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archXchange –Berlin and Moscow

Cultural Identity through Architecture

**Exhibition Opening on March 10, 2006 at 7 pm (Press Preview at 6pm)
Symposium on March 11 and March 12, 2006 (at 2pm)**

Exhibition from March 11 until April 21, 2006

at the German Center for Architecture **DAZ**, Köpenicker Str. 48/49 in 10179 Berlin – Mitte.
Opening hours of the exhibition: Tues– Fr. 10 am – 6 pm. and Sat/Sun 2 – 6 pm.

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Berlin. The project archXchange, initiated by team 05 (architects Lara Eichwede, Bernd Ax, Martin Tamke, Sonja Zormebik) explores the meaning of architecture for cultural identity in Russia and Germany, focusing on Moscow and Berlin.

Moscow and Berlin can still be regarded as Europe's most exemplary mega construction sites. An ongoing urban transformation process is shaping both capitals. From the German perspective, the development of the Russian architectural scene progresses with enormous, almost explosive speed. Buildings are planned and built in incredibly short periods of times. The methods, styles and concepts implemented are diverse and a cityscape emerges shaped by the dynamic of the moment. There are parallels as well as differences in Berlin and Moscow that need to be exchanged. The Russian scene is opening up, interested in communication and German architects look at the new dynamics at the East with increasing attention – architectural export is a current hot topic. The interaction between the East and the West is the generator of this project. Do similar questions lead to different answers? What role do identity and experience play in the architectural process?

The exhibition at the German Center for Architecture DAZ will present the results of the archXchange workshop, which took place in Moscow in August 2005. In collaboration with the Center for Contemporary Architecture Moscow, team05 organized a meeting of six young German and Russian architectural teams: Ania Easty, blauraum, magma architecture, team05, Team Russia and trans-struktura-express. The workshop was moderated by James McAdam (London/Moscow) and Jan Strömer (Hamburg) and resulted into design proposals for transforming the Danilovskaya factory area in Moscow into an interdisciplinary cultural center. The concepts also reflect on Moscow's urban context, on personal perceptions of the city and the current architectural debate.

Urban planners, artists, architects, and architectural experts from both countries will present their perspectives on the subject at the symposium on March 11 and 12, 2006. Various tendencies of current urban development in Berlin and Moscow will be introduced and discussed in three panels.

A documentation of the archXchange project has been published by publishing house jovis Verlag Berlin (German/English, 128 pages, ISBN 3-936314-67-5).

archXchange is an initiative by team05, a Berlin based group of architects. The project concept was implemented in collaboration with several partners, e.g. the German Center for Architecture DAZ and the Center for Contemporary Architecture CSA Moscow.

Further information and registration for the symposium at www.archxchange.net.

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Symposium „archXchange“: March 11 – 12, 2006

DAZ, Tautsaal, Köpenicker Str. 48/49, 10179 Berlin

Admission free. Lectures mainly in German (some in English).

Saturday, March 11**2 pm**

Greeting and introduction

(Kristien Ring, Director of the DAZ / team05)

2.30 – 4.30 pm**Current situation and strategies of urban planning and architecture in Moscow and Berlin**

Which changes have taken place in the design and building process within the last 15 years?

Which influence have had international competitions and exchange programmes?

Lectures by Sergei Tchoban (architect, Berlin), Jan Störmer (architect, Hamburg), Bart Goldhoorn (architectural journalist, Amsterdam / Moscow)

5 – 7 pm**Cultural identity through architecture**

Architecture sets signs within the urban space - how is the architectural heritage treated in Moscow and Berlin? Which presence does architecture have in the media? Which role does architecture play to gain national and international reputation?

Lectures by Eugene Asse (architect and architectural critic, Moscow), James McAdam (architect, London /Moscow), Vladislav and Liudmila Kirpichev (architects, Moscow)

Sunday, March 12**2 - 4.30 pm****Presence of architecture in the public space**

Architecture is influenced by social changes - does architecture influence society? How does this interplay change when political, social and economic transformations happen? How is the public space affected?

Lectures by Ivan Czezot (art historian, St. Petersburg), Boris Levyant (architect, Moscow), Lisa Schmitz (artist, Berlin), Werner Sewing (architectural sociologist, Berlin)

The conference is moderated by Werner Sewing and team05.

Admission is free. Please register in order to keep track of the number of participants and to get additional information on the archXchange project. Please use the online registration form.

<http://www.archxchange.net/registration.php>

Further Partners : Architekturbüro Deutschland, Center for Contemporary Architecture Moscow (CSA) KdAI (Club of German Architects and Engineers in Moscow), Research Center Eastern Europe at Bremen University, NAX (Netzwerk Architekturexport), Bundesarchitektenkammer, (Federal Chamber of Architects Germany), German-Russian Forum

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[Official Opening: 7 pm]
- _____ Symposium archXchange day 1
- _____ Symposium archXchange day 2
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