

ADAPTIVE ACTIONS CAMP

Every day, November 8 – 17, from 11 AM to 6 PM

In the Atrium of the McConnell Library Building, located in front of the Gallery.
1400, boul. de Maisonneuve O. Montréal (Québec) H3G 1M8

Initiated in London in 2007 by Jean-François Prost, Adaptive Actions explores alterations in the workplace, the home, and public spaces through actions and interventions involving the public. AA thrives on individual and collective contributions and initiatives and proceeds by an open call for collaboration. Participate in workshops, discussions, and presentations.

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ADAPTIVE ACTIONS CAMP PROGRAM

Adaptive Actions (AA) is looking for new contributions to its website and its next publication, as well as contributions that will serve to stimulate reflection, discussions, and presentations at the AA Camp at Concordia University. Register as a participant through the website or at the Camp and submit existing or imagined actions created by you or by others.

MONDAY 8

Official opening

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

TUESDAY 9

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

WEDNESDAY 10

AND THURSDAY 11

Web Dérive

On the topic of adaptive actions
from 10AM to 6PM

Together we will surf the web to find engaging, relevant, atypical or just simply amusing examples about urban and spatial adaptations. Progressively and through this process with an unknown result, we will amass, print and present information and ideas (through images and words) at the AA Camp space, bringing together seemingly unrelated elements from the far reaches of internet.

Reservations required, places are limited.

You may reserve a morning, an afternoon or a whole day. Bring your own portable computer and WIFI access will be provided. Lunch provided to all participants.

Please reserve with Marina Polosa
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LUNCHTIME TALKS

In conjunction with the Web Dérive

Wednesday 10, 12:30–1:30PM

La Tour de la Bourse

by Aude Moreau

Thursday 11, 12:30–1:30PM

Fragments of Actions for Creative Adaptation

by Marie-Pier Boucher and Jean-François Prost

FRIDAY 12

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

5 à 7 at the Camp

A space of production, presentation and actions

Launch of the publication *Adaptive Actions - Madrid*

with the participation of Aurélie Dubois (*Experiment#3 : Les Nuées Ardentes, c'est "Destroy"*) and Nuria Carton de Grammont Lara (actions in Mexico DF) and Adaptive Actions

Adaptive Actions – Madrid

While the Adaptive Actions Camp was located in Madrid's Atocha train station for a month during the Madrid Abierto 2010 biennial, a publication was in the works. Several individuals simultaneously edited existing and incoming content (locally and via the web) and produced this recently published book, a 148-page publication comprising two sections: one presenting selected adaptive actions, and the second specific to the Madrid Adaptive Actions programming. The publication includes 36 adaptive actions with images and comments, workshops, an interview with philosopher and theorist Brian Massumi, and a text by José Luis Corazón Ardura. In Spanish and English. Edited by: Marie-Pier Boucher, Gema Melgar, Frank Nobert, Jean-François Prost

AA Publications

Each Adaptive Actions project is revisited and extended by a publication. Submitted adaptive actions, commentaries and texts are gathered together in one book. New ideas for future actions result from this process.

SATURDAY 13

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch provided at camp

1:30 PM

Conversation

Based on actions submitted during the Web Dérive, online, and at the Camp

Moderated by Marie-Pier Boucher and Jean-François Prost

Adaptive Actions (AA) functions as an open source repository of actions. It suggests iterations and transversal operations, new forms of connections and relationalities. AA invites creative resistance through the activation of various forms of adaptation. In a round-table conversation, we will discuss submitted actions and discuss their adaptive potential, the ways in which they succeed in adapting a situation and resisting creatively. Participants will discuss both their own actions and those of others in order to highlight the main constraints they faced and the ways in which these constraints have been reconfigured to become engines of creation, points of captivation and micropolitical activation.

Invited participants: Patrick Harrop, Luc Lévesque, Javiera Ovalle, Patrice Loubier

SUNDAY 14

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

MONDAY 15

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch provided at Camp

1:30 PM

AA Workshop

Heteropolis

by Jean-François Prost

This workshop will address the current reality of cities like Montréal, whose populations consist of a multitude of minorities. The workshop will focus on the following paradox: while cities are increasingly heterogeneous, some homogeneous districts, or ghettos, persist. In Montréal, as in other cities, we can observe a very clear, even extreme, division between social classes and various ethnic and cultural communities. Some minority groups progressively distance themselves from the city centre and become invisible in the city's outskirts and its dead-ends. This workshop will concentrate on the increasing invisibility of multiplicity in downtown areas (sites of power, exchange, and abundance) and in certain neighbourhoods. The goal for this workshop will be to identify and reveal specific patterns and locations of social and cultural homogenization in Montréal, and ultimately in other cities as well. Our findings will serve to develop, extend, and reconfigure an initial action that aims to hybridize what exists and enable exchange and diversity in imagining a divergent city of the future.

Invited participants: Cynthia Hammond, Shauna Janssen, Thomas Strickland

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TUESDAY 16

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

WEDNESDAY 17

Camp open from 11AM to 6PM

12:30PM

De/Program

Walk with l'atelier Syn-

In collaboration with DARE-DARE

This urban walking tour centres around the concept of de-programming: an idea initially tied to the progressive breakdown and "vampirization" of Montréal's downtown area where Concordia's main campus is located. This collapse became most visible with the closing of the Montreal Forum in 1996 and continued with the subsequent period of stagnation in real estate. Bypassing a more traditional interpretation of how we engage with architecture, this tour asks how de-programming can be explored through individual and collective actions that introduce difference and exception. Should we consider issues such as a lack of stability, high student mobility, critical population density and culturally-induced adaptations of the high rise to potentially act as ingredients for stimulating this reflection? The walk will highlight some spatial/marginalized realities and their interactions with visions of influence and profit currently being laid out for the neighborhood.

Departure point at the Camp, in the Atrium of the McConnell Library Building, located in front of the Gallery, 1400 boul. de Maisonneuve O.

Collaborators - Adaptive Actions Camp at Concordia University :

Marie-Pier Boucher, Aude Moreau, Gema Melgar et Jean-François Prost