

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 2018

1315: After the Storm: Restructuring an Island Ecosystem	Jeanne Gang, Claire Cahan
1316: ROOT: Rediscovery of Jingdezhen Contemporary	Pei Zhu
1603: Manila: Future Habitations	Rok Oman, David Rubin, Spela Videcnik
1605: Rapid Urbanism	Reinier de Graaf, Ricardo Solar Lezama
3346: Urban Form: Transition as Condition	Eve Blau
3369: Spaces of Solidarity	Malkit Shoshan
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China	Peter Rowe
4479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment	George Thomas, Susan Snyder
5201: Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)	Quinton Mayne
5211: Cities by Design II: Projects, Processes, and Outcomes	Stephen Gray
5337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities	Alexander von Hoffman
5347: Urbanization and International Development	Sai Balakrishnan
5365: Towns and Settlements in Metropolitan Regions	Peter Rowe
5367: U. S. Housing Markets, Problems, and Policies	Chris Herbert
5374: Community Development: Past, Present, and Future	Lily Song
5432: International Humanitarian Response (at HSPH)	Stephanie Kayden, Daniel Maxwell
5490: Affordable and Mixed-Income Housing Development, Finance, and Management	Edward Marchant
5495: Market Analysis and Urban Economics	Raymond Torto
6311: Innovative Construction in Japan	Mark Mulligan

Fall 2017

03358: An Unsentimental Look at Architecture and Social Craft	Peterson, John
04329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region	Rowe, Peter G.
04377: Competing Visions of Modernity in Japan	Kuan, Seng
05210: Cities by Design I	Mehrotra, Rowe, Kayden
05213: Policy Making in Urban Settings (at HKS)	Carras, James
05326: Housing and Urbanization in the United States	Stockard and Molinsky
05486: There Goes the Neighborhood: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods...	Griffin, Toni L.
05601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: Tokyo on a Crossroads	Ota, Kayoko
06601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan	Kanada, Mitsuhiro

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09127: Real Estate and City Making in China

Wang, Bing

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

01602: Kuala Lumpur / Discovering Traces

3357: Experiments in Public Freedom

04479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment

05201: Urban Politics and Planning (at HKS)

05211: Cities by Design II

5290: The Space of Conflict

05337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities

05347: International Urbanization and Development

05362: 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

09138: 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

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

5601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: Tokyo on a Crossroads

5363: Prosperity, Civic Values and Diversity in a Gentrifying City: The Case of Central Square

6601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan

9127: Real Estate and City Making in China

Toshiko Mori

Camilo Restrepo Ochoa

Zhang Ke

Toyo Ito

Daniel D'Oca

S. Gray and Z. Hong

Peter Rowe

Sibel Bozdogan

Peter Rowe

Kayoko Ota

Geeta Pradhan

Mitsuhiro Kanada

Bing Wang

Spring 2016

1314: Territorio Guarani III

1321: Redesigning the Actor Network in Rural Areas around Tokyo

1406: Seoul Remade: Design of the 'Kool' and the Everyday

1504: Housing in Merida Yucatan: the urban and the territorial

1505: "Regular City" in Chongqing: Searching for Domesticated Superstructures

1507: Extreme Urbanism IV: Looking at Hyper Density - Dongri, Mumbai

01508: The Factory and the City: Rethinking the industrial spaces of the developmental city

01602: Jakarta: Models of Collective Space for the Extended Metropolis

03351: Landscape as Urbanism in Latin America

03602: Political Landscapes (Rotterdam Study Abroad Seminar)

04344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China

04367: Selected Topics in Chinese Architecture and Urbanism

04479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment

05211: Cities by Design II

05337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities

05347: International Urbanization and Development

05362: Design for the Just City

05507: Urban Inequality after Civil Rights (at FAS)

06311: Innovative Construction in Japan

Jorge Silvetti

Kaijima, Tsukamoto

Niall Kirkwood

Diane Davis, Jose Castillo

Joan Busquets

Rahul Mehrotra

Christopher Lee

Felipe Correa

Luis Rodrigo Callejas Mujica

Niklas Maak

Peter Rowe

Xiangning Li

G. Thomas, S. Snyder

Stephen Gray

Alexander von Hoffman

Sai Balakrishnan

Toni Griffin

Elizabeth Hinton

Mark Mulligan

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05362: Design for the Just City
09129: Living in the Kinetic City: Mapping Housing in a Landscape of Flux, Mumbai
09138: SURPLUS HOUSING: Models of Collective Living in South America

