



Postcard from Chernobyl

Description

Chernobyl is a site of melancholy. It's not just the grief, the loss, the cost and the risk of extinction. Chernobyl and Prip'yat's melancholy is inscribed in the landscape. Forest takes over the agricultural and industrial ground plane. Apartment blocks stood proud on this stratum of Soviet achievement.

But the horizon breaks through, symbol of loss, hope and yearning. It's in the vast concrete and asphalt concourses fringed by wild nature, and the views from the tops of abandoned apartment blocks. Feet on grit and shattered glass perforate the hollow silence.

Notes

- Search posts for "horizon" and "melancholy".
- Also see Blackwell, Andrew. 2013. *Visit Sunny Chernobyl: Adventures in the World's Most Polluted Places*. London: Random

Category

1. Nature

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1. architecture
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