

OPEN SPACE 01: 'What is design today?'

4.00–7.00 p.m., Sunday, 5 August 2007
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Our life-worldly contexts are undergoing profound changes. In this changed context, design touches the economic, environmental, technical, political, social, and cultural fields within a complex system of interaction to an equal degree. What is design in the context of the dramatic changes in our environment? And what is designable?

These questions will be the main focus of the new Master's degree programme, SPACE, at the Zollverein School in Essen and will be the theme of a panel discussion at documenta 12 in Kassel on Sunday, 5 August 2007. In three separate discussions, the initiators of SPACE and those lecturing on the programme (Bernd Knies, Ulrich Königs, Andrej Kupetz, and Ilka & Andreas Ruby) will discuss various aspects of these two key questions with guests from the worlds of architecture, art, and politics.

Talk 1 school + architecture 4.00 p.m.

What kind of teachings allow for the definition and development of a changing area in which architects and urban planners are active?

Ulrich Königs SPACE degree programme, Zollverein School, Essen
Johan Bettum StädelschuleArchitectureClass, Frankfurt
Wilfried Hackenbroich Bauhaus Kolleg, Dessau

Talk 2 politics + architecture 4.45 p.m.

What opportunities and mechanisms are there for feedback and interaction between the fields of politics, society, and architecture?

Bernd Knies SPACE degree programme, Zollverein School, Essen
Christopher Dell ifit, Berlin
Robert Kaltenbrunner Federal Office for Building and Regional Planning, Bonn

