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A trans Pavilion

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| Location | A trans Pavilion curated by Isolde Nagel presents at the Hackesche Höfe within the exhibition series <i>A synchroni-city</i> |
| Artist | J. Michael Bim (DE) <i>A Question of Lust (Der Berliner Lustgarten 2057)</i> |
| Opening | Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 4 pm |
| Exhibition | May 27 – July 15, 2007 |
| Welcome | Isolde Nagel Prof. L. H. Wolfram Popp |
| Opening Hours | Fri 2 – 7 pm and by arrangement Shopwindow 24 hours |
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For the third installation in the exhibition series *A synchroni-city*, Berlin artist, architect and director J. Michael Bim guides us directly into the future. The design on display, intended for a development in the vicinity of Berlin's Lustgarten, is utopian in character.

Any utopia is directly connected to the time from which it has arisen. With many historical utopias, this aspect is often of greatest interest to us today. Bim's model ironically mirrors the visionary power of the present. Viewers find themselves thrust into the middle of a debate: a reconstructed Berlin Palace versus the GDR-era "Palast der Republik." Not by coincidence, "Erich's Lamp Shop" (a nickname for the Palast that alludes both to its lighting scheme & to Erich Honecker) can be resurrected now as a high-rise. It is tempting to reflect upon how Berlin might come to terms with a reconstructed Berlin Palace. Would financial necessity justify a shopping center on the former waterside? Should a flak tower be planned in the spirit of Schinkel? Would anyone be bothered if a level reserved for investors were perched above the eaves? And why not a gas station to recall the former 'Apothekenhaus'?

The hollowed out building, incomplete behind, refers to the fact that utopias are exchangeable, and to how little the planned future actually ever coincides with an emergent reality. The strength of utopian ideas lies elsewhere: in the desire for change and in a receptiveness to countless possibilities and experiments.

Team:

Jörg Burzinski, Maurice Kauschke, David Moritz, Viet Nguyen, Katerina Pavlou, Wanja Scheurin, Susanna Schnibbe, Heider Schwaisch Al-Ani, Sebastian Strombach, Anja Wiedemann

The **opening reception** will take place on **Saturday 26 May 2007 at 4 pm**. You and your friends are cordially invited to attend.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a German language Artists' talk on the topic "Tauschcharakter gegenwärtiger Raumbedingungen" (The exchange value of contemporary spatial conditions).

Artists' talk Friday, June 15, 2007 7 pm at *A trans Pavilion*
With J. Michael Bim and guests
Presented by Isolde Nagel

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