Workshop Program

Building Power: Meaning and Materiality in Urban Architecture

Date: Thursday, 9.6.2016 – Friday, 10.6.2016

Place: TU Berlin, Institut für Soziologie, Raum FH919, Fraunhoferstr. 33-36, 10587 Berlin

Day 1: Thursday, June 9, 2016

9:30 – 9:45    Welcome: Martina Löw (TU Berlin)
Chair: Martina Löw

9:45 – 10:30  Dominik Bartmanski & Martin Fuller (TU Berlin)

Built Environment Matters

10:30 – 11:15 Inge Daniels (University of Oxford)


11:15 – 11:30 Break

Chair: Emily Kelling

11:30 – 12:15 Donald McNeill (Western Sydney University)

Towards a volumetric urbanism: the production and terraformation of Singaporean territory.

12:15 – 13:00 Paul Jones (University of Liverpool)

Architecture as Spatio-Temporal Fix: Studying an Urban Capitalist Development

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch Break

Chair: Theresia Leuenberger

14:30 – 15:15 Michael Guggenheim (Goldsmiths, London)

Im/mutable im/mobiles: From the socio-materiality of buildings towards a differential cosmopolitics

15:15 – 16:00 Viviane Riegel (ESPM, Sao Paulo, Brazil)

Display of Alternative and ‘Cosmopolitan’ Worlds through Architecture: Agency and Conspicuous Consumption within Sao Paulo’s Elite’s Landscapes

16:00 – 16:15 Break
Chair: Xiaoxue Gao

16:15 – 17:00  
**Jörg Gleiter** (TU Berlin)  
*Material, Space, Meaning. Towards a Performative Semiotics of Architecture*

17:00 – 17:45  
**Göran Therborn** (University of Cambridge)  
*The Global Moment of Urban Power and the Advent of the Skyscraper*

17:45 – 18:30  
**Martina Löw** (TU Berlin)  
*The power to re-position: Flagship architecture in small and medium sized cities.*

19:15  
Conference Dinner

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**Day 2: Friday, June 10, 2016**

Chair: Gunter Weidenhaus

10:00 – 10:45  
**Leslie Sklair** (LSE)  
*The Icon Project: Soft Power in Global Architecture*

10:45 – 11:30  
**Silke Steets** (TU Darmstadt)  
*The Impracticability of the Mercilessly Practical: On Asserting Power Through Function (and Some Modes of Subversion)*

11:30 – 11:45  
Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30  
**David Madden** (LSE)  
*Projects: Stigma, Representation, and the Politics of Public Housing in New York*

12:30 – 13:15  
Lunch Break

Chair: Lea Rothmann

13:15 – 14:00  
**Bettina Mathes** (School of Visual Arts, New York)  
*Where the Trees Dream of Their Fruit: Granada and the Healing Powers of Islamic Architecture – Then and Now*

14:00 – 14:45  
**Monika Grubbauer** (Hafen City University, Hamburg)  
*Materialities of construction and meanings of home in informal building practices*

14:45 – 15:00  
Coffee Break

15:00 – 15:45  
**Jane M. Jacobs** (Yale-NUS, Singapore)  
*Architectural pathology: The terror of scale in the high-rise residential typology*

15:45 – 16:15  
**Dominik Bartmanski & Martin Fuller**: Closing Remarks