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The Lab of Environmental Communication and Audiovisual Documentation (LECAD) and the Department of Architecture of the University of Thessaly is happy to invite you to attend a two-day symposium entitled *Multimedia Database as Narrative Mechanism*. The symposium will take place in Volos on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April 2013. The symposium will provide the theoretical framework for the ensuing workshop on the same theme. Both the symposium and the workshop are organised and hosted by LECAD and the Department of Architecture in conjunction with the I-Node of the Planetary Collegium. The workshop is designed for undergraduate and postgraduate students of architecture, planning and regional development, fine arts and cultural studies. For additional information on the organisers, the contributors and the programme please refer to the relevant sections.

Symposium Theme

Databases represent an abstract process of organising information, a potentially powerful categorisation system providing a range of options for viewing, navigating and searching. On the other hand, a database represents a logic of organising knowledge, a model of structuring our experience, thus emerging as a cultural form. The Symposium readdresses the notion of narration in the context of a multimedia database (textual, iconic, cinematic, audio). In the digital era, multimedia databases and narrative media manifest themselves interconnecting and interrelating in the context of information and communication technologies (internet, multimedia, virtual reality, locative media). Information access has become a central activity in most scientific disciplines, while traversing information and retrieving meaning out of it raises theoretic, pedagogic and aesthetic issues. Establishing multiple trajectories through data, defining links between database's records creates narrative paths. The design of interfaces and the use of metaphors enable the creation of interactive electronic narrations. The above presented problematic indicate the main topics of this Symposium:

- Database as a storytelling mechanism and a medium for communicating ideas
- Database logic and interface design
- Database structure and mental maps
- Metadata logging for generating multiple narrations
- Narrative and interaction
- Navigation methods and spatialized representations
- Historical evidence transcribed into the conceptual setting of an urban database
- Investigation of the aesthetic and ideological constitution of archives and lists
- Multimedia databases and museum applications
- Multimedia databases and locative media

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Symposium Preliminary Programme (at a glance)

April 2013	Friday 12	Saturday 13
09:00-10:00	Welcome	
10:00-10:45	Ioulia Pentazou & Giorgos Kalaouzis	Sophia Aravou-Papadatou Andrea Traldi
10:45-11:30	Phoebe Giannisi, Iris Lykourioti & Yorgos Tzirtzilakis	Iannis Zannos
11:30-11:45	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
11:45-12:30	Anastasia Karandinou, Christina Achtypi & Stylianos Giamarelos	Panagiotis Kyriakoulakos
12:30-13:15	Daphne Tragaki & Giorgos Papakonstantinou	Katerina Karoussos
13:15-14:00	Spyros Papadopoulos, Angeliki Malakasioti, Giorgos Loukakis & Giorgos Kalaouzis	Workshop Introduction Stavros Alifragkis & Giorgos Papakonstantinou
14:00-15:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
15:00-16:00	François Penz	Roy Ascott Groundcourse
16:00-17:00	Discussion	
17:00-17:30	Coffee Break	Coffee Break
17:30-18:15	Horacio González Diéguez & Nicolas Remy	François Penz
18:15-19:00	Ana Peraica	Discussion
19:00-20:00	Discussion	Workshop: Split Group into Teams

Symposium Preliminary Programme (day-by-day outline)

Day 01: Friday 12 April 2013

- 09:00-10:00 Welcome
10:00-10:45 Ioulia Pentazou & Giorgos Kalaouzis
- 10:45-11:30 Phoebe Giannisi, Iris Lykourioti & Yorgos Tzirtzilakis
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee Break
11:45-12:30 Anastasia Karandinou, Christina Achtypi & Stylianos Giamarelou
'Athens by Sound' [Skype]
- 12:30-13:15 Daphne Tragaki & Giorgos Papakonstantinou
- 13:15-14:00 Spyros Papadopoulos, Angeliki Malakasioti, Giorgos Loukakis & Giorgos Kalaouzis
'The Urban Landscape in Video Games. Representations and Spatial Narratives'
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch Break
15:00-16:00 François Penz
'Museums as Laboratories of Change'
- 16:00-17:00 Discussion
17:00-17:30 Coffee Break
17:30-18:15 Horacio González Diéguez & Nicolas Remy
'NoTours, Digital Affordances for the Walker in the Public Spaces'
- 18:15-19:00 Ana Peraica
'When Censorship Matters': P2P Movie Databases as Model of Preservation of Non-commercial and Experimental Narratives'
- 19:00-20:00 Discussion

Day 02: Saturday 13 April 2013

- 10:00-10:45 The I-Node of the Planetary Collegium
Sophia Aravou-Papadatou
'How can a Tooth, Travelling in Space and Time, Become an Environmental Communication Device, Leading to a Strong Telemadic and Moving Image Narrative Mechanism?'
Andrea Traldi
'The Temporal Dimension of New Media'
- 10:45-11:30 Iannis Zannos
- 11:30-11:45 Coffee Break
11:45-12:30 Panagiotis Kyriakoulakos
'3D Animation Databases in Cultural Environments: The Multi-Storytelling'

- 12:30-13:15 Katerina Karoussos
“Telemadic” – Reformed Cultural Patterns. The I-Node of the Planetary Collegium’
- 13:15-14:00 Stavros Alifragkis & Giorgos Papakonstantinou
‘Multimedia Database as Narrative Mechanism: Introduction to the Workshop’
- 14:00-15:00 Lunch Break
- 15:00-17:00 Roy Ascott
‘Groundcourse’
- 17:00-17:30 Coffee Break
- 17:30-18:15 François Penz
‘Understanding the City Made of Film’
- 18:15-19:00 Discussion
- 19:00-20:00 Workshop: Split Group into Teams
- 20:00-22:00 Symposium Official Dinner

Location

The symposium will be held at the main auditorium of the Department of Architecture, University of Thessaly, Pedion Areos University Campus, 38334, Volos, Greece (<http://www.arch.uth.gr/en/contact>).

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