

An invitation to participate in the

# LOST HIGHWAY EXPEDITION

A journey to rediscover the future

**July 30 – August 24** 2006

*Lose yourself in the Western Balkans  
Find yourself in future Europe*

Centrala Foundation for Future Cities and School of Missing Studies would like to invite you to participate in the Lost Highway Expedition that will move through Ljubljana, Zagreb, Novi Sad, Belgrade, Skopje, Pristina, Tirana, Podgorica and Sarajevo, from July 30 to August 24 of 2006. You can join a massive movement of artists, architects and others that will navigate the new and dynamic territorialities of the WESTERN BALKANS. And while Europe fears its unstable territories and unpredictable future, you could help to build a de-centralized, fragmented, non-hierarchical, center-less, informal, bottom-up, self-generating, open source network society that may be our best future. As a temporary society, a moving city and a stateless state, together we can question,

*How can BORDERS [political and cultural] become a creative space in which our differences are both fundamental and irrelevant?*

*Will the future SOCIETY continues to be ruled by the vertical [central] AUTHORITY or will it be self-governed through horizontal [network] INITIATIVES?*

*Will the future TERRITORIES be formed by BALKANIZATION or EUROPEANIZATION?*

*What are the spatial instruments emerging from the new architectural and urban LANDSCAPES of the Western Balkans that can improve Europe, especially EU?*

*How can the assumed dichotomy between NOMADIC and SEDENTARY societies become a constructive parallax?*

*How can the distant views of an OUTSIDER mingle with the intimate experience of an INSIDER to give a more complete and objective measure of EUROPE and WESTERN BALKAN?*

*What is the Western Balkan and what is Europe, or do they even exist?*

*And other Lost Thinkings and Missing Studies that you like to explore.*

With the architectural and urban inventions of the Western Balkan as the foundation of this exploration, the projects and events to frame each city will be initiated by the participating members of Lost Highway Expedition—SKUC (Ljubljana); Mama, Platforma 9.81, WHW (Zagreb), Kuda.org (Novi Sad), Belgrade SMS, Pelom Kolektiv (Belgrade), Missing Identity (Pristina), Press to Exit (Skopje) and Pro.ba (Sarajevo) and probably more. And you are welcome to participate in them, or even initiate your own project/event. You do not have to travel or stay together, and can enter and exit the expedition for any length of time and at any point. And it's not necessary to always follow the planned path of expedition, and you can construct your own path through other cities or rural areas in between. Of course you can invite other people, groups or organizations to LHE, and there is no need to inform us beforehand. However, we invite you to register and contribute at [europelostandfound.net](http://europelostandfound.net) [under construction for your input], in which you can be connected with everyone and everyone with you. This is the way we become a self-generating open society. Obviously, you are expected to self-organize, support, and realize your journey.

LHE is the first event of Europe Lost and Found [ELF], an interdisciplinary and multi-national research project that likes to imagine economic, political, and cultural geographies of future Europe; a small project indeed. By positioning the idea of Balkanization as 'the globalization from below,' ELF-1 will focus on the effectiveness of decentralized and fragmented forms of economy, politics and cultures for the future. After LHE, you can propose a work/project that could be exhibited at WKV in Stuttgart, Germany (February – March 2007), and Moderna Galerija and SKUC in Ljubljana, Slovenia (May – June 2007), and more later. In addition, publications and conferences are planned around the exhibitions. And ELF-2 will begin with the Find Europe Expedition [FEE] that will look to connect peripheral cities around EU and Europe, while ELF-3 will conclude the project with Map Future Europe [MFE].

*So, "There is no State in Europe" [Etienne Balibar], while "Europe can no longer be understood by starting from Europe itself" [Jean Baudrillard], and "Bosnia is a metaphor for Europe" [Slavoj Zizek].*

## Welcome to the Lost Highway

For more information

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