

NOMAD LAND: Metacities for a Trans-territorial Civilization

We are proposing traveling caravans that slowly coalesce into informal settlements around key destinations of a border-free planet. Radically democratic, these organically-grown roving cities are built entirely by the citizens who join this continuous procession facilitated by a transcontinental transportation network. Using modular steel and timber elements that are easily assembled and disassembled, citizens constantly add-on, modify, and re-configure habitable structures in open spaces or by inhabiting existing infrastructures along the way. Building on a rich genealogy of communal travel, these urban swarms are built, designed and joined together to promote alimentary self-sufficiency: sustaining the traveling populations with photovoltaic powered greenhouses and rainwater collectors. Subsequently, these cities grow and shrink in a constant state of flux. As climates and resource allocations shift, the adoption of nomadic policies—where sharing, collaboration and innovation are inserted into the global framework—will shape how societies can ensure future permanence and flexible adaptation.

Axon-Render(p1): Traveling caravans inhabit and build on existing vacant infrastructures to facilitate rapid settlement and efficient resource use.

Map (p2): Headquartered in Tokyo, the Transcontinental Transportation Network (TTN) connects existing global road systems.

Axon-Diagram (p2): Modular architecture can be added-on or modified by shifting needs while open ground becomes an opportunity for temporary programs (like greenhouses).

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