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Against All Odds is a mechanism that produces thoughts, ideas and actions, the abbreviation of which is AAO project.

Above all, Against All Odds aims to detect and investigate the issue through which a solution to contemporary social, ecological and cultural problems is derived; a solution which is related to Architecture either in the existing framework of the discipline or through a necessary transformation within it. This is the object of research and, therefore, the subject matter of Against All Odds.

At the same time, AAO project aims to inform and raise public awareness as to the function and positive effect of Architecture for the benefit of society as a whole. But also as to the art of Architecture to act as a mediator of social tensions and be considered as a resource, one of the instruments which contribute to the balance of society.

*Against All Odds* is a concept by architect **Lina Stergiou**.

Against All Odds project is organized by Life Strategies, a proactive design organization committed to strategically designing actions for life.

For more information please visit: <http://www.aaproject.org>

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 January 2011  
Conference I  
Athens School of Fine Arts, Amphitheater, 256 Pireos St., Tavros, Athens

An interesting debate on the spatial translations of ethics and aesthetics and the critical role of new spatial practices within the current social, political and environmental context will become the focal point of the presentations and round-table discussions of the first conference.

February – May 2011  
Academic workshops  
The installation-outcome of the workshops will be presented at the Benaki Museum, Pireos Annex, Athens

The workshops are diverse types of collaborations where the AAO project is the strategic partner with two Universities as the Parsons The New School for Design New York, the National Technical University of Athens – during which specific aspects of the general thematic are addressed. There are two types of workshops: Research/Curatorial/Design Workshop and Research/Design Workshop. Goal of the workshops is the reinforcement of environmental and social actions among the young generation.

March – July 2011  
Performance-actions  
Benaki Museum, Pireos Annex, Athens, Internet, and at public spaces in Athens

The performance-actions comprise a series of initiatives that take place in public spaces, in the Internet and at the Benaki Museum. They keep the AAO project interrelated with its audience and steadfastly in an interactive association with it during the period of March to July 2011.

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- The Black Swan
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- Beautiful

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6 June – 31 July 2011

Main exhibition

Benaki Museum, Pireos Annex, Athens

The main exhibition Ethics / Aesthetics features progressive and innovative works which appropriate diverse strategies in order to express voluntary social engagement, ecological awareness, and the need to protect the environment. The exhibition presents the work of twenty (20) internationally celebrated architects, designers and artists from Europe, Asia and the United States focusing on the idea of materializing a better world. The works employ a diversity of strategies with a view to create sustainable environments and support the social structure.

Parallel exhibitions

Benaki Museum, Pireos Annex, Athens

Through high technology and highly interesting graphics the parallel exhibition Here and Now explores social and spatial issues related to the project. Moreover, it creates a platform of opinion and commentary exchange that involves the public. The parallel exhibition Slow Down Rooms, curated by Iris Kritikou, presents site-specific installations of Greek emerging artists who explore various materials through the philosophy of recycling and hand-made process.

Monday 6 & Tuesday 7 June 2011

Conference II

Benaki Museum Amphitheater, Pireos Annex, Athens

Around twenty (20) internationally acclaimed participants in the AAO project will be in Athens during the conference to illuminate the implemented strategies, the means and specific goals of their projects.

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