

Upcoming PhD course

in the series *Philosophies in Architectural and Urban Research*, a course (7,5 cr.) within the ResArc national research school framework, provided by the School of Architecture KTH:

Risk, (in)security, indeterminacy

The course addresses uncertainty as an overbearing condition of present-day societies – integral to the organisation of labour, the provision of housing, processes of urbanization, flows of migration, forms of valuation, financial speculations, democratic development and climatic tipping points – along with the subsequent efforts to safeguard, establish and control a territory. The exposure to risks and the urge for control are not only factors pertaining to everyday life, but also form part of the challenges of conducting research – especially when it comes to the crossing of borders in cross- and inter-disciplinary research. If philosophy traditionally has referred to architecture as a metaphor for structure, consistency and stability, the course is based on the premise that architecture must turn to philosophy for a deeper understanding of what is fundamentally unstable ground, driving from (but not limited to) our existential finitude. Moving transversely across different scales and focal points, the course will engage closely with recent thinking by eg. Giorgio Agamben, Jean-Luc Nancy, Isabelle Stengers and Catherine Malabou. Key concepts, problems and dilemmas will be brought in proximity with contested sites in architectural theory and experimental practices in order to forge new creative opportunities for knowledge seeking and dissemination. The epistemological and methodological aspects of risk-taking, (in)security and indeterminacy will be further explored in conjunction with the interests of the course's participants as linked to the development of individual research projects.

The course is comprised of four modules and, until further notice, will be transmitted via Zoom (online platform). Modules will be composed of lectures, talks and discussions based on preparatory readings, literature seminars and workshops. The forth and final module will be based on presentations of the outcome of the course and take the form of a small conference.

Preliminary dates

Modul 1 (v. 50) 9-11/12

Modul 2.(v. 3) 20-22/1

Modul 3. (v.7) 17-19/2

Modul 4 (v. 12) 24-26/3

Prerequisites

In order to follow the course a student must have completed a masters' degree in architecture or adjoining fields, or have an equivalent level of education. The course is open for applicants from different disciplines with any kind of interest in the theme, with priority given to PhD students.

Coordinators

The course will be coordinated and taught by Catharina Gabrielsson, associate professor and docent, and Sebastiaan Loosen, post doc, both at The School of Architecture KTH.

Deadline for application is 15th October 2020.

Apply by sending a statement of interest to cga@kth.se

For more info: <https://www.kth.se/student/kurser/kurs/F1A5051?l=en>

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