

June 2009

**Buildings: Technologies or Interactions?  
Exploring the Intersections between Architectural Theory and the Social  
Sciences**

June 17 - 19, 2009

*Organizer:*

*Michael Guggenheim (Zürich)*

**Program**

**Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

13.30-14.15 Welcome by the Managing Director of ZiF, Jörg Bergmann and the organizer

Michael Guggenheim: Failing each other thrice. Some remarks on the history of the relation between architecture and the social sciences

**Panel 1:**

***Revisiting debates between the social sciences and architecture***

Session Chair: **Christina Schumacher**

14.15-15.45 **Lukasz Jan Stanek** (Zürich): From unitary theory to differential space. Henri Lefebvre and the architects  
Commentator: **Karen Franck**

**Alexandra Köhring** (Hamburg): Evaluating spatial perception. The discussions on materialism and architecture in the post-war Soviet Union  
Commentator: **Thomas Markus**

15.45-16.15 - coffee break-

Session Chair: **Antonio Eduardo Ascensão**

16.15-17.45 **Barry Edginton** (Winnipeg):  
Architecture as Therapy: A case study in the use of phenomenology in design  
Commentator: **Sebastian Haumann**

**Axel Sowa** (Paris/Aachen):  
The time and timelessness of architectural magazines  
Commentator: **Hilde Heynen**

17.45-19.30 - Dinner at ZiF -

Session chair: **Michael Guggenheim**

19.30 Evening Talk: **Thomas Gieryn** (Bloomington): Epistemic? Implications of Buildings

## Thursday, June 18th

9.00-10.30

**Panel 2:**  
***Revising the interaction of architectural theory and the social sciences***

Session chair: **Lukasz Jan Stanek**

**Hilde Heynen** (Leuven):

How to conceive the interrelation between spatial configurations and social patterns? Three models

Commentator: **Barry Edginton**

**Kenny Cupers / Isabelle Doucet** (Harvard/Delft):

Agency in Architecture: Reframing Criticality in Theory and Practice

Commentator: **Thomas Gieryn**

10.30- 11.00 - coffee break -

11.00-12.30

**Panel 4:**  
***(The breakdown of) Type Theory***

Session Chair: **Barry Edginton**

**Karen Franck** (New Jersey): Building Type: A Key Concept for Understanding People-Environment Interactions

Commentator: **Michael Guggenheim**

**Monika Grubbauer** (Hamburg):

Architectural types and the perception of urban space: how does architecture provide order or provoke disorder when traditional typologies no longer apply?

Commentator: **Axel Sowa**

12.30-14.00 lunch

**Panel 5:**  
***Type operations***

Session Chair: **Thomas Gieryn**

14.00-15.30

**Stefanie Duttweiler** (Basel)

Church Buildings – Architectural Space Between Religion and Politics

Commentator: **Lukasz Jan Stanek**

**Stephanie Hering / Christina Schumacher** (Zürich):

Buildings that Educate: Does architecture have (gender)-politics?

Commentator: **Jan Stefan Becker**

15.30-16.00 - coffee break -

Session Chair: **Alexandra Köhring**

16.00-16.45 **Jane Jacobs** (Edinburgh): Building Events  
Commentator: **Hanna Steinmetz**

16.45-17.00 break

Session Chair: **Karen Franck**

17.00-18.00 Evening talk: **Thomas Markus** (Strathclyde): Architectural Types and Language

19.00 Dinner downtown

## Friday, June 19th

9.00-10.30

### **Panel 6: Changing buildings-changing society?**

Session Chair: **Kenny Cupers**

**Hanna Steinmetz** (Konstanz):

Temporal Aesthetics in the 'Tube'. Investigating London Underground's major refurbishment processes

Commentator: **Isabelle Doucet**

**Sebastian Haumann** (Darmstadt):

A Political History of the Conversion of Buildings: The Case of Cologne's „Stollwerck“, 1975-1980

Commentator: **Jane Jacobs**

10.30-11.00 coffee break -

11.00-12.30

### **Panel 7: Informal Settlements and a Theory of Buildings:**

Session Chair: **Thomas Markus**

**Antonio Eduardo Ascensão** (London):

Informal urbanisation in a postcolonial context – the architecture of shanty town dwellings as 'lived' expression of postcolonial circumstances in Lisbon, Portugal

Commentator: **Christina Schumacher**

**Jan Stefan Becker** (Giessen): (No) Space between Buildings - urban spheres in conflict. About intercultural transfers and discrepancies between Europe and Rio de Janeiro

Commentator: **Alexandra Köhring**

12.30-13.30 *Roundup: Guggenheim / Gieryn / Markus/*

*Snack / departure*