
Preface

The cover of the sixth issue of the Journal of Digital Landscape Architecture JoDLA 6-2021 shows the Corona dashboard of Salzlandkreis. The county Salzlandkreis, including our campus in Bernburg – located in central Germany with an area of 1440 square kilometers and having a population of 190,000 – has developed its own Corona dashboard to show citizens the current local situation. Special thanks go to our graduates Dirk Helbig and Matthias Grothe for this year's JoDLA cover image. The objective is to show the local situation of the pandemic to the public with the same instrument used on state, national and international levels. Between its introduction on October 16, 2020 and March 23, 2021 (5 months) this dashboard had already received 1,461,124 clicks. The development and implementation of this dashboard shows the strength of visualization of digital spatial data.

The network of engaged individuals teaching new information technologies at the International Master of Landscape Architecture program MLA at Anhalt University established the annual Conference on Digital Landscape Architecture DLA at our school in 1999. The DLA has to date been held in Istanbul, Malta, Zurich, Munich, Aschersleben, and frequently in Bernburg and Dessau. In 2020, the DLA was hosted by Harvard University. Harvard was able to organize the DLA 2020 as a virtual conference when the Pandemic did not allow for personal contact. The Journal Digital Landscape Architecture JoDLA which we have developed for the conference is now listed in the international citation database Scopus. This publication is supported academically by eighty reviewers and board members. Here, we wish to thank them for their long-term support.

The 22nd international conference on digital landscape architecture was originally organized as an in-person conference at the conference facilities of the Umweltbundesamt UBA – the German Federal Environmental Protection Agency. The headquarter of the UBA in Dessau in the German State of Saxony Anhalt is located next to our Anhalt University Dessau Campus. Now being confronted with the next wave of infections, most countries of the participating speakers have been affected. Anhalt University therefore invites all to attend virtually.

This year's main theme "Resilient Digital Landscape and Global Change" is represented by selected images on the homepage of the conference: severe large-scale dead forest stands caused by global warning in the Harz Mountains of Saxony Anhalt, intensive agricultural for energy production, as well as drones that help monitor the environment: <http://2021.dla-conference.com/>. Our keynote speakers from Thailand and India will widen our view of the challenges environmental design faces to cope with global change.

As we are able to work with a digital twin of our globe, we can focus on how to use the tools of digital landscape architecture in order to meet the challenge of global warming.

This year we look forward to seeing even more participants virtually than those who would have been able to travel. At the same time, we are also looking forward to welcoming you again in person in the coming years.

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