

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 2022

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| 4344 Chinese Modern Architecture and Urbanism | Peter Rowe |
| 4458 Architecture: Histories of the Present | Mohsen Mostafavi |
| 4479 Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment | George Thomas, Susan Snyder |
| 4483 Late-modern Japan and the Wild Samurai Generation | Seng Kuan |
| 4484 Otherness and Canon: Episodes of a Dialogic Reading of the History of Architecture | Jorge Liernur, Yazmin Crespo |
| 5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities | Alexander von Hoffman |
| 5381 Urban Design and the Color-Line | Stephen Gray |
| 5383 Developing for Social Impact | Matthew Kiefer |
| 5397 Cities and the Urban Informal Economy | Rahul Mehrotra, Martha Chen, Bish Sanyal |
| 5424 Architectures of the New Silk Road- Spaces of Transnational Infrastructure-led Urbanization | Marc Angelil |
| 5427 Native Americans in the 21 st Century: Nation Building II (at HKS) | Eric Henson |
| 5439 Land Loss, Reclamation, and Stewardship in Contemporary Native America | Daniel D'Oca, Eric Henson, Philip Deloria |
| 5442 New Towns and Affordable Housing Development in Africa | Richard Peiser |
| 5444 Typologies of Liberation | Oana Stanescu, Bryan Lee |
| 5486 The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change | Toni Griffin |
| 5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management | Edward Marchant |

Fall 2021

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| 3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition | Eve Blau |
| 3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft | John Peterson |
| 3398 Migration in Latin-American: Imagining Flux, Rapid Response and Reversibility | Luis Felipe Vera Benitez |
| 3486 Original Misunderstandings: Latin American Architecture and Some Genealogies | Florencia Rodriguez |

4377 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
4387 Topology and Imagination: Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture
4454 The Project and the Territory: Japan Story
4464 Slavery, the slave trade and the built environment
5213 Equitable Development and Housing Policy in Urban Settings
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the US
5386 Urban Ethnographies
5429 Reimagining social infrastructure and collective futures
5495 Urban Economics for Planners and Policymakers
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China

Seng Kuan
Stanislas Fung
Mohsen Mostafavi
Raffaella Fabiani Giannetto
James Carras
James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
Michael Herzfeld
Malkit Shoshan
Rachel Meltzer
Bing Wang

Spring 2021

4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4458 Architecture: Histories of the Present
4478 Other(ed) Architecture: Coloniality, Subject, and Space
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5347 Urbanization and Development
5367 U.S. Housing Markets, Problems, and Policies
5374 Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice
5381 Urban Design and the Color-Line
5383 Developing for Social Impact
5397 Cities and the Urban Informal Economy

5419 Hidden Figures: The City, Architecture and the Construction of Race and Gender
5424 Architectures of the New Silk Road
5427 Native Americans in the 21st Century: Nation Building II (at HKS)
5486 The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance,
and Management

Peter Rowe
Mohsen Mostafavi
Somayeh Chitchian
George Thomas, Susan Snyder
Alexander von Hoffman
Diane Davis
Chris Herbert
Lily Song
Stephen Gray
Matthew Kiefer
Rahul Mehrotra, Martha Chen,
Bish Sanyal
Hansy Better
Marc Angelil
Eric Henson
Toni Griffin
Edward Marchant

Fall 2020

3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft
4387 Topology and Imagination: Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture
4454 The Project and the Territory: Japan Story
4455 Cotton Kingdom, Now
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the US
5386 Urban Ethnographies
5389 New Spaces of Justice
5495 Market Analysis and Urban Economics

John Peterson
Stanislas Fung
Mohsen Mostafavi
Sara Zewde
James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
Michael Herzfeld
Oana Stanescu
Jaclene Begley

Spring 2020

3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition
3607 Architecture as an Urban Issue: Challenges & Inventions in the Practice in Tokyo
4344 Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4377 Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan
4393 Cultural Fever: Postmodern Effects in Sino-American Architecture
4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
5211 Cities by Design II: Projects, Processes, and Outcomes
5337 Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
5366 Global Perspectives on Shelter Insecurity and Displacement
5374 Community Development: History, Theory, and Imaginative Practice
5381 Urban Design and the Color-Line
5383 Developing for Social Impact
5390 Public Space as a Catalyst for Change in Informal Settlements: The Case of Argentina

Eve Blau
Kayoko Ota
Peter Rowe
Seng Kuan
Michael Hays, Ruo Jia
George Thomas, Susan Snyder
Stephen Gray
Alexander von Hoffman
Michael Hooper
Lily Song
Stephen Gray
Matthew Kiefer
Belinda Tato

5392 Queer Spaces
5486 The Gentrification Debates: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhood Change
5490 Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance,
and Management
6601 Tectonic Tradition in Japan

Ann Forsyth
Toni Griffin
Edward Marchant

Mitsuhiro Kanada

Fall 2019

3358 An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft
4387 Topology and Imagination: Between Chinese Landscapes and Architecture
5213 Policy Making in Urban Settings
5326 Housing and Urbanization in the US
5495 Market Analysis and Urban Economics
9127 Real Estate and City Making in China

John Peterson
Stanislas Fung
James Carras
James Stockard, Jennifer Molinsky
Renee Tapp
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

Jeanne Gang, Claire Cahan

1316 ROOT Rediscovery of Jingdezhen Contemporary
1603 Manila Future Habitations

1605 Rapid Urbanism

3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition
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
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

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
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

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

9138 SURPLUS HOUSING Models of Collective Living in South America

Felipe Correa

Fall 2016

1305 Fukuoka Project Strategies for Urban Extroverts

Toshiko Mori

1309 The Archipelago in the Archipelago. Medellin A Tropical City

Camilo Restrepo Ochoa

1310 Hutong Metabolism, Beijing

Zhang Ke

1312 Tokyo Study Abroad Studio Transforming Omishima into a Beautiful Japanese Garden

Toyo Ito

1501 Affirmatively Further Fair Housing After Ferguson

Daniel D'Oca

1601 INTERFACE Constructing the Edge for Malaysia Vision Valley

S. Gray and Z. Hong

4329 Urbanization in the East Asian Region

Peter Rowe

4329 Architecture, Urbanism, and National Identity in Muslim Geographies

Sibel Bozdogan

5210 Cities by Design I

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 Silvetti

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

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| 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 |