

A *TINY CAMPUS* ON TOUR: EXPERIMENTING WITH POP-UP HOSPITALITIES ACROSS EUROPE



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Creating platforms for *shared values*: publicly experimenting with networking formats through the lens of a mobile shepherd's hut



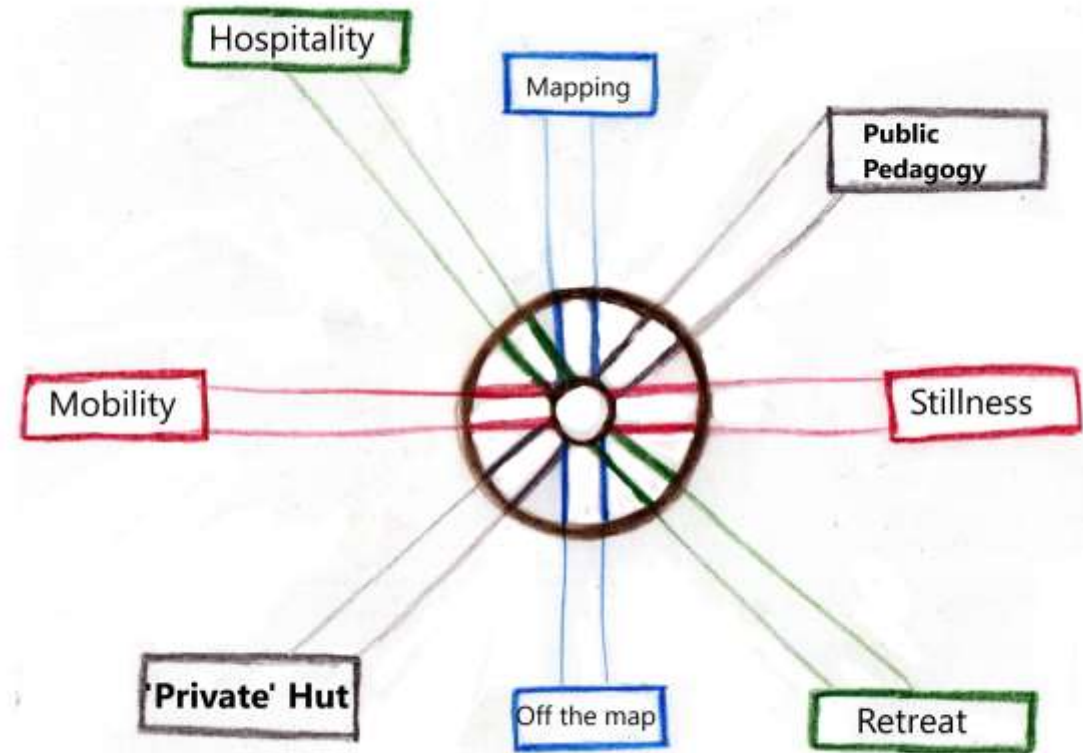
Photographs: first Tiny Campus pop-up event
30/04/2022 in the centre of Freiburg (Germany)



An itinerant encounter space imagined inside, then developed outside the academy, now situated in between



