

THE IMPACT OF FORMER MILITARY BASES ON THE URBAN GEOGRAPHIES:

UNCOVERING THE SOCIAL MEANING OF URBAN SPACE BEYOND THE BROWNFIELD SURFACE

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FOCUSING ON A REGION

MANNHEIM, GERMANY

- A Brief History
- Military Bases
- BRAC
- Imapct
- beneath the surface

(TEILWEISE) AUSLÄNDISCHE MILITÄRSTANDORTE IN DEUTSCHLAND
IM JAHR 2020 (PLANUNGSSTAND 07/2019)

(PARTIALLY) FOREIGN MILITARY FACILITIES IN GERMANY
IN THE YEAR 2020 (AS OF 07/2019)



Methodology

Research:

- Compare and contrast with the U.S. and German research
- Investigating Community engagements and responses.
- Documenting existing interviews
- Correlating with the U.S. and German federal programs, departments, and laws

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Spinelli Barracks, Mannheim 2021

STRATEGIES & LOCATIONS

OCCUPATION

- Industrial hubs and former German military bases were the main targets, they were often centrally located.
- Existing infrastructures helped reestablish command centers.



A Brief History

WWI & WWII

- Foreign soil with allied troop
- Concentration in Rheinland Mannheim region.
- Familiar territories and relations

BRAC

- Scale - massive decrease in military
- Negotiation power & struggle
- Maintaining identity and relations





BEYOND THE SURFACE

UNCOVERING SOCIAL MEANINGS

- Fractured landscapes
- Displacement
- Lingering identity
- Longing for healing



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RECLAIMING OF LAND

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