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INTERVIEW #5: This time we meet with Michael Kurzwelly from Słubfurt, a hybrid city located both in Germany and in Poland. Słubfurt will present the project “2050” by Adam Page and Eva Hertzsch on 11/11/11 as part of the Exchange Radical Moments! Live Art Festival. Michael, how are you, where are you now and what are your plans for today?

Michael Kurzwelly

What a question. After being at the dentist with one tooth less, I feel like on holidays... plans? I don't need plans :-)

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Ok :-) You are in Słubfurt right now, right? Where exactly is Słubfurt located?

Michael Kurzwelly

Yes, I am in the capital of NOWA AMERIKA right now. Słubfurt was located half in Poland (district Słub) and half in Germany (district Furt) until the whole area became NOWA AMERIKA. Słubfurt is not only the capitol of NOWA AMERIKA, but of LEBUSER ZIEMIA, too, one of the four states of NOWA AMERIKA.

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What's actually your function in Słubfurt or in NOWA AMERIKA?

Michael Kurzwelly

That is a good question. We are still working on the functions, but of course I am employed by the city of Słubfurt as a tourist guide, showing the thousands of people from all over the world our marvellous town. THE UNITED NATIONS OF NOWA AMERIKA have been founded in march 2010. We just made a research project of experts to discover all our states and as a result the NOWA AMERIKA CONGRESS will take place 11-13th of November in Słubfurt, where we are going to develop our ministeries and political structures.

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I see! Could you answer in one or two sentences: What will happen at "2050", the project by artists Adam Page and Eva Hertzsch?



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The NOWA AMERIKA CONGRESS will open with a conference on one of the most important topics for the future: Do we need a European Energy Grid of renewable energies and should we develop it as a Pan-European network or should we rather focus on independent regions? Experts from all over Europe will join us to discuss this question.

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This congress will take place in Stübfurt on 11/11/11. What can a visitor of Stübfurt expect on 11/11/11? Is this congress open to the public?

Michael Kurzwelly

The congress starts at 6 pm in the townhall of the district of Furt. Visitors should bring their ideas. Of course it is open to the public. As far as I know some radical groups declared they would launch a manifestation in front of the town hall. For those who are not able to attend the conference, the conference will be broadcast via live-stream.

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A question concerning our general festival theme: When did art take you out of a daily routine lastly, making time stand still?

Michael Kurzwelly

Art is part of my daily life. Sometimes time condenses, sometimes it opens up a wide space. In July I saw Giotto's paintings in Assisi. I still can feel the inspiration inside me. This morning I was at the dentist and now I hold this tooth in my hands, which is no more part of my body...

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Kind of a radical moment this morning? Or is there another really radical moment in your life which you remember right now?

Michael Kurzwelly

I do not remember my birth which for sure was a radical moment in my life. I remember when my grandmother died, I did hold her hand. I remember I lost my path in the mountains in Corsica and had to sleep on a rock with ice around me and a precipice in front of me. I remember when I suddenly fell in love. I remember I stole something in a supermarket and that hot feeling when the detective caught me. I remember lots of things – I make art to enter this wide area in between and beyond explanation.



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Thank you for this interview! Greetings to Slubfurt!