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Thursday evening the 26th of October at 7 pm Academy of Architecture Maastricht/ Herdenkingsplein 12

> guest lecture Gert Kwekkeboom Civic Architects

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"Architecture is the expression of the very soul of societies". This line from George Bataille's "Architecture" was one of the shared interests of the four founders of Civic Architects, while studying Architecture at Eindhoven University of Technology. Believing that practicing architecture is indeed per definition a public act, Civic is interested in the continuous cultural evolution of societies and its impact on the communal needs for public buildings. Civic Architects explores these by designing and building, working with sources from everyday life and popular culture. Gert Kwekkeboom will share some of Civic's projects, representing three of the themes that play a role in the office's current beliefs: the familiar, the generous and the little.

Civic Architects is a firm for public architecture, working from Amsterdam. Architecture is not an autonomous discipline, but a public task. We anticipate with our designs on the spatial, but also on the social, cultural, economic, and ecological context. Civic looks far back and far ahead in time. We pay a lot of attention to the atmospheric qualities of architecture and to the development of materials and their aging. New ideas and proven solutions reinforce each other. For experimental techniques we build models and mockups in our workshop. Civic is co-founder and member of The Cloud Collective, an international and multidisciplinary design collective.

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