel Discussion
Moderated by Warren Neidich and Deborah Hauptmann

Day 2 - Saturday November 1
9:00 Coffee
10:00 - 11:30 Bruce Water | Brain and Culture: Slipping the environment that shape our brain
11:30 - 12:30 Scott Keating | Reticular Mind: The Supplementary Neuron of Coordinating Dynamic Systems
Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 Jordan Craul | Readiness Parental
3:00 - 4:30 AndreasAngelidakis | Can Architecture save you from Facebook fatigue?
3:00 - 4:00 Warren Neidich | Neuropolitics: Past-Phenomena and Persuasion
Coffee
4:00 - 5:00 Adbel-Marin Mustapha | Grozing Remarks
5:00 - 6:00 Panel Discussion
Moderated by Deborah Hauptmann and Charles Wolfe

DELFT SCHOOL OF DESIGN TRANS THINKING THE CITY SERIES
The aim of the Trans Thinking series is to bring together experts and scholars in both the sciences and the humanities to discuss issues of relevance to contemporary architecture and urban practices, issues affecting our cities, state, and environment. (Trans Thinking) is recommended to students a real taste of an interdisciplinary research culture of the modern. The series is sought to bear on emerging fields in such theoretical discourse and practice-based initiatives, while the annual meeting is always been referred to as Trans-disciplinary. An such, Trans Thinking attempts to break (first) the barriers between (social science) political science and philosophy - between the two calls epistemological and speculative.

This colloquium is open to the public, to register to attend please send an email to dsd-bk@tudelft.nl - please place in the subject line "Register: Trans Thinking: Architecture in Mind.

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