

Reply #14 :

K O S M O S Architects

(Virtual office - Switzerland/NYC/Moscow)

1. Present your office / structure / practice.

K O S M O S Architects is an anonymous virtual decentralized office, which collaborates from different continents and brings together partners who are based in New York, Moscow and Switzerland. The office designs projects of all types and scales: from a door handle to a city; from hardcore architecture to pop-up art installations. K O S M O S combines art and technology, global experience with respect to local context, European professionalism and Russian drive.

2. In this supposed battlefield context, do you find that your architectural values and engagements are fighting or defending themselves? If so, which theoretical and practical practices are engaged in this conflict?

For us the most challenging and inspiring is the «fight» for new territories.

Not in the literal meaning of physical land, but in gaining new territories of operation and pushing the boundaries of the definition of architecture.

For things like creating and curating a spaces without walls.

Or transforming billboards into gardens.

Or making social media be part of the architecture.

Or using nothing but infrastructure. Or using nothing but decoration.

3. Can you describe the opponents against whom you are fighting today and who they will be tomorrow?

Opponent of today: Boundaries and borders of our own architectural language.

Opponent of tomorrow: Boundaries and borders of the field of architecture.

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4. Which tools have you created or used to fight in the battlefield of architecture and what alliances have you forged in this struggle?

We believe that architecture is itself the tool. As one our teachers used to say, the best what you can do against the «regime» - is to draw a beautiful masterplan.

When getting a brief, rethinking it and proposing your own. When representing the work, creating new ways and means of representation.

When working on a project, collaborating with other architects, artists, thinkers, citizens.

5. An image that illustrates your architectural front or fight.



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