



*From Carboniferous
to Open-Eyed Artists
on Landscape*

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

LANDSCAPE BUILT ON COAL

*An Intellectual And Artistic Perspective
of Landscape Diversity in Post-industrial Regions*

15th May 2008

Conference Hall at The Silesian University's Law and Administration Faculty - 11b Bankowa Street, Katowice, Poland

The regions of *Nord Pas-de-Calais*, *The Ruhr Valley* and *Upper Silesia* form the largest industrialised areas in Europe. Rapid development of industry and aggressive urbanisation of these areas have not always been in line with the care for the natural environment. Changes found in the landscape form a common plain for the perception of these areas, which themselves have literally been 'built on coal'. Characteristic features here include landscape diversity and a fusion of nature and industrial architecture – this created by people with a powerful work ethos. The **COAL** project is an attempt at the expression of scientific theory through the multifaceted language of art, thus portraying the complexity of environmental, economic and social problems accompanying the present restructuring of post-industrial areas in accordance with the principles of sustainable development – all this in the form of an artistic representation comprehensible by the public.

The objective of the conference is to present an experiment which is a merger of a scientific analysis and assessment of environmental degradation of industrialised areas combined with an artistic take on the issues at hand. The scientific analysis and environmental assessment will be accompanied here by their artistic interpretation.

Introduction

Plenary Session - keynote lectures

Panel Session - with experts' participation and open discussion

The presentations will be accompanied by artistic interpretations on presented problems.

Participants

We would like to extend an invitation to scientists, artists, local authorities as well as members of non-governmental organisations and teachers and students of artistic and scientific high schools to take part in the conference.

Presentations and announcements for the Panel Session

Summaries of presentations (not exceeding 3,000 characters with spaces) in English should be sent to the Conference Secretariat no later than 14 March 2008.

Following verification by the Project Scientific Committee, selected Authors will be notified of qualification no later than 15 April 2008.

Please send summaries to:

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For additional information please visit the **COAL** project's website - www.coalexpo.eu

Conference proceedings

Post-conference proceedings, in English and Polish language versions, will be produced in the form of a publication and a DVD.

Conference language

The languages spoken at the conference shall be Polish and English, interpretation will be provided.

Declaration of attendance

Participation in the conference may be declared no later than 30 April 2008, by means of the provided registration form. Please send the registration form to the Conference Secretariat e-mail: patrycjap@ietu.katowice.pl, fax: +48 32 254 1717

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