ARE / PRAGUE - KASSANDRAS' WORKSHOP

It's no longer the goal but the halt which is important.
–Boualem Sansal, 2084
... an encounter with these often sculptural skeletons – genuine urban ready-mades.
–Coloco

Kassandras is situated in an unfinished structure in the neighbourhood of Votanikos, Athens. This skeleton of a building – a remnant of the crises – generates a strong potential for ephemeral interventions, experimental architecture and installations.

Kassandras is a one-to-one scale laboratory where its in-house tools can push forward both contemporary practices and traditional techniques. Kassandras' gradual settlement is a pretext to engage with the questions: What to build ? How and what for ? The workshop will offer a case study of architectural and design strategies able to develop a long-term ephemeral approach where the temporary can be used and endure on site, and, later, be adapted and exported elsewhere.

Our 80sq m rooftop terrace, a truly social playground where informal gatherings, discussions, and drinks can co-exist, will be our chosen territory for this workshop. A meeting spot for local communities and Kassandras' guests alike, protected from hot Athenian temperatures, it's an urban eyrie ready to host its first architectural and sculptural intervention.

For the purposes of this workshop in Prague, we will provide large-scale printed axonometric projections ready for sketches, collages, drawings or any kind of 2D interventions. This will be our first tentative step to experience the site and all the inherent possibilities for the development of spatial proposals.

For the second phase of the workshop in Athens, we will practice prototyping from the in-house workshop, setting ourselves a challenge to develop a site-specific, one-to-one scale construction that doubles as a laboratory of architectural, artistic and social research.

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