

Hybrid Heritage

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Heritage Hybridisations: Concepts, Scales and Spaces
Introduction: PhD Candidate Verena Kittel

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How to re-signify heritage and monuments with the help of creative visions and hybrid (combined physical and digital) tools?

Engaging with this challenge, the lecture presents projects by Hybrid Space Lab that research and design the further development of heritage from a multicultural perspective. By integrating digital technology and networks in the re-development of heritage, the projects address cultural hybridity in today's globalized world. Based on artistic research and with a thoroughly transdisciplinary approach, the Hybrid Heritage project cluster aims at proposing future possible affective landscapes for re-signifying heritage, crafting an agile, transferable, and context-sensitive approach.

The lecture also addresses the multifaceted notion of hybridity. With the contemporary cultural shift and paradigm change with the focus readjusting away from divisions and boundaries to interconnections and networks, we are experiencing today a proliferation of hybridizations in all dimensions of contemporary life and expression.

Prof. Elizabeth Sikiaridi and **Prof. Frans Vogelaar** are co-founders of **Hybrid Space Lab**, a Think Tank and Design Lab for Architecture, Urbanism, Design and Digital Culture, focussing on cultural innovation and contributing to positive societal and environmental change. Hybrid Space Lab develops spatial interventions that open up and reinterpret places. "Hybrid" stands for interdisciplinarity, "Space" for spatial expertise and "Lab" for the innovative working method that favors a transdisciplinary design approach where city, nature and the digital are thought and developed together: <http://hybridspacelab.net>.

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