THE SUBURB AS SITE:
A Virtual Photographic Collaboration Project

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Abstract:

In 2007 Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia, initiated an exciting new unit in which photography students from different universities, at both a national and global level, collaborated in pairs to produce creative responses to issues regarding contemporary urban and non-urban culture, environment and identity. The photographic collaborations are presented in The Suburb As Site virtual gallery. For the Deakin University students this unit is taught with a combination of lectures, tutorials and presentations by guest artists as well as on-line components, which includes an Electronic journal and the virtual gallery. This presentation will show case The Suburb As Site project and address issues related to the development and implementation of this unit, pedagogy and teaching structures, on-line collaborative processes and strategies, support and administrative structures, legal issues, international relations and future directions with respect to the university charter as well as presenting photographic images from the 2007 and 2008 collaborations.