

## MODERATION

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## MIGRATION

### Markus Stenger

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#### REPRODUCING THE OBSOLETE: REFLECTIONS ON THE CONVERSION OF A POWER STATION IN MUNICH.

Every city represents a "conglomeration", a collection, a storehouse of memories and an archive. At the same time, however, today's cities are highly dynamic systems characterised by constant change and technical, in-

frastructural and architectural sub-systems of different scales. Today, architectural structures that are approaching the end of their utilisation cycles and have become obsolete are increasingly reviewed on their conservation value. The publicly accepted *architectural monuments* have already successfully passed this test. In practice, however, dealing with these often results in conservation automatism which permanently encapsulates and makes inflexible significant elements of a formerly dynamic architectural system. Structures that, officially, have not been declared monuments and whose conservation value is yet to unfurl out of an open political discussion, look more interesting by comparison. This paper will propose to extend the term reproduction by a *sociological component* that is understood as the maintenance of a state, or use of a building within a dynamic system that is the city. Using the example of our architectural practice for a conversion of a former thermal power station in Munich, I will present how a revision of the conventional assessment strategy of a building resulted in a new design strategy that transformed a ruined building into a dynamic architectural system again.

Markus Stenger is a Munich-based architect and writer. He studied architecture at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar and Ohio State University, Columbus, USA in the 1990s. Together with Annette Stenger, he founded an architecture agency in 2003. Since 2014, the agency has operated under the name "Stenger2 Architekten und Partner", together with Jörg Siegert. Stenger2 Architects focus on projects for private homes, but also the revitalization of vacant buildings, the preparation and implementation of complex fire protection concepts and obtaining building permits.

In 2013, Markus Stenger founded S2LAB Denkraum für Architektur. In addition to the daily business of building, they are also occupied with the conceptual and process-related aspects that are integral to architecture and that are occasionally included in publications.

In recent years, Markus Stenger has been invited to serve as an external juror in several closing critiques at the Technical University of Vienna and at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

In the course of 2016's 15<sup>th</sup> International Architecture Biennale in Venice, the office of Stenger2 shows the conversion process of the former power station in Munich's Obersendling district as an example of "empirical building" in the framework of its "fearless" exhibition.