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Open Lecture "Explorations" with Benjamin Meurer

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On Monday, April 4, between 17:00 and 18:30, the first Open Lecture of the Summer Semester 2022 will take place. Benjamin Meurer, co-founder of Studio Genua will be sharing insights on their recent project “Pool Potentials”, as well as on other architectural explorations he undertook for being able to realize their own ideas. The title of the presentation is “Explorations”. Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss.

The Open Lecture will take place in a hybrid format, on campus at Salzufer 6, 10587 Berlin, and via Zoom.

About the project: “Pool Potentials” by Marina Sylla, Manuel Heck and Benjamin Meurer

Summer pools are unique places in the city. Here, the most diverse lifeworlds and realities meet almost nakedly: with each other, side by side, confrontation and exchange. Summer pools allow the social and cultural diversity of the city to take place. They establish connections between the outside strongly segregated and segmented bubbles of the urban everyday life and its inhabitants: inside.

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Marina Sylla, Manuel Heck and Benjamin Meurer (Studio Genua) addressed these questions in Pool Potentials and developed the idea of a change of use for Berlin’s summer pools. Together with various local actors from politics, neighborhoods, Berlin’s pool operators, and pool visitors, they investigated the suitability of the summer pools as a year-round urban resource: How can summertime get-togethers be made possible across all seasons? Which groups in our urban society need these places in the fall, winter, and spring months? What role can these spaces of possibility play with regard to the general lack of space in Berlin?

To anchor the idea in the city, Studio Genua and Felix Pauschinger have created a documentary film about these perspectives and projections.

What: Open Lecture "Explorations" with Benjamin Meurer
When: 4 April 2022, 17:00-18:30 CET
Where: Berlin International University of Applied Sciences Campus & Online via ZOOM
For Whom: Professionals & Students
The event is of course free of charge, here is the link for registration:

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