

Seminar "Cultural dynamics of former mining regions: perspectives for the 2020s"

Date: Sunday 11 October 2015, 13:30-16:00 hrs.

Location: Jan van Eyck Academy, Academieplein 1, Maastricht

Admission: Free (but see below)



Since the 1960s, Europe is shifting from the use of coal as a main energy source to that of gas and oil. Consequently, a successive closure of mines is taking place in Europe. The moments of closure vary per country. The dismantling of the mining industry initiated a process of socio-economic and cultural decline.

During the 1970s-2000s, national governments undertook multiple revitalization campaigns to reverse this path of decline. However, these attempts did not always result in the anticipated success. Both in a national and European context, the historical trajectories of these former mining regions often continue to negatively affect the cultural and socio-economic circumstances in these areas.

At present, the socio-economic development of these former mining regions enters a new and critical phase. Once again, governments are challenged to revitalize these regions. Current approaches show a trend where tangible and intangible cultural heritage is seen as a driver for cultural and socio-economic revitalization.

1. What can we learn from the historical trajectories of different former mining regions and from earlier endeavours to revitalize them?
2. What are current challenges and obstacles when using tangible and intangible cultural heritage as a driver for cultural and socio-economic revitalization?
3. Which approaches, strategies and lines of policy are innovative and effective, and show promise for revitalizing former mining regions in the near future?

To address these questions, the Maastricht Centre for Arts and Culture, Conservation and Heritage (MACCH) is organizing an interdisciplinary seminar where speakers from the Netherlands, Belgium and France will present their ideas and share their knowledge and expertise on industrial mining history, re-use of built mining structures and intangible heritage of the mining world.

Programme

13:30-14:00 H Registration with coffee and tea

14:00-15:45 H Welcome by Prof.dr. Ernst Homburg, Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Prof.dr. Ad Knotter, Maastricht University, Sociaal Historisch Centrum voor Limburg

The four coal mining districts in the Meuse-Rhine borderlands: so close to each other, yet so different

Dr. Marijn van de Weijer, Hasselt University, Faculty of Architecture & Art, Belgium

Re-using built structures: confrontations between the fields of conservation, (regional) planning and design

Prof.ir. Jo Coenen, IBA Parkstad (to be confirmed)

IBA Parkstad – Challenges and projects for Euregio

Dr. Marion Fontaine, Université d'Avignon, Centre Norbert Elias, France
From the industrial artefacts to the values? The intangible heritage in the case of the mining world

15:45-16:00 H Closing discussion

Attending the seminar is free, but the number of places is limited. To reserve your place, please contact Charlotte van Emstede, c.vanemstede@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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