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# Contemporary Photographic Positions

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Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage, Mixing Plant





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#### BEYOND EMSCHER. CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHIC POSITIONS

The conversion of the Emscher and its tributaries has led to changes in the entire region. In 2015, the water management association Emschergenossenschaft started the "emscherbilder" project, in order to compile a documentary photographic collection that would provide information about the changes. This project is the starting point of the exhibition "Beyond Emscher". After 30 years, the conversion of the river into a sewage-free watercourse is completed. On this occasion, Emschergenossenschaft and Zollverein Foundation decided to present the photo project at the premises of the Zollverein World Heritage Site, which is also a part of the rewilded Emscher system with the Katernberg Bach running through the district in its direct vicinity.

The Emscher is hardly ever shown in these photographs, as the focus was not intended to be on the river or its conversion. This explains the exhibition title: the motifs lie "beyond" the Emscher itself, and beyond a documentation of the restructuring work carried out by the Emschergenossenschaft. The exhibition presents 16 photographic positions by 17 photographers using a documentary style to bring to light the social and topographical consequences of the conversion of the Emscher, from a variety of perspectives and through thoroughly different themes. Comissions for the "emscherbilder" were given on the basis of chosen project proposals presented by invited photographers; the results of their work are now publicly presented for the first time.

Between 2015 and 2022, more than 1100 photographs were taken. The exhibition shows more than 500 prints; additionally, more than 500 photos feature in a media installation. The photographers whose works are presented in the exhibition are: Aymeric Fouquez, Javier Klaus Gastelum, Paul Kranzler, Fatih Kurçeren, Jeffrey Ladd, Andreas Langfeld, Bettina Lockemann, Arwed Messmer, Giorgio Morra, Sabine Niggemann, Martin Rosswog, Sarah Straßmann, Katja Stuke und Oliver Sieber, Nikita Teryoshin, Malte Wandel, Petra Wittmar. They offer subjective insights into one of the largest and most sustainable infrastructural and rewilding projects in all of Germany.



Herne #1, 2016 © Aymeric Fouquez / Emschergenossenschaft



Jan Dickhöfer standing on a concrete bar laid across the Börniger Bach, a stream that used to be an open sewer until 2021 (as of 2022, it is no longer used as sewer), Herne / Castrop-Rauxel, 2021 © Paul Kranzler / Emschergenossenschaft



Graf Bismarck harbour, Gelsenkirchen, 2018/2019 © Petra Wittmar/Emschergenossenschaft

Regular guided tours in the context of the exhibition take place on the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. Additionally, Zollverein Foundation and Emschergenossenschaft offer an extensive accompanying programme including discussions with photographers and a workshop, the film cycle "EMSCHERSKIZZEN. People and places in the Emscher valley" by Christoph Hübner and Gabriele Voss as well as guided bicycle tours to the Emscherkunstweg.



Foreman Rui on the construction site of the sewage disposal plant Emschermündung, Dinslaken, Germany, March 2017 © Giorgio Morra / Emschergenossenschaft

#### ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME

#### **TALKS & WORKSHOP**

Talks with photographers

Photographers from the exhibition jointly talk about their exhibited series and documentary strategies.

Thu, 12.05.22 Martin Rosswog

Thu, 19.05.22 Javier Klaus Gastelum and Petra Wittmar

Thu, 02.06.22 Bettina Lockemann, Katja Stuke and Oliver Sieber

Thu, 23.06.22 Andreas Langfeld, Arwed Messmer and Sarah Straßmann

Thu, 30.06.22 Giorgio Morra, Malte Wandel and Nikita Teryoshin

#### DATES

on each of these days from 6:00 p.m. until 07:30 p.m., free of charge REGISTRATION besucherdienst@zollverein.de

#### Workshop "Documentary Strategies"

In the workshop, documentary strategies in photography in all their possible forms will be explored on the basis of the exhibited works. The workshop will be led by Stefanie Grebe (Ruhr Museum) and Professor Elisabeth Neudörfl (Folkwang University of the Arts).

#### DATE

Fri, 02.09.22 from 10:00 a.m. until 06:00 p.m., free of charge REGISTRATION besucherdienst@zollverein.de

# FILM CYCLE

WITH ACCOMPANYING PROGRAMME "EMSCHERSKIZZEN.

**People and places in the Emscher valley"** Film screening, music, readings with Christoph Hübner and Gabriele Voss For the first time, the entire film cycle by Christoph Hübner and Gabriele Voss will be presented at Zollverein. From 2006 until 2015, they documented people, places and changing impressions around the Emscher in filmic sketches. The screenings will be accompanied by music, readings and a panel discussion.

#### DATES

Sun, 16.10., Sun, 23.10., Sun, 30.10.22 on each of these days from 11:00 a.m. until 06:00 p.m., with snack break, free of charge REGISTRATION

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#### **GUIDED BICYCLE TOURS**

**Emscherkunstweg – Tour III SPECIAL Zollverein** Monumental - From the Zollverein Coal Mine to the Theatre of Plants

The tour leads from the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site to the Emscher and from there towards Bottrop to the artworks of the Emscherkunstweg.

#### DATES

Sun, 22.05., Sun, 31.07., Sun, 09.10.22 on each of these days from 02:00 p.m. until 05:00 p.m., free of charge INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION www.emscherkunstweg.de/event

# Come with us on a happy bike tour through the Ruhr District!

Guided bicycle tours along the Emscher

In the context of the cooperative initiative "Healthy along the Emscher!", KNAPPSCHAFT and Emschergenossenschaft invite you to explore the Emscher riverbank paths together.

#### DATES

Sat, 21.05., Thu, 09.06.22 on each of these days from 10:00 a.m. until 03:00 p.m., free of charge INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION www.radundsinn.de/gluecksradtour

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# EXHIBITION

An exhibition of Emschergenossenschaft and Zollverein Foundation

# LOCATION

Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cokery, Mixing Plant

DATE 12.05. until 06.11.22, daily from 10:00 a.m. until 06:00 p.m.

# PUBLIC GUIDED TOURS

05.06., 03.07., 07.08., 04.09., 02.10., 06.11.2022, on each of these days at 11:00 a.m. Participation: 3€, plus entrance fee for adults

#### TICKETS

Entrance fee: 7 €, reduced: 4 € Tickets: tickets-zollverein.de

# **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION**

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© Jeffrey Ladd / Emschergenossenschaft, 51°32'15.6"N 6°46'38.5"E Surface of the Emscher, Dinslaken, 2019 [detail]

#### NOTE

Due to the measures, which are taken in order to contain the Corona pandemic, there may be short-term changes. Current information:

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