

Global Culture and Diversity – Distributional Electives

Description

Exploring relationships between diverse cultures, geographies, communities, social conditions, and the built environment provides a rich source of inspiration for architects and designers. As such, explorations in global culture and diversity are essential for developing relevant design skills and sensibilities. To ensure that students in the M.Arch-1 program gain exposure to conditions of the built environment in diverse communities, the M.Arch-1 degree requires students to earn a minimum of four (4) credit units in courses designated as *Global Culture & Diversity* distributional electives. This category of offerings is broad, encompassing appropriate design studios, lecture courses, and seminars. Course matter may include non-Western contexts, indigenous, or under-represented communities, challenged socio-economic frameworks, marginalized populations, divergent histories of architecture, special cultural conditions of a variety of vernacular, local, and regional settings. Correspondingly, student coursework may take a variety of forms for example, research papers on historic or contemporary architecture in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Oceania or other settings; or studio projects that engage in indigenous cultures, socially and economically challenged regions, historical settlement and contemporary urbanization patterns, political, social, ecological, technological and spatial patterns in architecture, forms and typologies, vernacular construction methods, and so on, within specific non-Western geographic contexts (commonly understood as areas other than Europe, North and South America, Australia; however, inclusive of under-represented regions of those continents. For example, the tropics, pre-Colombian areas of Peru, etc. are included in this distributional area). Common among these elective offerings is the expectation that students will not only absorb new knowledge about the needs, values, and social patterns of other cultures, but also apply their own analytical argumentation and design skills to resolving problems of architecture and urbanism in these contexts.

Archive of Past Approved Courses

Note: For a course to count towards a requirement, it must be taken in the year that it was listed as valid.

Spring 2020

3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition	Eve Blau
3607 Architecture as an Urban Issue: Challenges & Inventions in the Practice in Tokyo	Kayoko Ota
4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Peter Rowe
4377 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan	Seng Kuan
4393 Cultural Fever: Postmodern Effects in Sino-American Architecture	Michael Hays, Ruo Jia
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment	George Thomas, Susan Snyder
5211 Cities by Design II: Projects, Processes, and Outcomes	Stephen Gray
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	Alexander von Hoffman
5366 Global Perspectives on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement	Michael Hooper
5374 Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice	Lily Song
5381 Urban Design and the Color-Line	Stephen Gray
5383 Developing for Social Impact	Matthew Kiefer
5390 Public Space as a Catalyst for Change in Informal Settlements: The Case of Argentina	Belinda Tato
5392 Queer Spaces	Ann Forsyth
5486 The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change	Toni Griffin
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management	Edward Marchant
6601 Tectonic Tradition in Japan	Mitsuhiro Kanada

Fall 2019

3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft	John Peterson
4387 Topology and Imagination: Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture	Stanislas Fung
5213 Policy Making in Urban Settings	James Carras
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the US	James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
5495 Market Analysis and Urban Economics	Renee Tapp
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China	Bing Wang

Spring 2019

1323 Tokyo Study Abroad Studio New Topologies of Our Living Environment
3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition
3607 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar Thinning Metropolis Strategies and Tools
for the New Urban Condition
4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4377 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
4476 Architecture's Bodies Agency and Biopolitics
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5201 Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)
5211 Cities by Design II Projects, Processes, and Outcomes
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5367 U.S. Housing Markets, Problems, and Policies
5374 Community Development History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice
5381 Urban Design and the Color-Line
5432 International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance,
and Management
5495 Market Analysis and Urban Economics

Sosuke Fujimoto
Eve Blau
Kayoko Ota

Peter Rowe
Seng Kuan
Lisa Haber-Thomson
George Thomas, Susan Snyder
Quinton Mayne
Stephen Gray
Alexander von Hoffman
Chris Herbert
Lily Song
Stephen Gray
Stephanie Kayden
Edward Marchant

Raymond Torto, Jing Ren

Fall 2018

1302 Dwelling / Garden / Being, Suzhou
1308 Architecture as a Tool to Improve Lives Development of a Day Care Centre for
Rohingya Children
1403 Alternative Futures for Al-'Ula, Saudi Arabia
1501 The New Selma
1503 Gendering Urban Development Making room for women in urban
planning and design in Argentina
1602 The Agency of Mezcal in the Oaxaca Valley of Mexico
3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft
3369 Spaces of Solidarity
4387 Topology and Imagination Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture
4387 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
5210 Cities by Design I
5213 Policy Making in Urban Settings (at HKS)
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the United States
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China

