



Arctic Landscapes: Svalbard as Fluid Territory

This studio has mapped landscape features and forces working in the Svalbard territory. The Svalbard archipelago is a territory in rapid and intense transformation. Not only are the climate changes more extreme here, also the industries, populations and policies are in flux. We have explored global, industrial and political forces working upon the territory, and how the territory is a supplier of data tot eh world community.

The mapping displays as a series of layered, interlinked chronologies of data-driven, historiographic, and qualitative aspects of the territory. Students have worked both in section and plan, where the section has worked as a tool to explore time lined layers of influence, while the plan maps contribute to deconstruct the notion of Svalbard as remote, pristine and deserted.

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