International workshop on arrival infrastructures
Brussels, 10 & 11th of December 2015
Program

**Thursday 10 December**

9:00 – 9:30: Registration and coffee

9:30 – 10:00: Introduction to the workshop and the theme of arrival infrastructure (Bruno Meeus – KU Leuven/VUB)

10:00 – 10:45: Keynote: The infrastructural turn in urban studies (Colin McFarlane – Durham University)

10:45-11:00: coffee break

11:00-12.45: Session 1: Spectacle and the lived experience of the arrival infrastructure (Chair: Patrick Deboosere – VUB)

*This session explores the role of architecture in the politics of welcoming newcomers in the city. It emphasizes the lived experience of arriving in particular (un)spectacular or (un)comfortable places, buildings, cities and regions.*

Ipek Sen & Eda Beyazit: Rites of passage: Architectural ceremonies of migration

Charlotte Räuchle: Welcome to the city? Hamburg’s political reaction to newcomers in historical comparison (around 1900 and 2000)

Ragne Øwre Thorshaug and Eli Støa: Barriers of recognition – aspects of architecture and localisation of reception centres for asylum seekers in Norway
Anna Steigemann: First arrival in shrinkage. The physical, communication and social development of arrival infrastructures in Thuringia, East Germany

12:45 – 13:45: lunch

13:45 – 14:45: The arrival infrastructure avant garde: student poster session introduced by Karel Arnaut (KU Leuven)

14:45 – 15:00: coffee break

15:00 – 16:45: Session 2: The heterogeneity of the arrival infrastructure (Chair: Anne Winter – VUB)

This session takes the heterogeneity of infrastructures as a starting point. It investigates how arrival infrastructures emerge through human labour, through online and offline activities, through interactions between the human and the non-human and extend across the borders of states.

Mieke Schrooten, Erik Claes & Nele Gulinck: Invisible welfare: an exploration of hidden arrival infrastructures in Brussels

Didier Boost & Stijn Oosterlynck: The ‘soft’ urban arrival infrastructure in a medium-sized Belgian city: the role of social networks in providing social support to sub-Saharan newcomers in Aalst

Kellynn Wee & Brenda Yeoh: File in, filed away: placement agencies and the mediation of migrant domestic labour in Singapore

Kokalanova, Anna: Arrival of Bulgarian Roma in Flughafenkiez, Berlin Neukölln

16:45 – 17:00: Closing remarks first day
Friday 11 December

9:00 – 9:15: Registration and coffee

9:15 – 9:30: Bruno Meeus: Opening reflections on Thursday and outlook on Friday

9:30 – 10:15: Keynote: Arrival/Assemblage/Security (Marc Schuilenburg – VU University Amsterdam)

10:15 – 10:30: coffee break

10:30 – 12:30: Session 3: Transforming the arrival infrastructure: conflicts and incremental change (Chair: Bas Van Heur – VUB)

This session focuses on the transformation of the arrival infrastructure through time as a result of changing migration realities. It focuses on who is allowed to arrive and through what governmental infrastructures the process of arrival is shaped. It explores conflicts between old governmental programmes and new needs and looks at the discretionary space of street-level bureaucrats, the role of civil society and the private sector in this process of transformation.

Mara Sidney: Diversity, identities, and local immigrant integration in the US and Canada: the role of NGOs and public policies in arrival infrastructures

Pascal Debruyne: The architects of the superdiverse city. The building blocks of arrival infrastructure in a Brussels popular neighbourhood

Eva Swyngedouw: Intersecting citizenship regimes: the production of new citizens in Brussels

Jonathan Darling: The changing contours of urban asylum: accommodation, support services and the privatisation of refuge in British cities

Anna Nikolaeva: “European dream” and its gatekeepers: an ethnography of a day centre for homeless EU citizens in Amsterdam
12:30 – 13:30: lunch

13:30 – 15:15: Theme 4: Concentrated arrival: neighbourhoods, camps, centres (Chair: Els Enhus – VUB)

This session takes the spatial concentration of arrival as a starting point and analyses concentration on different scales and temporal horizons. Through the comparison of these scales and temporalities, the session critically engages with notions of exceptionality, surveillance and social mobility.

Lucas Oesch: The ‘dispositif’ of urban planning in refugee camps in the Middle East

Giovanni Picker: Roma camps as urban arrival infrastructures: a genealogy

Rene Kreichauf: The Securitised European City and its New Borders – The Asylum Centre as a Space of Exclusion, Control and Disfranchisement

Elise Schillebeeckx, Stijn Oosterlynck & Pascal De Decker: Making the city resilient for migration: the urban zone of transition. A case study of Antwerp North

15:15 – 15:30: coffee break

15:30 – 16:30: closing remarks and outlook