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Anne Davidian & Matthieu Prat – Kassandras

lecture

room 115, UMPRUM, nám. Jana Palacha 80, Prague 1
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Introducing Kassandras, a hybrid space situated in an un-finished building in Athens, a space where contemporary practices can find a ground for (cross) breeding and experimentation in a given environment – Greece today. Kassandras facilitates encounters between creative practitioners, local and international, encourage an exchange of competences and trans-disciplinary collaborations, while offering support throughout the process. The talk will also discuss the Kassandras method focused on praxis and the tools offered to practitioners, as well as the operating modes and challenges for an independent structure to remain sustainable. kassandras.org

Anne Davidian is a cultural producer working across contemporary art and social innovation. Trained in comparative literature and art philosophy, she has curated and produced projects with contemporary artists and fashion designers; organized conferences on topics such as exterritoriality, conflict, political participation and grassroots movements, and spoken at conferences and panels on social responsibility, organized by the EU, OECD and the Council for European Studies. She has directed the French branch of a European cultural and educational charity (since 2009), and co-directed, with Marc-Olivier Wahler, the Chalet Society (2012-2015), a mobile structure aiming to generate reflection on contemporary art institutions. In 2015, she initiated Praxis Matters, a tool for practical research investigating contemporary forms of artistic practice and co-founded Kassandras in Athens. praxismatters.tumblr.com
kassandras.org

Matthieu Prat, founder of the Diplomates Studio and co-founder of Kassandras, works across the disciplines of architecture, design and visual arts. His studio designed projects for Nowy Teatr (Warsaw), Chalet Society (Paris), on the invitation of Marc-Olivier Wahler, The Cabinet of Curiosities by Thomas Erber (Bangkok),

Hotel Les Bains (Paris), as well as installations for Dover Street Market (London). Long-term collaborations with fashion designers include Adam Kimmel (and Neville Wakefield), Band of Outsiders, Damir Doma, OAMC, and others. In 2015, Diplomates was featured in the group show «Archimode» at Villa Noailles, France, alongside with four other architects including Rem Koolhaas and Zaha Hadid. Currently, Matthieu is developing a radio studio for the Centre Pompidou, available as an open-source building kit. After working from the Parisian countryside for the last five years, he brings his experience into a new context, in Athens, by designing a new studio and project space: Kassandras. diplomates.tumblr.com
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