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NEW: ARCHITECTURAL GUIDE TO ROTTERDAM

Three times as thick as its predecessor, in full colour with all newly commissioned photographs and now featuring 400 buildings, many of them from earlier centuries, this new guide is an indispensable source of inspiration for anyone interested in the architecture of Rotterdam. From its earliest churches dating from the 15th century and the Schielandshuis of 1665 up to and including the Kunsthal and the latest developments at Kop van Zuid.

* Architectural Guide to Rotterdam / Paul Groenendijk, Piet Vollaard / design Piet Gerards / Dutch-English / ISBN 978 90 6450 605 5 / euro 29.50 / see also <http://www.oiopublishers.nl> under 'recent titles'

CONGRESS: TRANSFORMATIE VAN KANTOORGEBOUWEN

Architects, clients, contractor, consultants and producers who would like to know more about the opportunities of transforming office buildings into housing should visit Architect '07, a combined trade fair and Dutch-language congress, on March 18th and 29th. There a number of experts, amongst whom Theo van der Voordt, the compiler of the book 'Transformatie van kantoorgebouwen', will be pleased to oblige.

Congress: Architect 07, Cruise Terminal Rotterdam, Wilhelminakade 699, March 28th and 29th, 2007. For more information go to <http://www.architect07.nl>.

* Transformatie van kantoorgebouwen. Thema's, actoren, instrumenten en projecten / Theo van der Voordt (ed.) / design Piet Gerards / Dutch / ISBN 978 90 6450 624 6 / euro 34.50 / see also <http://www.oiopublishers.nl> under 'recent titles'.

DE BALIE: WEEK OF POPULAR CULTURE

Marc Schuilenburg, author of 'Mediapolis. Popular Culture and the City' clearly has plenty to say on this subject. One place where he'll be doing that is De Balie In Amsterdam on Friday March 30th at 20.30 as part of the 'Week of Popular Culture'. It is to be an evening of talks about and analyses of popular culture in its widest sense, all set to music; the Amsterdam nu jazz combo Grand Wazoo will support, disrupt and accompany the following speakers: Leon Verdonschot, Jaap Kooijman, Marc Schuilenburg, Auke Kok and Ivaylo Ditchchev.



Discussion: Friday March 30th, beginning 20.30, at De Balie, Amsterdam. For more information about this discussion and about the Week of Popular Culture: <http://www.debalie.nl>.

* Mediapolis. Popular Culture and the City / Alex de Jong and Marc Schuilenburg / design Simon Davies / English / ISBN 978 90 6450 628 4 / euro 24.50
Dutch edition: Mediapolis. Populaire Cultuur en de stad / ISBN 978 90 6450 633 8 / see also <http://www.010publishers.nl> under 'recent titles'.

NEW: SUPERUSE

Cable reels, window frames, washing machines, diapers, crates, carpet tiles, double glazing panels, old buses - you could recycle, discard or even burn them. The other option is to put them to good use: superuse.

Superuse is a practical and inspiring book about constructing new buildings with surplus materials. Copiously illustrated with many vivid examples from the Netherlands and elsewhere, Superuse renders the superfluous superfluous.

Book launch: In mid-April the Faculty of Architecture at the TU Delft will install the Miele Space Station in the main hall as a temporary coffee bar. Assembled from old washing machines, the MSS has already done duty as a site office and a stage. The book 'Superuse. Creating new architecture by shortcutting material flows' will be presented to mark the opening of this coffee bar. The exact date and time are unknown as yet. Should you be interested in attending, send an email to ester@010publishers.nl for an update.

* Superuse. Creating new architecture by shortcutting material flows / Ed van Hinte, Jan Jongert, Césaire Peeren / design Erik Wong / English / ISBN 978 90 6450 592 8 / euro 19.50 / see also <http://www.010publishers.nl> under 'forthcoming titles' or <http://www.2012architecten.nl>

NEW: GROUND UP CITY

A refreshing new look at play in the city. This book offers a theoretical model which shows how playgrounds can be designed so as to strengthen social cohesion in the city. This model is then applied to two Rotterdam districts, Oude Westen and Meeuwenplaat.

Book launch: Wednesday April 18th 2007, 16.30-18.00 in Selexyz Donner, Lijnbaan 150, Rotterdam. Admission free, reservation not required. We hope to see you there.

On April 25th, co-authors Henk Doll and Alijd van Doorn will engage in discussion (in Dutch) with the architect Marlies Rohmer and a number of experts on 'the city as playground'. The moderator is architectural historian Jord den Hollander. We hope to see you there too. Although admission is free, you are required to reserve a seat at www.youngurban.nl.

Discussion: Wednesday April 25th, starting 10.30, at the Young Urban trade fair, RAI, Europaplein 22, Amsterdam. Admission free.

* Ground Up City. Play as a Design Tool / Liane Lefaiivre, Döll (eds) / design Ben Laloua - Didier Pascal / English / ISBN 978 90 6450 602 4 / euro 34.50 / see also <http://www.010publishers.nl> under 'forthcoming titles' / to be published April 18th 2007



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