

The Floating University **Lexicon**

How can we mediate forms of situated knowledge that is associated with spatial practices?

The Floating University Berlin is a spatial process moving across spaces which are usually kept apart - the kitchen and the study, the bar and the auditorium, the hot tub and the library, the laboratory and the street, the university and the park. How can we name and capture the movement between thought and practice?

All participants and instigators of the Floating University Berlin are hereby invited to contribute to the Floating University **Lexicon**! We are looking to collaboratively develop „Hot Terms“ in an attempt to capture and name applied, situated, embodied, and site-specific knowledge created during the summer. „Hot Terms“ in the **Lexicon** will come from the site and from the processes which the different faculties will initiate on it. Definitions of terms will be written by artists, visitors, professors and students. Terms will overlay past, present and future practices of all writers and participants, floating professors, guests and neighbours.

We will contact each faculty in the next few weeks to introduce the **Lexicon** process and seed terminological thinking. First, we will identify in advance the terms for each school. During April the **Lexicon** will be developed „Hot Terms“ in parallel to the construction process with weekly workshops on site, in keeping up with a ‚work hard, think harder‘ ethos. From May until September, during the open weeks, public events will feature each term in its contextual relationship - process of definition and frames of reference.

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Terms for example:

swamp thing, relational object, building site, feminist power tool, kitchen, political placemaking, anthropocenic tendency, auditorium, situated knowledge, site/situation, floating university, colonie gardens, hot-tub, public space, self-construction, discursive dinner, berlin, water basin, dark ecology, moss, time/place, collective, politics, lexicon.

If you already have a term in mind, please fill out this short form, and we will get back to you shortly:

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