



Revival of City Squares in Balkan Cities

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Round Table Invitation

In the frame of the project Revival of City Square in Balkan Cities, we would like to invite you to the

Round Table #1 "Public Artworks, Public Speaking"

at Polis University; Wednesday 02 of May 2012

Project presentation

The project '**Revival of City Square in Balkan Cities**' started in January 2011, with the support of SCP for Western Balkans. The focus of the project are city squares; City squares (public squares) as prime open multi-functional public spaces. City squares are conceived as places/spaces for expressing cultural, civil and social relations, focal points for cultural diversity and integration. City squares, as places for democratic and cultural expression in contemporary cities are a vital stimulus to cultural entrepreneurship and development of the cities. The way we look at city square nowadays in the Balkans certainly is subject for understanding how these habitats are being transformed in functions and roles for communities, or bringing a different culture compared to the past.

Objectives

At present, up to December 2012 we are engaged working on several activities in order to transform city squares into new vibrant, creative and liveable spaces. In order to best capture the essence of people's needs, we started from a questionnaire, targeting 4 cities involved in the project, namely Tirana, Durres (Albania), Kotor (Montenegro) and Skopje (Macedonia). In this Round Table we're going to analyze the experiences born into the projects and to discuss how to use artworks in order to transform urban city squares into vibrant communities. Art as a touching point, a bridge between the today situation of public city squares and a future possible transformation, starting from the today analyzed problematics.

Program

- 09.00** Presentation of project's activities realised till now.
- 09.30** Presentation of the project "**Arcipelago Balkani**" by the Italian curator, **Claudia Zanfi**.
- 10.20** Presentation of the workshop, "**Never City**" by the Albanian artist **Armando Lulaj**.
- 11.10** Open Discussion on how to act in order to transform urban squares into vibrant communities, starting from presentation's examples.
- 12.00** Inauguration of the exhibition with the works realised by the students in the "Never City" workshop in the spaces of **MAD Center**.

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