

LANDSCAPE AT ATTENTION

International interdisciplinary conference

Date: 19 October 2016

Venue: Faculty of Art and Design at Jan Evangelista Purkyne University in Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic

Faculty of Art and Design at JEPU in Ústí nad Labem is organizing an interdisciplinary conference named ***Landscape at Attention***, which is a part of the exhibition ***Epiphany – Frontiers of Solitude***, organized in the House of Arts in Ústí nad Labem.

Both the conference and the exhibition loosely follow the topics of the international project ***Frontiers of Solitude***, organized by Školská 28 Gallery in Prague, which artistically mapped the problems of interconnection of post-industrial societies and natural environment of Iceland, Norway, and the Czech Republic. The focal point of our conference is the region of North-West Bohemia with its specific latent problems of exploitation of its landscape and natural resources, which reflects not only in the state of the environment, but mainly in the community's socio-cultural development. The persistent after-effects of politically-economic preferences regarding the disposal of the landscape and cultural potential of the region, combined with the historical context of the loss of its original inhabitants, are still apparent in all spheres of today's social life.

The topics of the conference thus reflect the links between economical, biopolitical, cultural, and ethical problems and their influence on the tendencies of the region's development in an encounter with internationally experienced issues. We welcome entries from various scientific fields studying environmental topics, as well as entries of contemporary art, artistic reflection and curatorial approaches.

First block:

The Transformations of Landscape at the turn of the 21st century and their Impact on the Society

Attention to relations of landscape and society in natural and social sciences

Second block:

The Transformations in Art and Landscape in the Epoch of the Anthropocene

Reflections of the changes of present-day landscape in artistic works and exhibition-curating activities

Selected works will be used for an authorial monograph published by the Faculty of Art and Design at JEPU in Ústí nad Labem.

Submit your abstract at adela.machova@ujep.cz. The deadline for entries is 10 September 2016.

The time frame for each presentation is 25 minutes.

*The conference is a part of the accompanying programme of the exhibition ***Epiphany – Frontiers of Solitude***, which takes place 8 September – 21 October, 2016 at the House of Arts in Ústí nad Labem (www.duul.cz, www.fud.ujep.cz).*