#05 the debt



What is the relation between *learning together*—as the forest spirit, the land artist and the oracle of Durmusoglu did in DigitusR—and the *learning* taking place *across* and *between* the flyers of this series **#01-06?** Clearly, the flyers, as a set, feature an *ecosophy* (personal philosophy) of the "oracle".

Yet, the set is built on a more widely applicable notion of *oikonomia*. Which features in the way that *no* single flyer (*none* of the elements of **#01-06**) relates *exhaustively* to its topic: the compression into an A5 sheet forbids that. What characterises them is that they are **a**) adjacent, **b**) possible.

As such they are brought down to articulate in 6 modes: 1) attempt, 2) try again, 3) do something else, 4) return, 5) unlearn, 6) cross over. They are steps to an ecology of transactions between language and action. It rejects two things as violence: that transpositions are A) exhaustive; B) empty.



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"What was said in the forest, stays in the forest"—this statement reflected the concerns of what the Italian philosopher Giorgio Agamben has called *oikonomia* the principle of which is vested in an *immanent* relationship between a **i**) *constituting*, **ii**) *constituted* and **iii**) *nested* element. *What of it*?

It constitutes one of several attempts at *precisation* of negative *dialectics*. Another is A. Næss system of *precisation*, bridging between *deep ecology* —featuring the *methodological* application of precisation at one level—and *ecosophy*: which is deep ecology *transposed* in life and social relationships.

This transition relates to the DigitusR statement—*what was said in the forest, stays in the forest*—in the sense that the event was an *experiment* in 'deep ecology' (featuring in **#02**) and subsequently transposed unto the *realm* of ecosophy (the different *personal philosophies* of the 3 participants).

It relates to *oikonomia*—the transactions and rules of the *house*—in the basic sense that if pretending, or feigning, to bring the total event into the realm of our current lives we would *loose* everything. The idea that 'the winner takes all' leads to a *complete* loss. This is indeed a paradox.

However, *staying* with this paradox opens for *analogical thinking*, whereby the "triolectics" (Asger Jorn) of precisation—featuring in **T**, **U** and **R** (**#02**)—is transposed according to a mechanism which is *not* dissimilar from photography: when the shot is taken something is *given* off, and *left*.

Which is subsequently *retrieved* in the dark-room. So, the transposition takes place from the *camera lucida* (the experiment in deep ecology) to the *camera obscura* (the learning outcomes in personal philosophies, or ecosophies, which are different for the three entities in **#02**). *Unlearning*.

Without the 'gap of unlearning', there can be no learning. This is intrinsic to the internal logic of the flyer-set (#01-06). It starts with 3 elements, and closes with 3 elements. The first three elements (#01-03) are a linked in way identical to how the 3 elements (T, U, R) are linked. But what about #04-06?

Well, this is where there is a *mirroring-mechanism* to account for the transposition where (**T**, **U**, **R**) are reflected in (**T'**, **U'**, **R'**): not metaphorically, but performatively. According to the logic whereby ecosophy is deep ecology in *performance*: Næss' site **T**, building **U** and living **R** at Tvergastein.

There are two sources of *error* in regard of the deep ecological experiment of DigitusR: **1**) the decision of wanting to *unroll* the experiment in its *totality*; **2**) the decision to *detach* completely from it and say 'there is *nothing* there'. In both cases, outcomes are prevented from occurring. A form of *violence*.

The point being that the ecosophies—or, personal philosophies—of the forest *spirit*, the *land-artist* and the *oracle* of Durmusoglu, outside the precincts of the Long-finger marsh, *are quite different*: in terms of *where* they live, the *dwellings* they have built and the *time* they have spent there.