

Constructing Invisibility: Infrastructure, Militarization, and the Extreme Environment

In an age of rapid technological progress, expressions of control over territories, people, and economies have been constructed both within and beyond the boundaries of vision and site. Constructing Invisibility brings together scholars from across diverse disciplines in architecture, landscape architecture, urbanism, science and technology, military history, and political geography to discuss the fabrication of control in a global context.

Topics Include:

Critical Histories of Infrastructural Urbanization • Planetary Urbanism Military-industrial Complex • Cold War • Geographies • Nuclear Landscapes Technical Lands • Extreme Environments

Organizing Committee:

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Participants:

Alexander Arroyo, Program on Global Environment, University of Chicago
Sanjoy Chakravorty, Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University
Lindsey A. Freeman, Sociology & Anthropology, Simon Fraser University
Philip Glahn, Painting and Art History, Tyler School of Art and Architecture, Temple University
Petra Goedde, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University
Matthew Haynes, Office of the Secretary of Defense, United States Department of Defense
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Natalie Koch, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University
Cesar Lopez, School of Architecture + Planning, University of New Mexico
Robert Gerard Pietrusko, Weitzman School of Design, University of Pennsylvania
Nicole Starosielski, Department of Media, Culture, and Communication, New York University
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Thursday,
October 26
Arch 104

Welcome Remarks

18:00

Dinner

18:30

Friday,
October 27
Charles
Library
Event Space

Coffee

9:30 – 9:45

Introductions

9:45 – 10:00

Session 1

10:00 – 11:30

Natalie Koch, Alexander Arroyo, Lindsey Freeman
Respondent: Sanjoy Chakravorty

Lunch

11:30 – 13:00

Session 2

13:00 – 14:30

Charles Waldheim, Matthew Haynes, Gretchen Heefner
Respondent: Petra Goedde

Session 3

14:45 – 16:15

Robert Gerard Pietrusko, Nicole Starosielski, Cesar Lopez
Respondent: Philip Glahn

Closing Remarks

16:15 – 16:30