

Conference

Planetary Design Reclaiming Futures

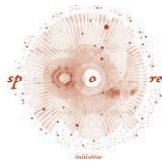
The gathering Planetary Design - Reclaiming Futures brings together critical thinking and doing around the role of design in making, unmaking and remaking worlds. It thus takes seriously the dual nature of design: both constructive and destructive. Starting from the intersection of design, infrastructure, and the planetary environment, it offers a generative platform for diagnosing design's role in producing our present and the potential for differently designed futures. The program approaches design not only as an object of empirical study but also as a conceptual lens that opens new ways of articulating transdisciplinary critique.

Studying how design makes worlds in the 21st century requires an interdisciplinary effort that addresses design as an intersectional, multi-faceted phenomenon. A central goal of this gathering is thus to open a novel field: the planetary study of design. This means studying design as an expansive field of socio-material processes and place-based practices with planetary implications. Supporting historically, conceptually, and ethnographically rich inquiries, the gathering aims to develop a new conversation about design that spans diverse disciplines, geographies, and methodological orientations.

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WEDNESDAY
23 OCTOBER 2024

- 17:30 Welcome Address by the Organizing Committee
- 18:30 Keynote Lecture
Andrea Ballesterio [University of Southern California]
Casual Planetarities: Force-Fields and Movement
as Terms of Engagement
- THURSDAY
24 OCTOBER 2024
- 9:30 Morning Coffee
- 10:00 – 11:00 Panel I
Framing Planetary Design
with Claudia Mareis, Orit Halpern, and Kenny Cupers
- 11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 – 13:00 Panel II
Design and Democracy? Political Collectivities and Participation
with Connor Smith, Anke Gründel, and Julio Paulos
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
- 14:30 – 16:00 Panel III
Ecosocialist Planning: Between Utopia and Realism
with Troy Vettese, Drew Pendergrass, and David Frank
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 18:00 Panel IV
Designing Borderlands and Reimagining the In-Between
with Mahmoud Keshavarz, Yemoh Odoi, and Michelle Pfeifer
- 18:15 – 19:30 Audiovisual Performances
by Solveig Suess and Antonia Hernandez,
followed by a conversation with the Against Catastrophe Team

FRIDAY
25 OCTOBER 2024

- 9:30 Morning Coffee
- 10:00 – 11:30 Roundtable I
Indigenous Infrastructures of Worldmaking
with Rafico Ruiz, Geronimo Inutiq, Pujita Guha,
Lesego Bantsheng, and Awande Buthelezi
- 11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break
- 12:00 – 13:30 Roundtable II
Designed Dispossession and Reclaiming the Commons
with Jinty Jackson, Zacharia Mashele, Michaela Büsse,
Jamie Scott-Baxter, and Laura Kemmer
- 13:30 – 14:30 Lunch
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 14:30 – 16:00 Roundtable III
Reparative Design – Inherited Pasts, Restituted Futures
with Felipe Guerra Arjona, Camila Leal Acevedo, Laura Pappalardo,
Paula Marujo, and Dele Adeyemo
- 16:30 – 18:00 Roundtable IV
Reclaiming Planetary Futures – Concluding Thoughts
with the Governing Through Design Team
- 18:30 – 20:00 Keynote Lecture
Noortje Marres [University of Warwick]
The Non-Human Standpoint: Living Environments after AI

Please join us on Saturday, 26 October 2024
for our Public Program at Spore Initiative
[Hermannstraße 86, Berlin-Neukölln] from noon onwards.