

Studio Rural+

Urbanised Landscape, Re-thinking regional identities in the Free State of Thuringia

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Today, Thuringia faces enormous socio-cultural and economical challenges and climate change effects which trigger economic instability, unemployment and demographic decline. Yet these very same processes also trigger alternative, experimental and pioneering practices and can be seen as a positive trend towards a reorganization and freedom of 'post-rural' territories in the 21st century with its own forms and logics of spatial production and administration. What are the specific qualities and functions of these territories? How can planners strategically intervene in such a diverse and heterogeneous mosaic on a regional scale?

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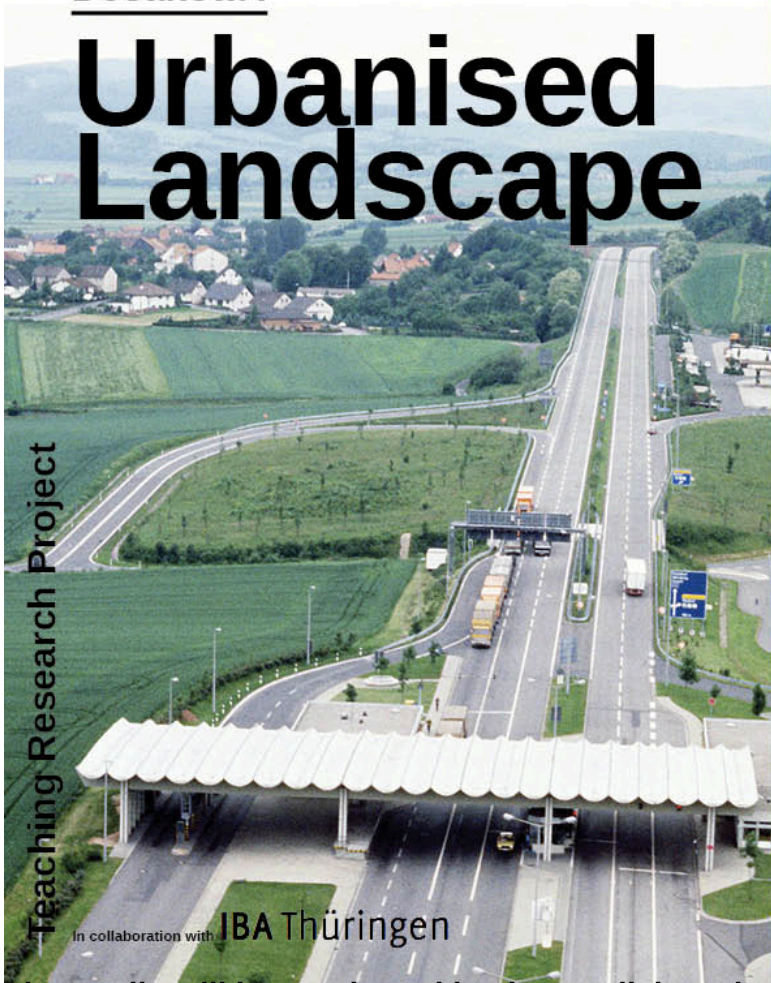
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