



Tendencies in Architecture Research, ResArc PhD-course

In comparison with other sciences, architecture research is a rather young discipline that was mainly developed along with the growth of the modern society, including a wide range of topics and scales: everything from technological issues and planning as well as self reflective analyses and critical stand points in general. Times are changing and new aspects are continuously added to the stock of architecture research.

The course Tendencies in Architecture Research provides opportunities for doctoral students to achieve an overview of trends, approaches and practices in contemporary architecture research. The course also provides a basic introduction to architecture theory, methodology and academic publication.

Objectives

The objectives of the course Tendencies are:

1. To provide opportunities for doctoral students to get an overview of contemporary trends, approaches and practices in architecture research.
2. To provide a basic introduction for new doctoral students to architecture theory, methodology and academic publication.

Schedule

February 9-10, 2012

Tendencies 1: Contemporary Themes

This two-day event coincides with ResArc Kick Off. At the first day of the Kick Off the course Tendencies will have its first introductory meeting.

In connection to the Kick Off, the invited lecturers Michael Biggs, Hilde Heynen, Laura Lee and Sven-Olov Wallenstein will present what they regard as the most important and challenging issues in contemporary architecture research.

Texts selected by the lecturers will be sent out to course participants. These texts will be discussed at the third Tendencies meeting in May.

March 21-23, 2012

Tendencies 2: Research Modalities

This three-day event will start with a seminar on selected dissertations, with focus on methodology. Group discussions will be followed by a conclusive discussion.

The second day provides lectures on different modes of architecture research, such as practice based research, observational studies, case study research, action based method, essay writing, and serendipity. In connection to the lectures, there will be time for posing questions on research modalities.

The third day consists of a seminar, where we will discuss your own choices of methods and methodologies.

Pre-assignment

Please read the selected dissertations, with special attention directed towards methodological aspects.

May 9-11, 2012

Tendencies 3: Communication

The third assembly of Tendencies will be devoted to academic-publication. The first day will consist of a seminar, on the texts sent out in connection to the first Tendencies meeting, with focus on contemporary trends, approaches and practices in architecture research.

At the second day, we will discuss publication and disciplinary framing in a seminar on publication in different contexts and forms, for example peer reviewed articles, popular science publications, and exhibitions.

The third day will consist of an introduction to the final assignment: to write a paper for publication on the ResArc web site, in accordance with the general theme of the course, i.e. tendencies in architecture research.

Pre-assignment

Carefully read the texts with special attention to contemporary trends, approaches and practices in architecture research. Also study the format of the texts in relation to different formats such as popular science publications, peer reviewed articles, and exhibition catalogues.

September 01, 2012

Latest delivery of finished papers to: resarc@arkitektur.lth.se

September 26-28, 2012

Tendencies 4: Publication / Approaches 1

The fourth Tendencies event contains a seminar of the sent in papers. It will also be the start of the second ResArc course: Approaches to Architecture Research.

Pre-assignment

Each student carefully reads and prepares an oral opposition of another student's text. The opposition should include both a short presentation of the studied text and a critical reading of it. The time slot for each opposition is dependent on how many texts that are finally sent it.

General information

Course Leader: ResArc Director, Professor Lars-Henrik Ståhl.

Requirements:

The course is open for the ResArc doctoral students and other affiliated doctoral students. To pass the examination, the students must attend two of the three ResArc events and hand in a paper to be published on the ResArc website.

Application:

Mail your name, title and affiliation to: resarc@arkitektur.lth.se. Please give "Application to Tendencies" as the subject of the email. Deadline for registration is Monday the 6th of February 2012.