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## **MARSHALLPLAN REPORT**

*The Texas Coast as Geopolitical Territory.  
The Spatial Regime of Burning Fossil Fuels in Coastal Landscapes of Oil.  
By Oswald Jenewein*

*Dear Austrian Marshall Plan Review Committee,*

The time spent at the University of Texas at Arlington and the College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs was extremely helpful to expand upon the research topic focusing on the Texas coast as geopolitical territory.

The (re)sources provided by the university, the college, and also by the Institute of Urban Studies led to interesting research findings and a comprehensive summary of facts and figures on the operations and processes in Texas' coastal landscapes, towns, cities, and counties.

Especially the collaboration with Dr. Diane Jones Allen, and later with Dr. Ivonne Audirac, was a success leading to additional cross-disciplinary, inter-university research endeavors. Dr. Allen, Dr. Audirac, and myself formed an interdisciplinary research team bringing architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning together. Focusing on the South Texas coast, in particular on the City of Corpus Christi, we worked on a grant proposal and successfully won a \$20,000 Dollar Water and Human Settlements grant for our proposal: "A Conflict of Settlement: Oil vs. Water. Using Community Visioning to Develop a Restorative Design Scenario for Downtown Corpus Christi". This grant was awarded by Dean Adrian Parr, College of Architecture, Planning and Public Affairs, and the UNESCO Water and Human Settlements Initiative.

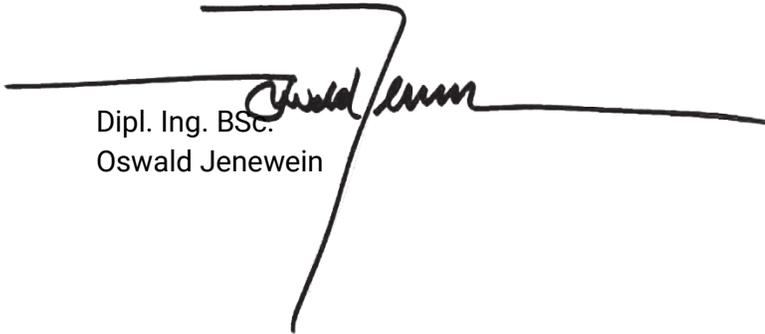
My dissertation, and especially the Marshallplan Scholarship were the premise to win this grant which now allows me to take this topic to the next level, while being part of a fantastic interdisciplinary team.

My recommendation for future Marshallplan scholars is, to fully embrace the opportunities provided by the host institutions. It is important to actively engage with the people abroad, and to respectfully try to become a member of various research groups. Ideally, it should be the goal that the Marshallplan Scholarship becomes the basis for additional grants and research-projects.

Ultimately, I want to thank the Marshallplan Foundation for this opportunity. It was an honor to get selected. The benefits this grant provided for my academic research were beyond what I would have expected a year ago.

Thank you and vielen Dank,  
Sincerely

Dipl. Ing. BSc.  
Oswald Jenewein

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