Dear All,

Welcome to the DLA2017 geodesign workshop.

Date: Wednesday June 7, 2017
Time: Please arrive soon after 8:30 am in order to get organized and sign into Geodesignhub. We will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

Location:
INDIGO PARK: Room 203+204 (second floor of new hexagonal building behind the Kurhaus)
Kurhaus,
Solbadstr. 2
D-06406 Bernburg, Germany

The Geodesignhub software which we will be using is a digital web-based workflow based on a systems-approach. It is designed to support the rapid creation of conceptual designs to address large and complex geodesign problems. It is designed to foster collaboration among professionals and their clients, and among teams of professionals, especially during the early stages of design. It has a simple user interface which uses ubiquitous web technology and communication systems. It easily incorporates existing and diverse data structures for both its inputs and outputs, and it enables users to collaborate in person and/or over the internet in real time to produce designs and assess them.
Preparatory reading and watching:
I assume that you are aware of my book “A Framework for Geodesign” and that you may have read it. It places geodesign change-synthesis in its broader context. For a recent lecture on geodesign dynamics and four recent case studies, see: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jf_R4rB7MIQ

Equipment: Please bring a recently made laptop computer. You will need a screen resolution of at least 1366x768. Most modern laptops built after 2012 should work, and the more modern the laptop the better. Please have Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox installed on your computer beforehand. We are using the latest internet technologies so any other browsers are not supported and this setup is critical. Please make sure that your computer has a full battery, as we do not know the exact electricity access arrangements in the workshop room.

Logging into Workshop data
The Geodesignhub software tool is publically available and free to use by all. It has extensive self-help documentation, with video and text tutorials. These will be available by signing up for an account at geodesignhub.com.

Instructions to create a new account are here: https://community.geodesignhub.com/t/creating-a-new-account/125

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We look forward to working with you.

Carl Steinitz, Hrishi Ballal, Tess Canfield

Beverages and lunch:
We will serve water, juice, coffee and tea, and offer small regional snacks, cakes and fruit throughout the day. An optional quick lunch break at Alter Markt restaurant, (five minutes’ walk away) is possible at 1 pm.