Art work: Tankuz

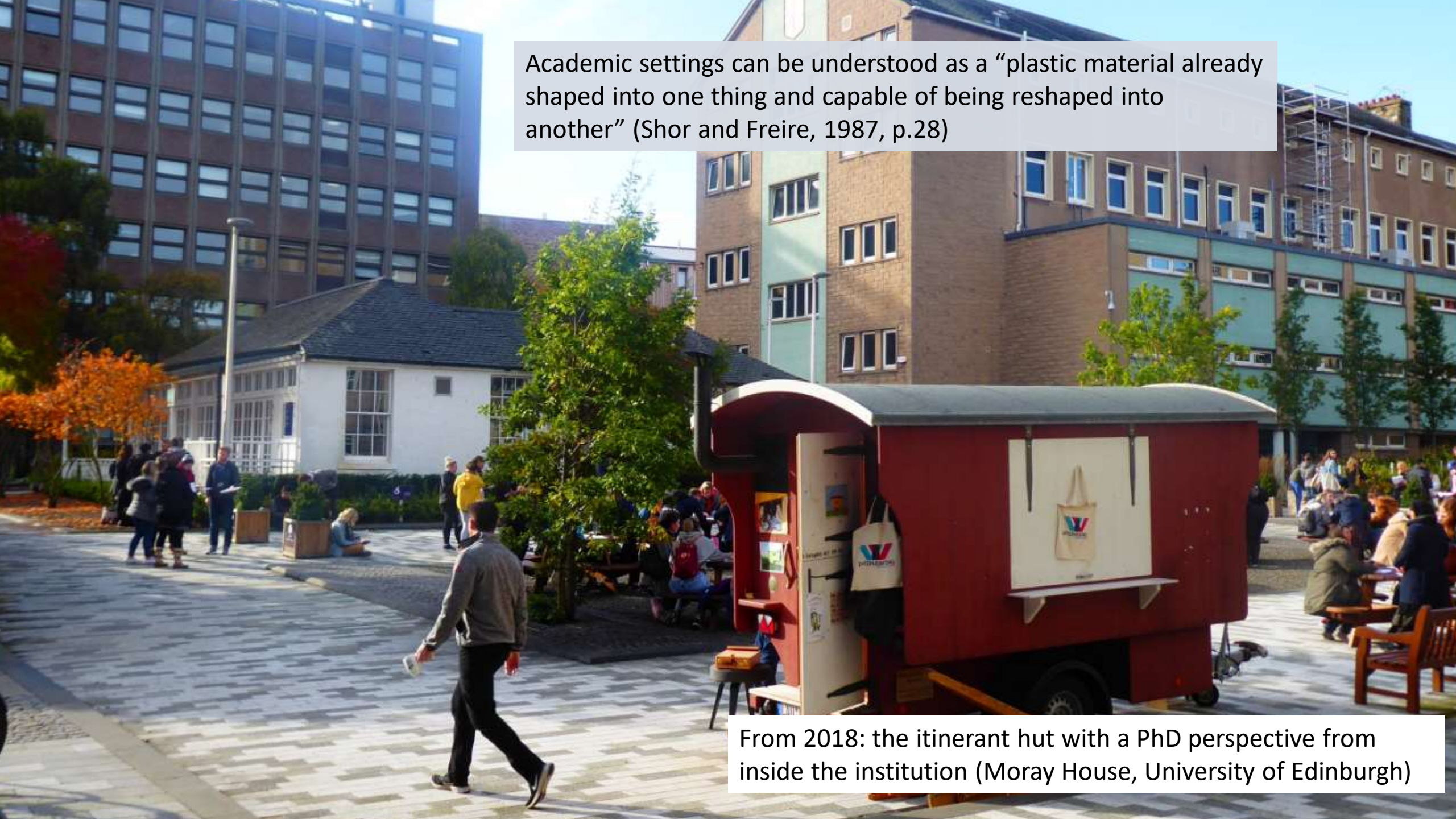




From 2010: An itinerant community encounter/storytelling project in everyday public spaces inspired by mobile schools from the global South and French *veillées paysannes*



Academic settings can be understood as a “plastic material already shaped into one thing and capable of being reshaped into another” (Shor and Freire, 1987, p.28)



From 2018: the itinerant hut with a PhD perspective from inside the institution (Moray House, University of Edinburgh)

Uncertain times in between lockdowns: Young Scholars Forum in Canadian Studies University of Freiburg (Germany) Sept. 2020



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I had a great day reflecting on physical, colonial, geographical, epistemological borders between researchers, fields & relations w/ colleagues Christian Hanser & Michelle Thompson: we're in & outside, apart & separated by a wall, but together at the open door... [#NWFGKS2020](#)



The idea of the *Tiny Campus*: pop-up conferencing starting inside, but going beyond the academy: expanding the experience and reflection on *encounter* in community settings (inspired by Rêv'othèque/Welcome Hut projects) to imagine an experimental *public networking* scheme by early career researchers for temporary presences in diverse locations



The aim of all projects involving the shepherd's huts as civic shelters:
Holding open a fluid hospitality hub which sends out invitations for
being in a 'safe space' with strangers, a retreat visible in public spaces



“Where are the academic refuges, which perform ethical roles in the academy in the context of hospitality” (Phipps and Barnett, 2007, p. 248)



First event organised by Michelle Thompson, PhD student at the University of Freiburg



De-walling: “to construct spaces without walls, deprived atmospheres that have entry requirements which are transparent and as low as possible, offer freedom of movement, and sanctuary for all manner of vulnerabilities” (Vrasti and Dayal, 2016, p. 1003)



Tiny Campus pop-up tour in Scotland and Ireland planned for 2023/2024

- Logistical and experiential support through Welcome Hut SCIO (Scottish charity) and association Rêv'othèque (EU-wide, based in Burgundy, France)
- Small local groups of Early Career Researchers exploring ways for bridging gaps between campus and art/activist venues, investing the interstice
- Topics of each pop-up day: open and flexible
- Continuous thematic thread: a reflection around potential and limitations of '*hospitality in and beyond the academy*' from a perspective of itinerance (Wanderbildung)

Tiny Campus pop-up conferencing

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Community projects with the hut

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