

TACIT FUTURES

Towards the Democratic Control of Movement

BG Annual Conference | Workshops | October 27-29 | Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz

Workshops



Borders and infrastructure enable or disable the movement of humans and goods, data and money. Therefore, both sites catalyze the future of human togetherness – either fostering equality or aggravating inequality. Can the decisions about the control of movement and thus about the future of society – can these decisions that are often made behind closed doors become a democratic project? BG (Berliner Gazette) and Volksbühne at Rosa Luxemburg Platz invite activists, researchers, coders and journalists to search for answers. The BG Annual Conference, this year entitled TACIT FUTURES, will initiate discussions and collaborative processes tackling the democratic control of movement.

Explore movement

Artists, researchers, activists and programmers from more than twenty countries will gather at the TACIT FUTURES conference in order to collectively and collaboratively develop visions for the democratic control of movement in the context of workshops that will take place at Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz in Berlin. The five workshop tracks are entitled: “Industries of prediction and margins of freedom”, “The politics of borders and money moves”, “Traces of movement and the question of rights”, “Care culture, drone war and mass mobility” and “Co-working, platform activism and refugees”.

Collaborate on resources

The workshop groups will encompass approximately 15 people, partly invited by the conference organizers, partly registered via the open call. Moderated by experienced facilitators, all workshop groups are invited to work on collaborative resources dedicated to the respective track theme. The results will be made available as online resources via berlinergazette.de. They can include position papers, multimedia storytelling projects and collections of ideas. Check the workshop results from the last annual conferences. They are presented in the section PROJECTS on this [website](#) and in the section INITIATING BEGINNINGS on this [website](#). [Here](#) some photos from workshops at the BG annual conference 2015.

Join

The five workshops will be running in parallel fashion, hence everybody is invited to commit to one single track. On October 27 and 28 the workshops will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., on October 29, when the results are presented, from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. The conference hosts will provide catering throughout the entire conference, including warm lunch. A series of guided city walks is planned for lunch breaks!

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Industries of prediction and margins of freedom



The future is objectively unpredictable. Anything can happen any time: natural disasters, bird flus, terror attacks, economic crises, etc. Nevertheless industries of prediction are rising, fueled by big-data-driven technologies and ideologies. Although practises of prediction have been around since the 8th–7th century BC, their global monopolization by corporations and governments entails a far reaching paradigm change. Last but not least it is changing the margins of freedom to collectively plan or create the future, that are also the margins of freedom to collectively embark upon movement – in material and immaterial realms alike. The workshop explores the margins of freedom in the age of prediction by focusing on the impact of big-data-driven technologies in people's daily lives, e.g. through services of algorithmic recommendation. Workshop goal: creating an online resource of ideas and observations to be made available via berlinergazette.de by November 1, 2016 for sharing under a Creative Commons License.

Moderation:

Lilian Masuhr (activist, Berliner Gazette, Berlin, Germany)

Michael Prinzing (activist/coder, Berliner Gazette, Berlin, Germany)

Guests:

Alina Floroi (founder, Laborazon, Bucharest, Romania)

Yuka Fukuura (researcher, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan)

Nina Hälker (researcher, HafenCity University, Hamburg, Germany)

Riho Higashida (researcher, Takemura Juku, Tokyo, Japan)

Nakano Hitoyo (artist, Sazae Bot, Tokyo, Japan)

Cory Levinson (data analyst, SoundCloud, Berlin, Germany) tbc

Fumi Murata (researcher, Avec Lab, Tokyo, Japan)

André Rebentisch (founder, meshcon.net, Berlin, Germany)

Juliane Rettschlag (student, Berlin Institute of Technology, Berlin, Germany)

Andreas Schneider (director, Institute for Information Design Japan, Tokyo, Japan)

Koji Takahashi (editor, uploadmag.org, Tokyo, Japan)

Cassie Thornton (artist, Feminist Economics Department, San Francisco, USA)

Stefan Tiron (artist, Bucharest, Romania)

Niloufar Vadiati (researcher, HafenCity University, Hamburg, Germany)

Beata Wilczek (artist, ESMOD, Berlin Germany)

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The politics of borders and money moves



It has become increasingly difficult to imagine a world beyond contemporary conditions. This crisis of imagination can be seen as a result of the uncontested globalisation of free market capitalism since the demise of socialism. The present level of integration of global geography into the contemporary production and distribution chains is unique in human history. On the one hand this integration is being enabled by the revolution in logistics. On the other hand it is enabled by the mobility of capital, which in the deregulated space of legal and shadow finance, is able to circumvent regulatory frameworks. Taking disclosures such as the Panama Papers as a point of departure, this workshop investigates money moves and the seeming borderlessness of capital. Workshop goal: an online resource of ideas and observations to be made available via berlinergazette.de by November 1, 2016 for sharing under a Creative Commons License.