Toni Griffin
Rahul Mehrotra
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

01307: Imprecise Tropics
01501: When the Future Looked Bright We Didn't Wear Shades
01502: The MLK Way: Building on Black America's Main Street
04329: Urbanization in the East Asia Region
04405: Staging the City: Urban Form and Public Life in Istanbul
05210: Cities by Design I
05433: Modern Housing and Urban Districts: Concepts, Cases and Comparisons
05502: Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World
Tokyo Abroad Program Only:
01313: Making Omishima the Best Island to Live On In Japan: Toyko Study Abroad Studio Option
05601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar: The Japan Syndrome
06601: Tokyo Study Abroad Seminar on Structure and Material in Japan

Camilo Restrepo Ochoa
Bernard Khoury
Daniel D'Oca
Peter Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Mehrotra, et al
Peter Rowe
Enrique Silva

Toyo Ito
Kayoko Ota
Mits Kanada

Spring 2015

This listing is subject to change pending course offerings

04344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
05211: Cities by Design II *(only if student work has nonwestern emphasis)*
05337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
05467: 20th Century African Cities
06311: Innovative Construction in Japan
09129: Livelihoods and Urban Form: Mumbai in a Comparative Perspective

Peter Rowe
Eve Blau, et al
A. von Hoffman, D. Schmidt
Felipe Hernandez
Mark Mulligan
Rahul Mehrotra, Martha Chen

Fall 2014

01304: Socio-Environmental Responsive Design
01306: 21st Century Architecture of Africa and the Diaspora
01309: Housing in Extreme Environments
01311: The Forms of Transition
01403: Life-Styled – China-town
01503: The Countryside as a City
04329: Urbanization in the East Asia Region
04405: Istanbul: Urban History Research Seminar
04408: Situating the Modern: Modern Architecture and Vernacular Traditions
05210: Cities by Design I
09123: The Fourth Typology: Dominant Type and the Idea of the City
09127: Real Estate and City Making in China

Belinda Tato and Jose Vallejo
David Adjaye
S. Videcnik and R. Oman
Camilo Restrepo
D. Mah, L. Asensio Villoria
Christopher Lee
Peter Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Sibel Bozdogan
Mehrotra, et al
Christopher Lee
Bing Wang

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SPRING 2014

01319: Thermodynamic Materialism Applied to Dense Urban Conglomerates, Two Chinese...
01409: Negative Planning in Nanshahe, Haidian District, Beijing
01506: Obsolescence and Pathways to Redevelopment: The Shekou Industrial District...
04344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
05405: Global Leadership in Real Estate and Design
05211: Cities by Design II
06311: Innovative Construction in Japan

Iñaki Abalos
K. Yu, A. Blackwell, S. Ervin
Peter Rowe
Peter Rowe
Bing Wang, Eugene Kohn
Mehrotra, Blau, et al
Mark Mulligan

FALL 2013

01301: Kyoto Studio
01601: Macau: Cross-border Cities
01603: Meydan: Designing the Surfaces of Public Space around Beyazit Square, Istanbul
04329: Urbanization in the East Asia Region
04405: Istanbul: From Imperial Capital to Global City
05210: Cities by Design I
09123: The Fourth Typology: Dominant Type and the Idea of the City
09121: New Geographies Lab Seminar: Territorial Tropes
09127: Real Estate and City Making in China

Toshiko Mori
Christopher Lee
A. Hashim Sarkis, Erkin Ozay
Peter G. Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Mehrotra, Busquets, et al
Christopher Lee
A. Hashim Sarkis
Bing Wang

SPRING 2013

01317: Ecologics: Refiguring the Civic Ground
01407: Relational Urbanism: Taiwanism
01603: Mediating Between Monuments, Museums, and Megaliths in ... Istanbul
01605: Green-Heart Urbanism in the Pearl River Delta: The Haizhu, Guangzhou Case
03432: Global Redesign Project
04344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
05211: Cities by Design II
05337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities
09129: Kinetic City: Research Seminar on Temporal Urbanism

Ingeborg Rocker
Eduardo Rico, Enriqueta Liabres Valls
A. Hashim Sarkis
K. Yu, A. Blackwell, S. Ervin
Toshiko Mori
Peter Rowe
Mehrotra, Castillo, et al
von Hoffman, Schmidt
Mehrotra

