

## Notes for a People's Atlas of Public Space in Chisinau

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### public program, May 9 – 19, 2010

(the program is a subject to change. for updates visit this webpage:

<http://www.chiosc.oberliht.com>)

Day	Place	Activities
May 9 Sunday	FLAT SPACE - meeting point	<p><b>9:15-12 am Walking tour 1 / Soviet legacy</b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> of May, till very recently was celebrated as the Victory Day and Commemoration of the soldiers deceased during World War II. It was distinctly celebrated from 8<sup>th</sup> of May that in Europe is celebrated as the Day of Europe.</p>
May 10 Monday	Exhibition Centre Constantin Brancusi, UAP	<p><b>7-9 pm Public presentation announcing the collaboration of Moldovan and American artists on a seminar about public space followed by a press conference</b></p> <p>For the last five years the organization AREA Chicago (<a href="http://www.areachicago.com">http://www.areachicago.com</a>) has been producing maps, magazines and events to learn about their city: Chicago, Illinois. Their magazines and events have featured the voices of hundreds of artists, researchers, educators, and activists who are trying to rethink the city, who it is for and what directions it can go. With their mapping project "Notes for a People's Atlas of Chicago" they have worked with hundreds of residents ranging in age from 6-70 to articulate their visions and deep knowledge of the city by drawing on blank maps of the city. In recent years the two lead map makers for the group, Dave Pabellon and Daniel Tucker, have been invited to other cities in the US (Syracuse, Albuquerque, Pittsburgh) and Europe (Zagreb, Granada, Chisinau) to reproduce and adapt the "Notes for a People's Atlas" project in collaboration with local organizations in those cities.</p> <p>This year, they are collaborating with <i>Moldova Young Artists Association</i> Oberliht (<a href="http://www.oberliht.com">http://www.oberliht.com</a>) to produce the "Notes for a People's Atlas of Public Space in Chisinau". The collaboration will involve Oberliht coordinating the distribution and collection of blank maps of Chisinau to residents of the city through their CHIOSC project (<a href="http://www.chiosc.oberliht.com">http://www.chiosc.oberliht.com</a>) in March, April, and May 2010. The maps will be documented in various publications produced by Oberliht and their collaborators from AREA Chicago. There will also be a seminar with various residents of Chisinau about the politics and economy of public space in the city, as well as a screening, lecture and workshop presented by Dave PABELLON and Daniel TUCKER about some of their work in Chicago.</p> <p>To see the 2007 collaboration between Pabellon, Tucker and the Zagreb Urban Festival on "Notes for a People's Atlas of Zagreb" see <a href="http://peoplesatlasofzagreb.wordpress.com">http://peoplesatlasofzagreb.wordpress.com</a></p> <p>To see documentation of the 2009 "Notes for a People's Atlas of Granada" see <a href="http://www.areachicago.com/b/area-news/peoples-atlas-update-2">http://www.areachicago.com/b/area-news/peoples-atlas-update-2</a></p> <p>To see maps from "Notes for a People's Atlas of Chicago" see <a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/areachicago/sets/72157605796481645">http://www.flickr.com/photos/areachicago/sets/72157605796481645</a></p> <p>To see exhibitions and workshops related to "Notes for a People's Atlas of Chicago" see <a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/areachicago/sets/72157612909641526">http://www.flickr.com/photos/areachicago/sets/72157612909641526</a></p>

		<p>"Notes for a People's Atlas" is featured in the internationally touring exhibition "Experimental Geography". For information on the exhibit see: <a href="http://www.ici-exhibitions.org/exhibitions/experimental/experimental.htm">http://www.ici-exhibitions.org/exhibitions/experimental/experimental.htm</a> For information on the book inspired by the exhibition see: <a href="http://www.mhpbooks.com/book.php?id=166">http://www.mhpbooks.com/book.php?id=166</a></p>
<b>May 12</b> Wednesday	FLAT SPACE - meeting point	<b>4-7 pm Walking tour 2 / Jewish Chisinau guided tour</b>
<b>May 14</b> Friday	ARThotel	<p><b>4-6 pm Day 1 / Presentation: The Community Mapping of AREA Chicago</b></p> <p>This presentation will provide an overview of the magazines, mapping, and community events organized by AREA Chicago from 2005-2010</p>
<b>May 15</b> Saturday	ARThotel	<p><b>2-6 pm Day 2 / Discussion: Public Space in Chisinau</b></p> <p>This discussion will use the "Notes for a People's Atlas of Public Space in Chisinau" project as a starting point for a discussion about how public space historically and currently operates in the city of Chisinau. City residents will discuss their research and observations about how space is used if it is public, private or if its legal status is unclear or ambiguous. We will discuss the effect of artistic and activist activities to contest the control of private and public space, and strategies that could be used to change the functions of highly controlled space.</p>
<b>May 16</b> Sunday	ARThotel	<p><b>2-6 pm Day 3 / Workshop: Making a Better Map</b></p> <p>This workshop will address technical and aesthetic approaches to map making and will be of significant relevance to designers who are interested in using maps in their work.</p>
<b>May 18</b> Tuesday	FLAT SPACE - meeting point	<b>4-6 pm Driving tour 3 / Eco-distance</b>
<b>May 19</b> Wednesday	FLAT SPACE	<p><b>8-10 pm Public screening at FLAT SPACE: Public/Private Parties - Proposals for Reactivating Public Spaces</b></p> <p>This screening will introduce the audience to works, which have influenced the work of AREA Chicago and the Notes for a People's Atlas project. Video works will draw from art and activism in the US, which has contested the definition and parameters of "public space" and "private space." The video titles will be announced soon.</p>