

When species meet in the city: service design for endangered wildlife

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Abstract

This workshop aims to invite participants to rethink the settling of cities in territories occupied initially by wildlife. What happens when human and non-human inhabitants meet in the city? Discussions and solutions to problems arising from this interaction will be carried out with the contribution of the Instituto Vida Livre, a non-governmental organization (NGO) from Rio de Janeiro, where endangered wild animals are rescued, rehabilitated, and released back into the wild.

Keywords: animals, wildlife, biodiversity, conservation

Workshop description

The purpose of this workshop is to encourage participants to consider how wildlife shares cities with humans.

Cities are usually considered as homes for people and communities, as described by Manzini (2019). However, cities are complex entities made up of many actors, which includes wildlife. In the process of thinking about and developing cities, why don't we think about the non-human inhabitants as well, including public spaces and services? Haraway (2013) encourages us to follow a species-friendly approach to living.

In Insitudo Vida Livre, a non-governmental organization (NGO) from Rio de Janeiro, endangered wildanimals are rescued, rehabilitated, and released back into the wild. This is an example of a service for non-humans.

Session set-up

The section is expected to be carried out by the convenors acting as facilitators. The number of participants should not exceed 12. After a brief presentation of the activities performed by the institute, its volunteers and points that need attention, the participants will be divided into groups and propose micro-actions that could be implemented to enrich the performance of the NGO. This workshop can be attended in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Space requirements

A room with tables, chairs, benches, and a screen or projector. Convenors will provide other materials, such as sticky notes, papers, pens etc. The workshop may occur at Instituto Vida Livre's office at Jardim Botânico (in this case, we will notify subscribed participants in advance).


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Convenor 1: Matheus Pereira Ferreira Ventura. Industrial designer and graduate student at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro's Production Engineering programme.

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