Zhang Ke
Anna Heringer

Stephen Ervin, Craig Douglas
Daniel D'Oca
Chelina Odbert, Ignacio Cardona

Elisa Silva
John Peterson
Malkit Shoshan
Stanislas Fung
Seng Kuan
Rahul Mehrotra et al
James Carras
James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
Bing Wang

Spring 2018

1315 After the Storm Restructuring an Island Ecosystem
1316 ROOT Rediscovery of Jingdezhen Contemporary
1603 Manila Future Habitations

1605 Rapid Urbanism

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3369 Spaces of Solidarity
4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5201 Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)
5211 Cities by Design II Projects, Processes, and Outcomes
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5347 Urbanization and International Development
5365 Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions

Jeanne Gang, Claire Cahan
Pei Zhu
Rok Oman, David Rubin, Spela
Videcnik
Reinier de Graaf, Ricardo Solar
Lezama
Eve Blau
Malkit Shoshan
Peter Rowe
George Thomas, Susan Snyder
Quinton Mayne
Stephen Gray
Alexander von Hoffman
Sai Balakrishnan
Peter Rowe

5367 U. S. Housing Markets, Problems, and Policies
5374 Community Development Past, Present, and Future
5432 International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management
5495 Market Analysis and Urban Economics
6311 Innovative Construction in Japan

Chris Herbert
Lily Song
Stephanie Kayden, Daniel Maxwell
Edward Marchant
Raymond Torto
Mark Mulligan

Fall 2017

3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft
4329 Urbanization in the East Asian Region
4377 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
5210 Cities by Design I
5213 Policy Making in Urban Settings (at HKS)
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the United States
5486 There Goes the Neighborhood Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods...
5601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar Tokyo on a Crossroads
6601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China

John Peterson
Peter Rowe
Seng Kuan
Rahul Mehrotra et al
James Carras
James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
Toni Griffin
Kayako Ota
Mitsuhiro Kanada
Bing Wang

Spring 2017

1314 Material that Connects A Campus Center in Chicago
1322 Building Industries in African Water Cities
1409 Ulsan Remade Manufacturing the Modern Industrial Landscape
1410 In the Middle of the Streams Beyond Landscape Architecture Design & Flow
1504 Type, City, Ecology Hydro-types and Knowledge Environments for a New Township
in India
1506 Sao Paulo the Rescaling of Rail Infrastructure and New Models of Domestic Life
1602 Kuala Lumpur / Discovering Traces

3357 Experiments in Public Freedom
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5201 Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)
5211 Cities by Design II
5290 The Space of Conflict
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5347 International Urbanization and Development
5362 Design for the Just City
5365 Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions
5366 Global Perspective on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement
5432 International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, Management
9138 SURPLUS HOUSING Models of Collective Living in South America

Jeanne Gang
Kunle Adeyemi
Niall Kirkwood
Catherine Mosbach
Christopher Lee

Felipe Correa
Spela Videcnik, Rok Oman, David
Rubin
Sergio Lopez-Pinero
G. Thomas, S. Snyder
Mayne
Stephen Gray
Potvin
Alexander von Hoffman
Sai Balakrishnan
Toni Griffin
Peter Rowe
Michael Hooper
Jerold Kayden
Edward Marchant
Felipe Correa

Fall 2016

1305 Fukuoka Project Strategies for Urban Extroverts
1309 The Archipelago in the Archipelago. Medellin A Tropical City
1310 Hutong Metabolism, Beijing
1312 Tokyo Study Abroad Studio Transforming Omishima into a Beautiful Japanese
Garden
1501 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing After Ferguson
1601 INTERFACE Constructing the Edge for Malaysia Vision Valley
4329 Urbanization in the East Asian Region
4329 Architecture, Urbanism, and National Identity in Muslim Geographies
5210 Cities by Design I

Toshiko Mori
Camilo Restrepo Ochoa
Zhang Ke
Toyo Ito

Daniel D'Oca
S. Gray and Z. Hong
Peter Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Peter Rowe

