

Press release

International interdisciplinary conference

The Landscape in Focus

Wednesday 19/10 2016

Venue:

Faculty of Art and Design at JEPU in Ústí nad Labem
Pasteurova 9, auditorium Nr. 537 (4th Floor)

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. We welcome entries from various scientific fields studying environmental topics (I. block), as well as entries of contemporary art, artistic reflection and curatorial approaches (II. block).

I. block / 9.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

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 science)

prof. Ing. Iva Ritschelová, CSc. – Reclamation = Art

Ing. Rut Bízková – New societal challenges as a consequence (or the cause of?) new technological possibilities

Ing. Vladimír Buřt – What does it feel like to live on the edge of a brown coal mine?

Mgr. Josef Márc – On the border (the options for education through cultural-historical heritage)

doc. PhDr. Tomáš Pavlíček, Ph.D. – The transformations of landscape, urbanity and architecture of North Bohemian cities since the half of the 19th century

II. block / 2.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

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

Miloš Vojtěchovský – Sacred, Mutilated and Redeemed

Layla Curtis – The Antipodes Project

Jiří Zemánek – From The Anthropocene toward the Ecozoic Era

Paul Chaney – Fieldclub a Lizard Exit Plan

Peter Cusack – Listening to the Sounds of Places in Transformation

The programme of conference with all annotations of contributions is on the leaflet of conference and also on websites.