

Elective project

Title: Landscape Architecture ON SITE: A Botanical Garden for the Anthropocene

Course code: AR0149

ECTS: 15

Offered in: Quarter 4

Project type: multidisciplinary

Approved Master 2 Architecture design project: yes

Project includes an educational trip / excursion: yes

Location of educational trip / excursion: 3 days Benelux

Costs of educational trip / excursion: ± 40 €

Project description*

Landscape Architecture ON Site explores how we can rethink and reshape human-nature relations in the Anthropocene, RIGHT HERE and RIGHT NOW.

Defined as the era in which mankind has become a primary geophysical global force, the Anthropocene especially evokes images of ecological catastrophe. But besides being a geological epoch, the Anthropocene is also the era of human awakening: as we become aware that the fate of humanity is strongly interlinked with the fate of other species and of our planet, traditional conceptions of landscapes, natures and gardens begin to fall short.

The design assignment for this course is the conceptualization and partial (temporary) realization of *A Botanical Garden for the Anthropocene* -on campus. This garden will be our site for research, our site for experimentation, our site for exposition and for constructive anarchy. Which kind of socio-ecological spatial project can we imagine that significantly shifts the relation of our own environment (the university) to the natures which it is actually part of? Extensive fieldwork, workshops and lectures by (urban) ecologists, landscape architects, a sociologist and philosopher will sharpen our thinking and feed our imagination.

Visual material



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Aeolis: Gap the Border (student work)