

PLAN*B FOR ARKADIANMÄKI

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Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art, Helsinki

PUBLIC REFERENDUMS

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PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Participants include:

Alexander Rose (The Long Now Foundation)

Oliver Kochta & Tellervo Kalleinen (Micronations)

Per Norbäck (Demoex)

Paavo Arhinmäki (Vasemmistonuoret)

Kaisa Eskola (Attac)

Irina Krohn (Green Party)

Jiri Räsänen (Leader of the Free World project)

Jon Brunberg (Utopian World Championship)

Discussions topics:

Mikrovaltiot - Micronations

Äänestys-oikeus - Rajoitettua Demokratiaa?

Utopioita demokratiasta / Uljaat Uudet Maailmat

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PROJECT GALLERY AND PUBLIC REFERENDUMS

PLAN*B FOR ARKADIANMÄKI is an alternative Parliament House. It will have its home opposite to the Finnish Parliament House, in Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art. The name of the project refers to the location of the Finnish Parliament House - Arkadianmäki ('Arcadia hill') is the Finnish Capitol Hill.

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Utopian World Championship is a worldwide competition in visionary thinking. For PLAN*B FOR ARKADIANMÄKI, they have decided to present one of the competition entries from this year; an experiment in direct democracy called **Demoex**, which has become a part of the local decision-making process in the Vallentuna municipality of Sweden.

The Long Now Foundation hopes to provide a counterpoint to today's "faster/cheaper" mindset and promote "slower/better" thinking. The foundation has initiated a series of ambitious real world projects to creatively foster responsibility in the framework of the next 10,000 years.

Amorph!03 Festival gathered together the official representatives of the Micronations for the very first time. Micronations are 'do-it-yourself nations', nations which have been established by individual people or artist groups.

2000.katastro.fi project collected the thoughts of the Finnish people during the last weeks of the previous millennium. **The Yes Men** and **Kaulbach Society** use creative means to criticize national and global power structures. **Homokaasu.org** is a mystifyingly popular website, which features projects requiring collective participation, such as the Kill Everyone Project.

The voting period for PLAN*B Referendums is **24th Jan-6th Feb 2005**. The local audience can follow the progress of the Referendums from a large-scale outdoor video screen. During the voting period, several discussion sessions and other public events will be organised. The final results of the PLAN*B Referendums will be submitted to the Finnish Parliament.

PLAN*B CALENDAR

Mon 24 Jan	Tue 25 Jan	Wed 26 Jan	Thu 27 Jan	Fri 28 Jan	Sat 29 Jan	Sun 30 Jan
Referendums start!			5-7 pm Long Now Foundation			
Mon 31 Jan	Tue 1 Feb	Wed 2 Feb	Thu 3 Feb	Fri 4 Feb	Sat 5 Feb	Sun 6 Feb
		5-7 pm Micronations		4-7 pm Our right to vote – a limited form of democracy?	1-4 pm Utopias of democracy / Brand New Worlds	1-4 pm Public Opinion
7 pm Referendum 1 closes		7 pm Referendums 2 & 3 close		7 pm Referendums 4 & 5 close	7 pm Referendums 6 & 7 close	7 pm Referendums 8 & 9 close

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Participation to all PLAN*B events is free of charge, no advance reservation necessary. All presentations and discussions will be held in English, except the last discussion on Sunday 6 Feb (Public Opinion) which will be held in Finnish. The discussions are moderated by **Juha Huuskonen & Aura Seikkula** (Plan*B).

Thursday 27 Jan, 5-7 pm

Alexander Rose /The Long Now Foundation

Kiasma Seminar room

The Long Now Foundation hopes to provide a counterpoint to today's "faster/cheaper" mind set and promote "slower/better" thinking. The foundation was established by a group of people who have been influential in helping us understand the social and cultural effects of technological development. These people include **Stewart Brand** and **Peter Schwartz** (founders of the Global Business Network), **Brian Eno** ('the father of ambient music') and **Kevin Kelly** (founder of WIRED magazine). Alexander Rose, the executive director of The Long Now Foundation, will give a presentation about the foundation and its activities. More information at www.longnow.org

Wednesday 2 Feb, 5-7 pm

Micronations

Kiasma Theatre

Micronations are nations which have been established by individual people or small (artist) groups. These 'self-made' nations are introduced by **Oliver Kochta** and **Tellervo Kalleinen**, who were the curators of Amorph!03 Festival. The Amorph!03 performance art biennale hosted the first »Summit of Micronations«, where the kings, presidents and representatives of "self made" countries met each other for the first time. A documentary film from the Amorph!03 festival will be presented as a part of the presentation.

Friday 4 Feb, 4-7 pm

Our right to vote – a limited form of democracy?

Kiasma Theatre

The themes of this discussion are Referendums and direct democracy. Should we possess more power as members of a nation by having a right to vote multilaterally and more often? Or would this conclude to direct populism? **Per Norbäck** introduces the Demoex-party, a direct democracy experiment. **Paavo Arhinmäki** (Vasemmistonuoret) and **Jiri Räsänen** (Leader of The Free World-project) will also participate in the discussion.

Per Norbäck is a 35-year-old teacher who has put direct democracy through the internet in practice in his home town Vallentuna, located north of Stockholm. He and his students have started a non-partisan political party which makes all it's decisions with the help of a specially developed e-democracy solution for the internet.

Saturday 5 Feb, 1-4 pm

Utopias of democracy / Brand New Worlds

Kiasma Theatre

Jon Brunberg introduces Utopian World Championship, a worldwide competition in utopian thinking. The competition was started in 2001 and the first winner was **T.R.O.Y.** with an essay New World Disorder - a global network of direct democracy and community currency. The competition is currently running its second championship round and one of the entries this time is from the Demoex-party.

Other participants of the utopian discussion are **Oliver Kochta** and **Tellervo Kalleinen** (Amorph!03 / Micronations), member of the Finnish Parliament **Irina Krohn** and **Kaisa Eskola** (Attac).

Sunday 6 Feb, 1-3 pm

Public Opinion

Kiasman Seminar room

The last PLAN*B discussion will focus on the results of the PLAN*B Referendums and Public Opinion. The participants of the discussion are Plan*B projects **2000.katastro.fi**, **Homokaasu.org** ja **Kaulbach Society**.

MORE INFORMATION

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