Moderation:

Max Haiven (sociologist/activist, Radical Imagination Project, Halifax, Canada)

Nina Pohler (sociologist, Hafen City University, Hamburg, Germany)

Guests:

Brigitte Alfter (director, Investigative Journalism Fund, Copenhagen, Denmark)

Anja Breljak (researcher, TU Dresden, Dresden, Germany)

Stefan Candea (coordinator, European Investigative Collaborations, Leipzig, Germany)

Annabel Church (data-journalist, Influence Mappers, Berlin, Germany) tbc

Martin A. Ciesielski (coach, medienmosaik, Berlin, Germany)

Gerko Egert (researcher, Free University Berlin, Berlin)

Kristoffer Gansing (director, transmediale, Berlin, Germany)

Adriana Homolova (data journalist, Onderzoeksredactie, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Matthew Linares (coder, openDemocracy, London, UK)

Andrea Liu (director, Counterhegemony, New York, USA)

Sebastian Mondial (data-journalist, Offshore Leaks, Hamburg, Germany)

Silke Ötsch (researcher, Attac, Innsbruck, Austria)

Markus Perschon (media activist, Der Wandel, Vienna, Austria)

Anouk Ruhaak (coder + journalist, Platform Investico, Berlin, Germany)

Brett Scott (finance hacker, "The Heretic's Guide to Global Finance", London, UK)

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Traces of movement and the question of rights



Today, the movement of people, goods, money and data is inseparable. Meanwhile any kind of movement is leaving an unprecedented amount of traces. This byproduct changes the very nature of movement because potential knowledge can be generated from the rising mountains of trace data (and data traces alike). For instance it could be knowledge about a world that is in perpetual motion. It also could be knowledge that can contribute to optimize movement or to hinder its unfolding. Does this affect people's freedoms and social justice in general? Can the expanding knowledge about movement help to construct more robust human rights and citizen rights? This workshop focuses on such questions by reflecting various security practises (e.g. surveillance, predictive policing) as a response to seemingly uncontrollable movements of people, especially underclass migrants and refugees. Workshop goal: multimedia storytelling project to be made available via berlinergazette.de by November 1, 2016 for sharing under a Creative Commons License.

Moderation:

Claudia Núñez (journalist, MigraHack, Los Angeles, USA)

Cristina Pombo (journalist, Expresso, Lisbon, Portugal)

Guests:

Susanne Braun (journalist, Textblueten, Düsseldorf, Germany)

Harlo Holmes (coder/activist, Freedom of the Press Foundation, New York, USA)

Jérôme Hourdeaux (journalist, Mediapart.fr, Paris, France)

Julia Jaroschewski (journalist, buzzingcitieslab.com, Berlin/Rio de Janeiro, Germany/Brazil)

Inga Lindarenka (editor, MagNet, Minsk, Belarus)

Caterina Lobenstein (journalist, ZEIT, Hamburg, Germany)

Monisha Caroline Martins (journalist/activist, monishamartins.com, Berlin, Germany)

Katerina Michailidi (editor, BookSprints, Berlin, Germany)

Sonja Peteranderl (journalist, glocalreporting.com, Berlin, Germany)

Jordan Schneider (analyst, Frontier Group, Santa Barbara, USA)

Catherine Sotirakou (Journalist, Alpha TV, Athens, Greece)

Kavya Sukumar (data-journalist, Vox Media, Washington DC, USA)

Perla Trevizo (journalist, Coda Story, New York, USA)

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Drone war, care culture and mass mobility



Refugees require survival tips and a welcoming guide through the new city e.g. to find available kindergartens. In addition to brute information a culture of care is badly needed (mentors, translators, etc.). Meanwhile information services rely on backbone cabling – a black box infrastructure that is also processing data for the drone war. What kind of civil care cultures need to be fostered? What kind of civil disobedience or even militant activity against infrastructure involved in human rights abuses is justified, legitimate and possible? The workshop initiates a quest for answers. Workshop goal: an online resource of ideas and observations to be made available via berlinergazette.de by November 1, 2016 for sharing under a Creative Commons License.

Moderation:

Jaron Rowan (activist, Xnet, Barcelona, Spain)

Abiol Lual Deng (human rights activist, Université de Paris-Sorbonne, Paris, France)

Guests:

Jutta Lauth Bacas (researcher/co-founder, Mediterraneanist Network of EASA, Athens, Greece)

Jeff Deutch (researcher/activist, Centre for Internet & Human Rights, Berlin, Germany)

Daphne Dragona (curator, Furtherfield, Athens, Greece)

Hozan Ibrahim (activist, citizensforsyria.org, Berlin, Germany)

Katrin M. Kämpf (researcher, University Paderborn, Paderborn, Germany)

Evan Light (researcher/activist, Snowden Archive-in-a-Box, Toronto, Canada)

Morana Miljanovic (researcher/activist, Centre for Internet & Human Rights, Berlin, Germany)

