

TRANS.ACT Operators & Triggers

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TRANS.MIT

City of messages: The scattered bits and atmospheric surround hovering around an urban area, which generates social texts and intertexts. The constant process of broadcast and reception writes and rewrites the urban terrain.

Triggers: data cloud; cell phone; wireless; feedback; loop; social machines; diffuse city.

TRANS.LATE

City of sense: The transformation of data through tools of articulation, which define urban territories and virtual imaginaries, chart the range and scope of digitally enhanced perception, and generate meaningful languages from the flow of sense data.

Triggers: code; image maps; knowledge maps; sound maps; cyber atlas; collaboration; database; visualization; cyber city.

TRANS.LOCATE

City of roving positions: Where the fixed and actual are suffused with the migratory and virtual, and devices of navigation reveal locations on the move, passing through grids and orbits, confined only by the nearest signal point.

Triggers: liquid architecture; virtual architecture; zones; orbit; grid; -scape; non-place; edge city.

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City of exchange: The mixing of data, dollars and commodities in markets both visceral and dematerialized, where burgers and bits merge in a terminal array, circulating in the gleaming seduction of interface.

Triggers: cash flow; information flow; media flow; signal; sell space; meat space; data suite; terminal city.

TRANS.FIX

City of security: Operations of control and solidity, which are characterized by a weighty vacancy and scripted expanse, demarcate a frontier complete with armed tour guides, at once cordial, orderly and terrifying.

Triggers: data haven; technopole; bunker; telecom hotel; node; hub; control space; surveillance; multimedia city.

TRANS.MUTE

City of surface: Riddled with scratches, stains and marks, streams of data rain and write thin mutations over the dense plains of the real, staging an intervention that confuses the virtual with the actual, explicitly.

Triggers: hybrid architecture; lo-tech; surface; data skin; stain; supple; morph; composite; mutate; trace city.

TRANS.PLANT

City of blurred biology: Where technology spreads and implants in molecular fashion, creating front lawns dotted with satellite trees, streets replete with the viral signals of PDA's, and an urban magnetic field scanned through the operative organ of GPS devices.

Triggers: graft; hybrid; dispersion; expansion; virus; lesion; parasite; permeation; perforation; plug-in city.

TRANS.PORT

City of transfer: Urban flows that rearrange their contours automatically, instantly, through constant and rapid systems of conveyance, a sea of mobile gadgets, and vehicles that drive, spread, and deliver our unease to the far poles and back again.

Triggers: network; roving; mobile; triangulation; trajectory; topology; spread city.

TRANS.GRESS

City of lapses: The spaces in-between, peripheral and beneath that expose the limits, gaps and confusion encroaching on and emerging from the tide of data.

This is a faltering space in which to copy, cut and begin again.

Triggers: noise; blur; entropy; dissonance; nervous; silence; cracks; interruption; exopolis.