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Landscape as Infrastructure

Revisiting a series of milestone events over the past two centuries, Bélanger addresses the large scale correlation between infrastructure and landscape that underlie the contemporary processes of industrialization and urbanization in North America. Referencing John Kenneth Galbraith's *The New Industrial State* (1967), the lecture opens a telescopic view on the contemporary urbanized landscape that is the result of, though largely overlooked, transnational economic forces such as trade de-regulation, global outsourcing, automated manufacturing and just-in-time delivery. Foregrounding the binding reciprocity between economic development, ecological systems and industrial production, the presentation ends with a series of emerging streams of development throughout North America to reposition the productive and operational capacity of landscape as an infrastructure for the new economy of the 21st century.

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