FALL 2012

01301: Kyoto Studio
01503: Urban Development and Housing for Low Income Groups in ...
01506: Common Frameworks: Rethinking the Developmental City
04329: Urbanization in the East Asia Region
04408: Situating the Modern: Modern Architecture and Vernacular Traditions
05210: Cities by Design I
09123: The Fourth Typology: Dominant Type and the Idea of the City
09127: Real Estate and City Making in China

Toshiko Mori
Francis Kere
Christopher Lee
Peter G. Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Mehrotra, Busquets, et al
Christopher Lee
Bing Wang

SPRING 2012

1318: Thinking about Home-for-All
1508: Extreme Urbanisms
1603: Retooling Gabon
1604: Peri-Urban Development Alternatives Studio
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
4475: Case Studies in Critical Conservation: Architecture and Urban Design
4601: Metabolic Tokyo
5211: Cities by Design II
5493: Sustainable Urbanism in the Gulf During Pre-Oil Period
6311: Innovative Construction in Japan
9116: Cultural Tourism in the Al-Turat World Heritage Site, Saudi
9118: Urban Formation and Spatial Analysis in East Asian Cities

Toyo Ito
Rahul Mehrotra
Benjamin Aranda
Yu, Blackwell, Ervin
Peter G. Rowe
K. Michael Hays, Rahul Mehrotra
Ken Tadashi Oshima
Mehrotra, Correa, et al
A. Georgoulis, S. Pollalis
Mark Mulligan
Richard Peiser, Bing Wang
Peter G. Rowe

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FALL 2011

01302: Landscape Wooden (Hill and Water) House
01305: Light Monumentality
01307: Forward into the (Deep) Past
01308: Dominant types and the idea of the City: Housing Beijing
01310: Istanbul: Between Contour and Silhouette
04408: Situating the Modern: Place, Region and National Identity in Modern Architecture
05210: Cities by Design I
09113: Al-Turaif, Saudi Arabia: Cultural Tourism & A Living Community

Wang Shu, Lu Wenyu
John Hong, Jinhee Park
Lindy Roy
Christopher Lee
A. Hashim Sarkis
Sibel Bozdogan
Mehrotra, Busquets, et al
Richard Peiser, Bing Wang

SPRING 2011

1314: New Metabolism
1315: Type and Typography
1406/1513: Peri-Urban Development
1508: Extreme Urbanism: Reimagining Mumbai's Back bay
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
6311: Innovative Construction in Japan
9107: Baku, Oil City

Hiromi Hosoya
Preston Scott Cohen
Yu, Mulligan, Rowe, Ervin
Rahul Mehrotra
Peter Rowe
Mark Mulligan
Eve Blau

FAS

Anthro 1742 Housing and Heritage: Conflicts Over Urban Space
HAA 229p Word and Image in Persian Painting
HIST 1630 Rising China?

David J. Roxburgh

MIT

4.623 Mughal Landscapes: History, Heritage & Design

James Wescoat

FALL 2010

1302: Global Redesign Project 2
1303: Dense + Green
1307: Geography of a Bridge
1311: Architecture, in Extremes
4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region
4405: Istanbul: From Imperial Capital to Global City

Toshiko Mori
Thomas Schroepfer
Hashim Sarkis
Sahel Al Hiyari
Peter G. Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan

FAS

HAA 2882 Ito Jakuchu and Japanese Nature Painting

Yukio Lippit

MIT

4.236J/11.463J Structuring Low-Income Housing Projects in Developing Countries
4.680: Advanced Studies in the HTC of Art and Architecture – Landscape Research...

Reinhard Goethert
James Wescoat

SPRING 2010

1316: Foggy Architecture
1320: Traces
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
6311: Innovative Constructions

Scott Cohen
Martin Bechthold, Allen Sayegh
Peter Rowe
Mark Mulligan

FALL 2009

1302: Toward an Industrial Ecology for New Caofeidian
1303: Global Redesign Project I: Le Kinkeliba
1304: TB Clinics and Research Laboratories in Ethiopia
1307: Reticulated Form II: Airport Terminus in Bucharest
1310/1502: The New Gate: Public Space, Infrastructure, & the Re-Orienting of ... Istanbul
4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region
4405: Modern Architecture and National Identity: Ottoman/Turkish Case in Global Context
9206LA03: Mumbai Matter: Assembling Urban India

Nanako Umemoto
Toshiko Mori
Peter Rose
Joseph MacDonald
A. Hashim Sarkis
Peter G. Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Nazneen Cooper, Niall Kirkwood

MIT

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4.614 : Religious Architecture and Islamic Cultures
4.621: Orientalism and Representation
4.623: Mughal Landscapes: History, Heritage and Design

