

BY DESIGN OR BY DISASTER 2016

Conference on Design and Communication for Eco-Social Transitions

2 - 7 May 2016

Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italia

2 - 6 May, Monday - Friday: **Workshop**

6 - 7 May, Friday - Saturday: **Talks & Talking**

This year the conference goes along with the sustainability festival organized by students of the university, 5 – 7 May. While the festival tackles all kind of sustainability-related issues, the By Design or by Disaster (DoD16) focusses on design and communication for sustainable developments, as already on the conferences By Design or by Disaster 2013 and Glocal Design Spring 2015. DoD16 and the sustainability festival join forces for the hands-on workshop, where the community garden of unibz will be created. Friday afternoon and Saturday will be dedicated to Talks & Talking, with our guests from Art, Design, Activism and Social Sciences.

By Design or by Disaster 2016 focuses on effective practices and projects for eco-social transitions towards desirable and viable futures. We can we look back on decades of discourse on sustainability and eco-social change. We can build up on the experiences of manifold sustainable practices – from myriads of niche cultures to mainstream culture. These practices use diverse strategies and go along with alternative lifestyles – from radical reduction to green consumption, from political action to prototyping tools, from DIY to community to commons, ...

But what are the effects of exemplary practices and projects? What are strengths and weaknesses of specific types of practices or projects? What are their potentials, limitations and risks? How do we get an idea of the effects? How can we measure or evaluate them?

In a nutshell: this year's topic can be coined as an imperative and a question: "Into the doing! And, what is the doing doing?"

For further info and for registration check the website:

<http://designdisaster2016.unibz.it>

3 major parts of the DoD16:

PERMAGARDEN UNIBZ – A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

2 - 6 May, Monday - Friday

In the workshop students of all faculties and other participants co-create the university community garden. It will lead by Open State / POC21, with all their experience in guiding heterogeneous groups in creative processes. Further contributions will come from a permaculture practitioner, by teachers/researchers of unibz, in particular the teachers of the MA Eco-Social Design (Andrea De Chirico, Amin Al Hazwani, Kris Krois, Matteo Moretti, Kuno Prey). The practical work will be accompanied by discussions of social and political aspects, with Christa Müller and Dagmar Diesner (Food Sovereignty Europe, Montagna viva).

The workshop is a joined initiative of the Sustainability Festival and of By Design or by Disaster.

TALKS & TALKING

6 - 7 May, Friday afternoon - Saturday

with ...

... lectures and presentations by
Dagmar Diesner & Massimo De Angelis
Alastair Fuad-Luke
Marguerite Kahrl
Ezio Manzini
Christa Müller
Open State / POC21

... a roundtable moderated by Alastair Fuad-Luke

... and World Cafe moderated by Blufink (with the Sustainability Festival)

EXHIBITION

Students of the Master in Eco-Social Design exhibit their works, which are developed within the annual topic of the first year:

ESSEN /ALIMENTARE/FOOD – from agriculture to table culture.

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