

Symposium Frontiers of Solitude

anthropocene - landscape - civilization

February 05 → 06, 2016

French Institute in Prague

The theme of the exhibition will be further elaborated by the interdisciplinary Frontiers of Solitude symposium, co-organised and hosted by the French Institute in Prague. It will offer a comparison of opinions, experiences, and points of view of artists, curators, and other invited guests on the themes of the Anthropocene, landscape and art. It will search for relationships between the cultural, political, and economic aspects of our understanding, and present denotations of words such as Earth, countryside, landscape, and land, including the topography of transitional zones, with an eye on both establishing and crossing over boundaries and limitations. The participating artists, art critics, architects, environmentalists, sociologists, philosophers and scientists have different cultural and professional backgrounds, but they all share a sincere, long-term interest in the impact of human activity on the landscape and Earth's ecosystems.

Friday, February 05 - Frontiers of Solitude

10:00 registration

10:30 Miloš Vojtěchovský and Dagmar Šubrtová (CZ) - Welcome and introduction

Reports Beyond the Frontiers

10:45 Alena Kotzmannová (CZ) - North

11:00 Ivar Smedstad (NO) - Norway/Finnmark

11:30 Julia Martin (IS/DE) - The Iceland expedition: Tracing hyperextended objects and their ecological agency

12:00 Pavel Mrkus (CZ) - About "The Fall"

12:15 Peter Cusack (UK) - Sonic Journalism and Places in Transition

12:45 Discussion

Landscapes, Gardens, Mines, Dwellings, Voids

14:00 Stanislav Komárek (CZ) - Having a Land, Having a Garden

14:30 Martin Říha (CZ) - The Limits of Adaptation-The Men and The Ore Mountains Landscape

15:00 Ivo Přikryl (CZ) - Hydrological System of Landscape after Mining - Ideal and Reality

15:30 Matěj Spurný (CZ) - "We didn't have the Numbers" The Dawn of Criticism of Socialist Productivism in North Bohemia in the 1960s as a Case Study

16:00 Petr Gibas (CZ) - Voids: The Landscape between presence and absence

16:30 Discussion

19:00 Introduction to the film (Julia Martin)

19:30 Screening of **Dreamland** (Andri Snær Magnason)

Saturday, February 06 - Anthro-Scenes?

11:00 Martin Škabraha (CZ) - Reclaiming the Landscape

11:30 Dustin Breitling (CZ/USA) - Cognitive Mapping

12:00 Tereza Stöckelová (CZ) - Ontological Uncertainty in the Planetary Lab

12:30 Vít Bohal (CZ) - The Anthropocene: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

14:30 Guy van Belle (B/CZ) - An Ecological Awareness, Crossing Borders between the Real and Imagined?

15:00 András Heszky (HU) (Translocal institute, Budapest) - The River School and the Ecology of Danube

15:30 Isabelle Frémeaux & John Jordan (FR/UK) (The Laboratory of Insurrectionary Imagination) - Climate Games?

16:00 Discussion

19:00 Screening of **The Forgotten Space** (Allan Sekula and Noel Burch)

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