

# INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

## Berlin Workshop

March 5 to March 8, 2010

## „Mass – Public Space – Response“

*„We would like to explore with the students the relationship of the movement, feeling and behavior of crowds with the structures and shapes of public spaces in Berlin.“*

Mixed-media artist Catherine Ludwig\* will lead the workshop, and be joined by her partner, Wolf Leeb.\* Wolf is an architectural photographer, and will assist students in sharpening the mechanical aspects of their photos and looking at the framework that creates public space. The workshop is being organized by Margarita McGrath,\* an American architect and Associate Professor at Virginia Tech. **Interflugs** is hosting the workshop, and will provide work space and digital & video equipment. We are also inviting local and international architects, landscape architects, urban planners and other participants engaged in creatively shaping the public realm to contribute through mini-lectures and informal critiques.

Participants will include twenty US architecture & design students, and we are inviting local students of any discipline engaged creatively in the public realm (landscape, graphic communication, industrial design, etc.) who would like to take part in the workshop to join us. Students will work in teams of about 4 to 6, and produce a presentation at the last day and, in the future, a small publication.

### Content:

- *Studying the relationship of (public) space and population -> „re-see“ public space*
- *Developing an unique understanding of Berlin (with the special condition of the „splitting“ city)*
- *Improving the technical skills of photography*
- *Lingering at a public place longer than usual in order to observe the movement of the crowd -->engage a diverse set of views*

### Schedule:

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*Beginning* 9am –noon, Friday March 5 Introduction Margarita and Catherine/Session with Wolf  
*During* „Field research“ in the city and working / meeting in the late afternoon/evening  
*Conclusion* 18:00 Monday, March 8 Public presentation followed by a group dinner

### Location:

The workshop will take place (start) in the UdK main building, Hardenbergstrasse 33, near the Zoo station.

### Contact:

**Naomi Hennig** (kontakt@interflugs-academy.net ) or **Catherine Ludwig** (catherine.ludwig@gmx.de) **for questions or to apply.**

*\*Catherine Ludwig born in Bavaria, studied communication design (FH) in Germany and transmedial art at the University of Applied Arts in Vienna (Diploma – chair Prof. Kowanz). She received prizes and participated in several exhibitions in Europe and Asia. Her interests are mainly exploring and „do-commenting“ mass leisure-facilities and the dependance on the spatial structures, control mechanisms and that impact leisure in public. Brief statement: „I am „do-commenting“. I am not restricted to only one medium to express my „do-commentaries“. Moreover, I am working intermedially – using the means of photography, conceptual painting, space-, sound-, video- and slide installation.“*

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*\*Margarita McGrath has worked as an architect while living in Europe and Asia. For the last decade she has been practicing architecture in New York and teaching architecture in Blacksburg, VA. For her the work of her award-winning firm, noroof architects, is an opportunity to realize an old school notion that teaching and making architecture go hand and hand. Recent work with students has been looking at opportunities for architecture to make broader public contributions, specifically by fostering terrains for learning. Margarita is currently an Associate Professor at the School of Architecture + Design at Virginia Tech. Her partner in noroof architects, **Scott Oliver**, will be participating in the workshop as a critic.*

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*\*Wolf Leeb born in Austria, studied architecture at TU Vienna (Diploma - chair Prof. Richter). He worked at several architecture offices and participated at the School for artistic photography - Friedl Kubelka. Since 2004 he has been working as an architectural photographer.*

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