Graduation Plan

Master of Science Architecture, Urbanism & Building Sciences

Graduation Plan: All tracks

The graduation plan consists of at least the following data/segments:

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Argumentation of choice	Always have been more interesting in the technical, innovative		
of the studio	and functional side of architecture, rather than the subjective		
	part where the beauty of architecture is questioned all the		
	time.		
Graduation project			
Title of the graduation	Kinetic Beach House		
project			
Goal			
Location:		Coastal Area	
The posed problem,		1: The coastal areas are a well known	
		characteristic Dutch thing. With their high	
		dunes they are not only featuring for the	
		safety of the whole country it also has	
		highly valued cultural and natural qualities.	
		The dunes are an aeolian landscape, which	
		means they are formed and reshaped by	
		wind. Sand is transported by wind from the	
		shore and beach into the dunes, which is	
		also important for a healthy ecologic dune	
		system. Current beach houses have a bad	
		influence on this transportation and block	
		the wind, so the dunes will not grow as fast	
		as a situation where there are no houses.	
		2 Currently most recreational buildings on	
		the beaches are also disassembled broken	
		down and stored for the new season. The	
		storage and demounting takes time and	
		money.	

research questions and	Overall design question: "How to use Kinetic Architecture to enhance the sustainability of small pavilions or small structures?"
	Thematic Research Question: "How can Kinetic designing help to build or use a beach house in a more sustainable way?"
design assignment in which these result.	On the location of the coastal area a solution has to found on beach houses for the current problems of sand transportation into the dunes and the cost effectiveness of the transportation and stalling of the houses. For both solutions an answer has to be, and will be, found in kinetic design. This solution can or will result into a new type of beach house.

This should be formulated in such a way that the graduation project can answer these questions.

The definition of the problem has to be significant to a clearly defined area of research and design.

Process

Method description

Literature studies

The literature studies that are done are mainly about kinetic architecture and kinetic design. Because it is hard to get a grip on the term 'kinetics' and it was hard to summaries projects under kinetic because it is such a broad term. Other literature studies are done on the location of the beach and the dunes.

Case Studies

For the case studies a template has been made, based on the findings of the literature study on kinetic design. The literature study helps to categorize different type and different purposes which different kinetic projects can be divided in.

Literature and general practical preference

van Berlo, Janneke and Kalker, Titia. Ecologisch en morfologisch advies strandbebouwing. Delft: Rijkswaterstaat, 2013

Fox, Michael. Emphemeralization. Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Kinetic Design Group. Department of Architecture (2009)

Fox, Michael and Kemp, Miles. Interactive Architecture. New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2009

Schittich, Christian. In detail small structures. Basel: Birkhäuser, 2010

Zuk, William and Roger H. Clark. Kinetic Architecture. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1970

Reflection Relevance

Although kinetic design does not have to be set to a coastal area, it could be very useful in this case. The problems that are addressed on the coastal area frankly ask for a dynamic, adjustable or moving structure which is what kinetic design is all about. The relevance between kinetic design and the search for a new type of beach houses is pretty big. A hypothesis is dared to be stated: "One kinetic design can solve the multiple problems of current beach houses."

