17 VOLCANOES: ARCHITECTURE & TRAVEL

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Introduction: Saturday, March 7 2020 2:30 - 5:30

Based on the research project "17 Volcanoes: Tourism and Cultural Heritage" at Future Cities Laboratory in Singapore (a series of expeditions following the 19th century explorer Franz Wilhelm Junghuhn to the island of Java), the seminar will discuss the history and present conditions or travel, education and tourism. It will deal with the questions how travel can be reactivated as a method of learning, how architects, artists and scientists can collaborate and how relaxing it is to consider oneself a tourist and not solely a researcher or educator. And it will evoke methods of representation of architectural travel, from the Wunderkammer in Sir John Soane's Museum to Madelon Vriesendorp's collection of postcards. Participants from all levels, including PhD students, are welcome. The group will organize a micro-expedition to the edges of the Cornell and the surrounding land-scapes, and document the trip with a souvenir-exhibition at the end of the semester.

