



Course Code ARCH 451	Course Title Rethinking Architecture	ECTS Credits 4
Department Architecture	Semester Fall	Prerequisites ARCH 342
Type of Course Elective	Field Architecture	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1st Cycle	Year of Study 4 th	Lecturer(s) Varies
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-Requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Present topics on theory, history, and philosophy of architecture. The themes and theoretical paradigms will vary in each year. Invited speakers will give seminars on the relation between history, theory and critical understanding of architecture.
- Present to students the writings of philosophers and theorist and to discuss how this ideas have influenced the thinking and practice of architecture through centuries.
- Develop a higher level of critical thinking or rethinking of issues on history and theory of architecture.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Read and analyze new ideas about architecture and theory
- Assess theories of architecture and to relate these to ideas outside the architectural discipline
- Identify standard themes and methods of the history and theory of architecture
- Criticize the standard themes and methods of the history and theory of architecture
- Differentiate subjective and objective arguments
- Identify and explain their own argument
- Construct an argument and support it with different forms of evidence
- Debate the merits of a particular point of view and to recognize the merits of a different point of view
- Identify the weak points of an argument

Course Contents:

- Topics will vary in each year: invited speakers will give seminars on the relation between history, theory, and critical understanding of architecture. Suggested topics include: color, forms and structural action, experience of space

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Discussion, Lectures, Readings, Short Writing Assignments

Assessment Methods:

In class assignments, Home assignments, Student Presentation
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Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Adams, Annemarie and Sally Ann McMurray, eds.	<i>Exploring Everyday Landscapes</i>	University of Tennessee	1997	978-0870499838

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Duncan, James, Nuala Johson & Richard Schein, eds.	<i>A Companion to Cultural Geography</i>	Blackwell	2007	978-1405175654