



Easter Rising



AA Visiting School to Easter Island

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Applications

1) The AA Visiting School requires a fee of £1,200 per participant, which includes a £60 Visiting Student Membership, travel and accommodation to Easter Island, but do not include flights to Chile or accommodation in Santiago. Students need to bring their own laptops and digital equipment. Please ensure this equipment is covered by your own insurance, as the AA takes no responsibility for items lost or stolen at the workshop.

2) You can make an application by completing the online application found under 'Links and Downloads' on the AA Visiting School page. If you are not able to make an online application, email visiting-school@aa-school.ac.uk for instructions to pay by bank transfer.

3) Once you complete the online application and make a full payment, you are registered to the programme. A CV or a portfolio is not required. The deadline for applications is 14 October 2016. All participants travelling from abroad are responsible for securing any visa required, and are advised to contact their home embassy early. After payment of fees, the AA School can provide a letter confirming participation in the workshop.

The 2017 Visiting School to Chile will study from architectural, urban, and territorial perspectives, a series of infrastructures that since the 1960s have been installed in Rapa Nui (Easter Island) because of its extraordinary strategic location in the South Pacific Ocean. These include satellite tracking equipment, seismology and GPS tools, and radio-nuclear detection instruments that came to define global technological projects in the island. In particular, the workshop will focus in the Mataverí Airport which – being the remotest runway in the world – was paved in the 1960s by the United States for the installation of a strategic base and extended again by NASA in the 1980s to become emergency landing for space shuttles. The island, in opposition to usual associations to isolation, was instead expedient for the setting of larger technological networks. While enjoying the extraordinary natural and cultural history of the place, the workshop will explore this technological side, looking for its role within Cold War networks associated to geopolitical concerns of the 'space race.'

Features of the Workshop

Participants will be asked to document these built infrastructures and conceive projects that will engage with a different kind of archaeology. As a design problem, the workshop will reflect on NASA's derelict station, and Rapa Nui's extended runway. Through discussions around such elongated piece of reinforced concrete, we will enter into a plethora of themes seemingly remote from one another, but utterly interconnected, including the repercussions on the tourism industry, and the current relevance of these networks within projects for the remote monitoring of environments linked to global warming and the impact of oceanic currents in the archaeological heritage, both above the ground and underwater.

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