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SCHELLING ARCHITECTURE PRIZE AND ARCHITECTURE THEORY PRIZE 2024

In the context of the globally required transformation not only of our heating cities, but also of the undefined space between cities and the surrounding agglomerations, even nature reserves, profound transformations must be considered and acted upon. The changes must not only affect the built environment. Also the "landscapes" require new concepts. Individual buildings can no longer meet these transformation tasks. It is about broader, more comprehensive, far-reaching ideas and concepts than the bureaucratically and academically entrenched ones.

Under the unifying idea **Deep Transformations - Earth, Landscape, Architecture**

the Board of Trustees of the Schelling Architecture Foundation has nominated three offices for the **Schelling Architecture Prize 2024** that take on such tasks and thus leave classic job profiles behind. They will briefly introduce their work to the public and the electoral board at the official award ceremony.

The award ceremony will be held on **November 20, 2024 at 6 pm**
at **Filmtheater Schauburg Karlsruhe, Marienstr. 16**

Please save this date today.

Excerpts from the jury's reasons:

Teresa Galí-lizard - Arquitectura Agronomia, Barcelona

The Catalan landscape architect and agronomist teaches at ETH Zurich. Her *Chair of Being Alive* is already a kind of statement through its substantial name and deals with life cycles, living beings and the landscape as the basis of life for future generations. She sees her task as a landscape architect in influencing how people connect with these living systems. Teresa Galí-Lizard provides radical impulses that can revolutionize our understanding of architecture and landscape.

LOLA Landscape Architects, Rotterdam

There are only a few planners who have such a broad base and focus on the big picture as Lola Landscape Architects from Rotterdam. They do research, for example on the large dyke project that resulted in the book "Dutch Dikes".

Many of their projects concern the transformation of disused industrial sites or large sports facilities. In addition to designing large parks, they also provide impetus for complex urban redevelopment projects.

Bureau Bas Smets, Brussels

Bas Smets, a landscape architect with an office in Brussels, pursues a new understanding of landscape planning in his work. How do the demands of the Paris Climate Protocol change conventional planning know-how? These questions challenge him. According to Smets, many things need to be driven forward with ideas that look far into the future. Landscape planning can play a pioneering role. Smets' goal: to generate spaces in local urban environments that can be used for longer periods of time throughout the year in terms of climate and that are more friendly to residents.

James Bridle was unanimously selected for the **Architectural Theory Prize 2024**.

The renowned author, artist and theorist James Bridle is being honored for his outstanding contributions to architectural theory. What are the challenges facing those of us living in a time of technological change and data revolution? How can we understand and shape the complex relationships between architecture, society, technology and the environment? And what does it mean to design in a world of data and ecological disasters?

James Bridle's work offers us a theoretical compass to navigate this net and find new ways of understanding and designing.

The Schelling Architecture Foundation was founded in Karlsruhe in 1992 by Trude Schelling-Karrer and Heinrich Klotz. An independent electoral board of trustees, which is continuously renewed, decides on the nominations and the awarding of prizes every two years. Board of Trustees 2024: Peter Cachola Schmal, Angelika Fitz, Kaye Geipel, Kathrin Golda-Pongratz, Jette Hopp, Georg Vrachliotis, Tobias Wallisser, Ludwig Wappner.