Remote Guide to Extractivism

3 – 15 July 2023
Athens and Melbourne

Extractivism describes an economy that has an enormous impact on environmental and social systems and rarely delivers the benefits it promises. This summer school will place students in two sites of extractivism, one in Greece and one in Australia, to investigate and map processes occurring simultaneously in the past, present, and future. These companion studios operating in Melbourne and Athens will investigate similar extractive sites in their local context. Students in Melbourne, Australia will travel to Yallourn, where the community is preparing to reinvent their town as the planned closure of a power plant draws nearer. Students joining the European studio will explore Elefsina, the site of the ancient Eleusinian Mysteries and now an industrial town north of Athens, Greece.

Participants will test various methods and develop tools for dealing with the complexity of what defines extractivism beyond its material effects. They will also register its invisible manifestations and broader ramifications on the land and the cultures it disrupts. Collaborative mapping of supply chains (local/national/planetary), geologies (temporality/deep time/entropy), futures (projection/speculations/prediction), and effects (cultural and ecological implications, scales) of extractive processes in each of these sites will be translated into artistic practice. The two-week intensive programme will conclude with a symposium and an online exhibition.

LEARNING OUTCOMES / COMPETENCES

- Reflect on ecological phenomena against the background of cultural traditions
- Understand a range of opportunities for discipline-specific practitioners in interdisciplinary and intercultural contexts
- Apply collaboration, representation and communication skills for interdisciplinary and intercultural engagement
- Conduct critical enquiry relevant to an identified issue (such as the notion of “extractivism”), as well as analyse and evaluate findings
- Conceptualise, develop and present creative proposals on how to envision different ways of acting and being in the world in the wake of today’s ecological crisis
- Critically consider own contributions to an interdisciplinary undertaking

FACULTY

In Melbourne (MONASH):
Eduardo KAIRUZ, Lecturer, Art Design & Architecture, Department of Architecture
Nicholas MANGAN, Senior Lecturer, Art Design & Architecture, Department of Fine Arts
— and guest speakers

In Athens (ZHdK):
Heather BARNETT, Pathway Leader, MA Art and Science (UAL)
Nura KRAMER, Programme Manager, Shared Campus | Deputy Head, Transcultural Collaboration
— and guest speakers

MODALITY

Hybrid: Students will be working locally at one of the two locations and will exchange online.

DATES
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PARTICIPANTS
This course offers places to 15 students in Melbourne and 20 students in Athens from all arts and design disciplines, including performing arts, film, music, fine arts, media arts, curating and art education.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS

- Proficient in English
- Level: BA, MA, MPhil, PhD
- All arts and design disciplines

APPLICATION

ARC students to place ballot 21 Feb as part of 51 offerings
Fine Arts + Design students to complete Expression of Interest (EOI)
EOI – deadline 1 May 2023

- Open to both Masters and Bachelors levels
- Limited places available
- Applications from Fine Arts, Architecture and Design welcome
- Students will be selected by the course leaders
- Confirmation of participation 15 May 2023
- Upon selection you will be manually enrolled by student services

Complete your expression of interest form here: https://forms.gle/7ps7vJ8sqNnzcasY8

COURSE LEADERS
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UNIT
6 credit point elective (or studies unit for ARC students)

TRAVEL
Students will travel to:
- AU programme will travel to Yallourn for approx. 4 days during the 2-week intensive
- EU programme will travel to Athens
- Transport and accommodation arrangements and all expenses to be covered by students

ORGANISING PARTNERS
Monash University (MONASH)
University of the Arts London (UAL)
Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK)

MORE INFORMATION
See the video teaser! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN5w7hUJIK0