

## Refugee City, Greening Camps

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A motivation letter, short CV and one work sample to be submitted by October 13th to [n.pawlicki@tu-berlin.de](mailto:n.pawlicki@tu-berlin.de)

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