

AR-225

History of architecture III/IV

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Architecture	BA3	Obl.
HES - AR	H	Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	4
Session	Winter
Semester	Fall
Exam	Written
Workload	120h
Weeks	12
Hours	4 weekly
Courses	4 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

The course investigates the global history of architecture and town planning between the 16th and 19th centuries, its architects and buildings, and highlights the theoretical, artistic and technical issues involved.

Content

The course concentrates on the built environment of the sixteenth to nineteenth century, and will treat various themes that intersected with the architecture of the period. These include social relationships and urbanization, the connections between form and structure, new materials and technology, and how meaning, value, and beauty is judged in architecture. We will investigate together the multiple narratives of architectural history, globally and in Europe, in order to better answer the questions: what was architecture then and what is architecture now?

Lectures will be held in English. Students may submit assignments and ask questions in French, German, Italian, or English.

Keywords

history, representation, social, global, narrative, value, meaning

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

Histoire de l'architecture I,II

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Contextualise
- Analyze
- Describe
- Explain

Transversal skills

- Access and evaluate appropriate sources of information.
- Demonstrate the capacity for critical thinking
- Take account of the social and human dimensions of the engineering profession.

Teaching methods

in person lecture

Expected student activities

lecture attendance, completion of short reading and writing assignments

Assessment methods

Written exam to verify comprehension of content from lectures and required readings; short writing assignments during semester

Resources

Virtual desktop infrastructure (VDI)

No

Bibliography

See course moodle (forthcoming)

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/AR-225>