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EMERGING IDENTITIES – EAST!

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Young Architects from the new member EU-member states at the German Center for Architecture

Opening: November 24, 2005, 7 pm (Press Preview: 6 pm) //
Symposium: November 25 and 26, 2005, starting at 9.30 am

Berlin. More than 70 young architects and their offices will be introduced at the exhibition „Emerging Identities – EAST!“ at the German Center for architecture DAZ. Starting in Berlin, the exhibition presents an architectural journey through contemporary built culture of the Central and Eastern European cities of the European Union. The focus of this journey, which is documented in the exhibition and catalogue, is the young generation of architects and their built projects. These themes will be explored in depth at the opening symposium “Posititions” as well as in country specific accompanying program.

Exhibition from 24 November 2005 – 20 February 2006 /

at the German Center for Architecture **DAZ**, Köpenicker Str. 48/49 in 10179 Berlin.
www.daz.de Opening Hours: Tues– Fr. 10 am – 6 pm. and Sat/Sun 2 – 6 pm.

Emerging Identities – EAST!

focuses the still undiscovered, vibrant, young architectural scene of Germany’s Eastern EU neighbours.

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Introduces this new generation and fosters international dialogue.

Emerging Identities: through the common language of built space trends, positions, planning goals and cultural developments of a country become readable. Emerging Identities – EAST! focusses on the driving forces and protagonists of new architecture in Europe’s East from Berlin to Tallinn and Ljubljana. It is, for instance, not only the new public buildings, but far more the many small built interventions that represent current cultural tendencies in those cities. It is the young, not yet internationally published architects that develop projects out of their own initiative and idealism that define the emerging architectural scene.

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30 of these built projects will be presented and explored in detail in the exhibition curated by Kristien Ring. The buildings embody, independently from their country of origin, strong conceptual thinking and consequent implementation of the concept. Additionally, 'country islands' with country specific projects will illustrate: what and how much is built in the single states, and in which urban environment. Finally, every participating architect selects a building of relevance from his/her country for the 'country islands'. Emerging Identities – EAST!, in this way, also represents a personal perspective on the built culture of Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, and the Baltic States.

A catalogue will be published at publishing house Jovis to document the exhibition.

Participating Offices (Selection):

Czech Republic: 4A, A69, Goa Architects, Ivan Kroupa, LENNOX architekti, C+HO_aR + Tomáš Pejpek architectural office, u/s/a, VYSEHRAD Atelier

Estonia: 3+1 architects, Alver Trummal Architects, Architect Martin Aunin, Architects Muru & Pere, Architectural bureau Plus, ArhitektuuriAgentuur, Head Arhitekti, JVR Architects Ltd, Eek & Mutso AB, HG Architecture Office, Kavakava, KOKO, KOSMOS, Urban Mark Architecture.

Germany: abcarius+burns architecture design, AS-IF Architekten, Bernd Bess Architekten BDA, Deadline, Graft Gesellschaft von Architekten mbH, Haberland Architekten BDA, Hoyer Schindele Hirschmüller + Partner Architektur, Kersten + Kopp Freie Architekten, Knebel & von Wedemeyer Architekten BDA, Pysall.Ruge, raumlabor_berlin, Realities United, RS_ARCHITEKTEN with Studio Architekten, Robertneun Architekten, Zoomarchitekten.

Hungary: 3h office for architecture, aether architecture, Bánáti + Hartvig Építész Iroda Kft., CZITA Architects Ltd., DÓM Építésműterem Kft, Földes és Társai Építésziroda Kft., GEON Architects, LiTraCon Bt., minusplus_architects, Peter Kis Architects, sporaarchitects, Zsuffa és Kalmár Építész Műterem Kft.

Latvia: 8am, Arhitektu Birojs Silis, Zabers + Klava, Design group ARHITEKTONIKA LTD., DEPO Projekts, f.l.tadao & lukshevics, Arhitekti Juris POGA, Sintija Vaivade Arhitekta, STANDARDSITUATION, Vizuālās Modelēšanas Studija

Lithuania: 4+ Architects, Audrius Ambrasas Architects, ARCHIPOLIS, R.Paleko ARCH studija, Vilius ir partneriai

Poland: Bulanda i Mucha Architects, Centrala, HS99 Herman i Smierzewski, Ingarden & Ewy Architects, JEMS Architects, KWK Promes Architects, Biuro Projektow Lewicki Latak, medusa group, nsMoonStudio, Kuba Wozniczka

Slovakia: cakov-makara, Halada, Jurani&Toma, ZeroZero, Lúbomir Závodný, Studio For/ Martin Kvasnica

Slovenia: Dekleva Gregoric Arhitekti, Elastik, Maechtig Vrhunc Arhitekti, OFIS Arhitekti, Sadar Vuga Arhitekti, Scapelab

Symposium: The exhibition opens with the two-day long symposium „Positions“. Architects and architectural experts will introduce current trends and debates in the Eastern EU-countries. Very different positions will be discussed and allow comparison on both a regional and international level. The main goal of the conference is to develop and present new perspectives and conclusions to the international media. The symposium provides a platform for deepening contacts and dialogue to continue communication and cooperation on a long-term basis. The number of participants is limited. Registration and further information at mail@daz.de or +49 30 27 87 99 28.

Participation is free for journalists. Please use the attached registration form.

Speakers (selection):

Bernd Bess/ Berlin, Centrala / Warsaw , Mika Cimolini & Igor Kebel (Elastik) / Ljubljana, Matthew Griffin / Berlin, Zsolt Gunther / Budapest, HS99 Herman i Smierzewski / Warsaw, Krzysztof Ingarden / Krakow, Peter Kis / Budapest; Andrus Köresaar / Tallinn, Nicolaus Knebel / Berlin, Marco Studen (Scapelab) / Ljubljana, Indrek Peil (Head Architects) / Tallinn, Siiri Vallner (Kavakava) / Tallinn, Spela Videcnik (OFIS) / Ljubljana; Andor Wesselényi-Garay / Budapest, Igor Kovacevic (Centre for Central European Architecture) / Prague
(Preliminary Symposium schedule: see attachment)

Accompanying Program: The evening events in January and February 2006 will focus on the architectural and cultural scene of the single countries. The exhibition becomes a vibrant forum for cultural exchange that not only focuses on the architecture of „Emerging Identities“ but also on the environment from which it is evolving. The following themes are planned:

25.01.2006, 7 pm

Express Yourself – A panel with Slovenian and Slovakian architects, discussing personal and external perspectives on national identity

1.02.2006, 7 pm

Crossing the border – German-Polish collaborations in architecture and urban development

8.02. 2006, 7 pm

Architecture as Ambassador – On the role of architecture for international cultural activities of the Czech Republic and Hungary

15.02.2006, 19 Uhr

Construction Boom – Curse or Blessing? A discussion with architectural experts from Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia

A cultural contribution, e.g. movies, performances, music will accompany the evening. Please visit www.daz.de for frequently updated program information.

Host: Kristien Ring from suitcasearchitecture, together with the Deutsches Architektur Zentrum DAZ and Bund Deutscher Architekten BDA.

In cooperation with the Embassies, Cultural Institutions, Planning Departments and Architects of the individual countries.

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