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Wescoat

SPRING 2009

1316: The Al Qattara Oasis in Al Ain "A"
1318: Stubborn Urbanism
1508: The Al Qattara Oasis in Al Ain "B"
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
5324: Villages in Development in the Pearl River Delta
6311: Innovative Constructions
6334: A New Urban Enterprise

Jorge Silvetti
Preston Scott Cohen
Felipe Correa
Peter G. Rowe
Marco Cenzatti, Margaret Crawford
Mark Mulligan
Nazneen Cooper, Niall Kirkwood

FAS

HAA 12m: Monuments and Cities of the Islamic World: An Introduction

David J. Roxburgh

FALL 2008

1401: MUMBAI METROPOLITAN: Adapting the Airport Lands, Mumbai, India
4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region
4346: Visions of the Japanese House

Niall Kirkwood, Nazneen Cooper
Peter G. Rowe
Ken Tadashi Oshima

FAS

HAA 285v. The Complete Taj Mahal Ebba M. Koch

MIT

4.662: Religious Architecture and Islamic Cultures
4.619: Historiography of Islamic Architecture
4.629: Special Problems in Islamic and Nonwestern Architecture-Mughal Landscapes...

Nasser Rabbat
Nasser Rabbat
Jim Wescoat

SPRING 2008

1316: Experiments in Tessellation: Airport Terminal
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
5314: Strategic Planning and Local Development
6311: Innovative Constructions: Cases in Modern Japan
6445: Green Infrastructure in the Non-formal City

Farshid Moussavi, Daniel Lopez-Perez
Peter G. Rowe
Mona Serageldin
Mark Mulligan
Christian Werthmann

FALL 2007

1305: Kanchogai Street
1309: Tokyo's Book City
1402: Mumbai Margins: Rethinking the Island City
4329: Urbanization in the East Region
4405: "Other Modernities": Architecture and National Identity in Global Context
6311: Innovative Constructions: Cases in Modern Japan
9206UPD: Resurfacing (Revisiting) The Grid as an Organizational Device for the Design...

Ryue Nishizawa, Florian Idenburg
Andrea Leers
Niall Kirkwood, Nazneen Cooper
Peter G. Rowe
Sibel Bozdogan
Mark Mulligan
Joan Busquets, Felipe Correa

MIT

4.628: Special Problems in Islamic and Non Western Architecture

SPRING 2007

1315: Nanjing
1320: Reframing of Open Public Space in Tokyo
1322: MAKINAMEDINA: Reconfiguring the Relationship Between Geography
4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China
6311: Innovative Constructions: cases in modern Japan

Preston Scott Cohen
Yoshiharu Tsukamoto
A. Hashim Sarkis, Aziza Chaoui
Peter Rowe
Mark Mulligan

MIT

4.614: Religious Architecture and Islamic Cultures

Nasser Rabbat

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FALL 2006

1304: BOMBAY STUDIO: Urban Adjustments Negotiating the Kinetic and Stat

1307: Migrating Coastlines: Emergent TranFORMations for Dubai, U.A.E.

1311: Steer a million people per day.. Beyoglu, Istanbul

1402: Maximum Mumbai, Minimum Mumbai: Repositioning the Cotton Textile Girangaon...

1501: Tokyo's 'New Order' from a Local Perspective: Redevelopment of the Chuo-ku...

4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region

FAS

HAA 122x: Architecture of the Mediterranean World

MIT

4.614: Religious Architecture and Islamic Cultures

4.616: Historiography of Islamic Architecture

Rahul Mehrotra

Ali Rahim

Han Tumertekin

Niall Kirkwood

Mark Mulligan , Peter G. Rowe

Peter G. Rowe

Gulru Necipoglu-Kafadar, Alina A. Payne

Nasser Rabbat

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SPRING 2006

6311: Innovative Constructions: cases in modern Japan

Mark Mulligan

FALL 2005

1501: Restructuring Relationships Between Parks and Stations in Tokyo

4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region

4405: Empire, Nation & Modern Architecture: Ottoman/Turkish Case in Global Context

HAA124z: Architecture and Dynastic Legitimacy: The Early Modern Islamic Empires

HAA280c: Monumentality and Modernism in Japanese Architecture

MIT 4.614: Religious Architecture and Islamic Cultures

MIT 4.621: Orientalism and Representation

Mikiko Ishikawa, Peter G. Rowe

Peter G. Rowe

Sibel Bozdogan

Gulru Necipoglu-Kafadar

William H. Coaldrake

Nasser Rabbat

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