5601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar Tokyo on a Crossroads	Kayoko Ota
5363 Prosperity, Civic Values and Diversity in a Gentrifying City The Case of Central Square	Geeta Pradhan
6601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan	Mitsuhiro Kanada
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China	Bing Wang

Spring 2016

1314 Territorio Guarani III	Jorge Silveti
1321 Redesigning the Actor Network in Rural Areas around Tokyo	Kaijima, Tsukamoto
1406 Seoul Remade Design of the 'Kool' and the Everyday	Niall Kirkwood
1504 Housing in Merida Yucatan the urban and the territorial	Diane Davis, Jose Castillo
1505 "Regular City" in Chongqing Searching for Domesticated Superstructures	Joan Busquets
1507 Extreme Urbanism IV Looking at Hyper Density - Dongri, Mumbai	Rahul Mehrotra
1508 The Factory and the City Rethinking the industrial spaces of the developmental city	Christopher Lee
1602 Jakarta Models of Collective Space for the Extended Metropolis	Felipe Correa
3351 Landscape as Urbanism in Latin America	Luis Rodrigo Callejas Mujica
3602 Political Landscapes (Rotterdam Study Abroad Seminar)	Niklas Maak
4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Peter Rowe
4367 Selected Topics in Chinese Architecture and Urbanism	Xiangning Li
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment	G. Thomas, S. Snyder
5211 Cities by Design II	Stephen Gray
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	Alexander von Hoffman
5347 International Urbanization and Development	Sai Balakrishnan
5362 Design for the Just City	Toni Griffin
5507 Urban Inequality after Civil Rights (at FAS)	Elizabeth Hinton
6311 Innovative Construction in Japan	Mark Mulligan
5362 Design for the Just City	Toni Griffin
9129 Living in the Kinetic City Mapping Housing in a Landscape of Flux, Mumbai	Rahul Mehrotra
9138 SURPLUS HOUSING Models of Collective Living in South America	Felipe Correa

(Prior to 2016, this Distributional Elective was known as "Non-Western." The description of that elective type is included below)

Exploring relationships between geography, culture, and the built environment provides a seemingly inexhaustible source of inspiration for architects and designers – certainly this is true for the GSD’s diverse international population of students, faculty, and visitors. Today, as architects increasingly find work in geographic regions and cultural contexts very different from those in which they grew up, such explorations are essential for developing relevant design skills and sensibilities. To ensure that students in the M.Arch-1 program gain some depth of exposure to conditions of the built environment outside of what we conventionally call the West (principally Europe, North and South America, Australia), the M.Arch-1 degree requires students to earn a minimum of four (4) credit units in courses designated as Non-Western Architecture distributional electives. This category of offerings is diverse, encompassing appropriate design studios (i.e., options studios focused on non-Western contexts and issues), lecture courses, and research seminars. Correspondingly, student coursework may take a variety of forms – research papers on historic or contemporary architecture in Asia, Africa, Oceania or other settings, for example; or studio projects that engage historical settlement and contemporary urbanization patterns, political, social and spatial patterns in architecture, forms and typologies, indigenous construction methods, and so on within specific non-Western geographic contexts. Common among these elective offerings is the expectation that students will not only absorb new knowledge about the needs, values, and social patterns of other cultures but also apply their own analytical argumentation and design skills to resolving problems in architecture and urbanism in these contexts.

Fall 2015

1307 Imprecise Tropics	Camilo Restrepo Ochoa
1501 When the Future Looked Bright We Didn't Wear Shades	Bernard Khoury
1502 The MLK Way Building on Black America's Main Street	Daniel D'Oca

4329 Urbanization in the East Asia Region	Peter Rowe
4405 Staging the City Urban Form and Public Life in Istanbul	Sibel Bozdogan
5210 Cities by Design I	Mehrotra, et al
5433 Modern Housing and Urban Districts Concepts, Cases and Comparisons	Peter Rowe
5502 Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World	Enrique Silva
<i>Tokyo Abroad Program Only</i>	
1313 Making Omishima the Best Island to Live On In Japan Toyko Study Abroad Studio Option	Toyo Ito
5601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar The Japan Syndrome	Kayoko Ota
6601 Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan	Mits Kanada