Marta Peirano (Culture & Technology editor, eldiario.es, Madrid, Spain)

Valentina Pellizzer (executive director, One World, Sarajevo, Bosnia)

Christina Rogers (researcher, TU Dresden, Dresden, Germany)

Flavia Röhrs (coordinator, Volkshochschule, Berlin, Germany)

Florian Sprenger (media theoretician, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany)

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Co-working, platform activism and refugees



New platforms must be built in order to enable seminal types of cooperation and alliances among civil society actors, allowing refugees and others alike to become co-workers. Such platforms (and the type of cooperation they catalyse) are needed for organising mobility, care work and resistance to border regimes. What role do refugees and underprivileged actors in general play in this scenario? How can emancipatory roles actually be realised? The workshop brings together "welcoming citizens", activists and platform initiators. Workshop goal: an online resource of ideas and observations to be made available via berlinergazette.de by November 1, 2016 for sharing under a Creative Commons License.

Moderation:

Ela Kagel (curator, Supermarkt, Berlin, Germany)

Christopher Senf (researcher/activist, Berliner Gazette, Berlin, Germany)

Guests:

Arwa Alladin (computer scientist, Refugee Academy, Berlin, Germany)

Rosemary Bechler (editor, openDemocracy, London, UK)

Andrea Behnke (activist, diem25/DSC, Hamburg, Germany) tbc

Ahmad Denno (activist, #MeineNeuenNachbarn, Berlin, Germany)

Sabrina Dittus (director, pepperlint film, Berlin, Germany)

Corinna Haas (librarian, ICI Library, Berlin, Germany)

Friederike Habermann (economist/historian, p2p Foundation, Berlin, Germany)

Tabea Grzeszyk (founder, hostwriter.org, Berlin, Germany)

Bernd Hatesuer (activist, TEPP, Berlin, Germany)

Diana El Jeiroudi (filmmaker, dox-box.org, Berlin, Germany)

Ahmad Lababibi (student, University of Damascus, Berlin, Germany)

Sandra Mamitzsch (programme director, re:publica, Berlin, Germany)

Julia Molin (researcher, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany)

Sarah Mousavi (historian/activist, Kommste spielen/NUK Wiecherstraße, Berlin, Germany)

Martina Staneva (coordinator, Pavilion 19, Sofia, Bulgaria)

Elena Veljanovska (curator, Kontrapunkt, Skopje, Macedonia)

Harsha Walia (activist, No One Is Illegal, Vancouver, Canada)

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Frame for the workshops

The five workshops are part of the BG annual conference TACIT FUTURES. Next to the workshops the conference encompasses performances, talks and audience discussions that will also take place on October 27-29 at the Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. The common goal of all conference formats is to explore visions for the democratic control of movement. This idea has been elucidated in a paper drafted by the Berliner Gazette. It can be downloaded [here](#).

The BG annual conference will be realized as a cooperation between Berliner Gazette e.V. and Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz. It will be funded by the German Federal Agency for Civic Education/bpb, the Creative Europe Programme of the European Union and the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius. It will be supported by Diaphanes, DiEM25, Exberliner, Knight-Mozilla OpenNews, Merve, Meson Press, openDemocracy, piqd, Passagen Verlag, Supermarkt, tab ticketbroker, Takemura Juku, transcript, transmediale. And it will be organized in collaboration with the “Aesthetic Education Expanded” initiative and curated by berlinergazette.de, Kontrapunkt, Kuda.org, Kulturtreger, Mi2.

Milestones of BG's annual project

The BG's annual project TACIT FUTURES initiates discussions at various events and in an online newspaper. Moreover, it provides a platform for collaboration.

The project was launched in cooperation with transmediale with the program “Diving into Snowden Archives” at House of World Cultures, February 4 and 5, 2016. The Berliner Gazette is now working on a special section in its online newspaper. Around 40 reports, essays and interviews will be published throughout the year. In parallel, the Berliner Gazette will organize more than 20 meet-ups, serving as the project's cooperative platforms for dialogue about ideas and projects. Moreover the Berliner Gazette plans to organize various partner events. The project will culminate in the international Berliner Gazette conference scheduled for October 27 to 29, 2016 in Berlin.

TACIT FUTURES: [Online-Newspaper](#) | Essays, Interviews + Protocols (in German) by Corinna Haas, Alexander Karschnia, Julia Molin, Eiji Oguma, Joseph Vogl, Krystian Woznicki.

TACIT FUTURES: [Diving into Snowden Archives](#) | Panel + Workshops
transmediale, Berlin, February 4 to 5, 2016

TACIT FUTURES: [Japan after Japan](#) | Film Screening + Talk
Supermarkt, Berlin, March 19, 2016

TACIT FUTURES: [Re-Imagination](#) | Lecture + Talk
Volksbühne at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz, Berlin, May 3, 2016

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