ORDNANCE: WAR, ARCHITECTURE AND SPACE

An interdisciplinary conference organized by the Cork Centre for Architectural Education (CCAE) and School of the Human Environment, University College Cork. 16-18 September 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

This international interdisciplinary conference seeks to explore the often hidden relationship between militarism and the design and construction of architecture and space in the modern period.

Historically, military imperatives have been embedded in the way society is organized and, from the Renaissance onwards, the needs of offence and defence played an increasingly influential role not only in the physical shaping of the city and landscape, but also on the means by which they were represented. Recent events, notably the "War on Terror" have reinforced these impulses within the city, extending and deepening systems and architectures of surveillance.

Accordingly, we seek proposals for analytical and interpretive papers from architects, historians, geographers, urbanists, designers, sociologists, and others who share an interest in the ways in which space, architecture, knowledge and technology have been deployed, especially in the following ways:

1) the patterns, forms and processes that underpin the articulation of militarized spaces and architectures across a series of historical and geographical scales and domains.

2) continuities, where cultures and acts of war have been reconfigured and re-circulated into domestic or civilian spaces and products.

3) the legacies and residues of these architectures, the ways in which militaristic modes of space have been refuted, re-appropriated, and reclaimed for social and cultural purposes.

TIMETABLE

Deadline for submission of abstracts (350 words) 1 February 2010
Notification of Acceptance 1 March 2010

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