

AR-677

Critically Fit

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Architecture and Sciences of the City		Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Session	
Exam	Written & Oral
Workload	60h
Hours	50
Lecture	16
Exercises	28
Practical work	6
Number of positions	10

Frequency

Only this year

Remark

Critically Fit: Structures and Methodologies of Doctoral Research

Summary

Critically fit is a two day seminar exploring the relationship between research and action, with a focus on how performative, critical and contemporary research in architecture is articulated and enacted. Themes includes Justice, Extraction/Materials, Space Production, and Territory.

Content

Doctoral research can be considered a device to transform the industry and the discipline at large. The aim of this course is to prompt and discuss work how performative, critical and contemporary research in architecture is articulated - its structure and methodology within dissertations. This two-days seminar will follow the broad themes of Justice, Extraction/Materials, Space Production, and Territory. Invited guests with research expertise in and around architecture research will present their work and then act as a respondent to the presentations of the doctoral students.

A performative dissertation is composed of a section that lays out the ground for the research question, a hypothesis on the focal point of the research, and finally, a strategic position on how the research can contribute to critically impact the discipline of architecture, the construction industry and related socio-spatial aspects. The seminar is interested in the ways that structuring research can specifically target specific goals. The course also intends to open a discussion on the performance of research, and to tap into the existing knowledge within the school and foster dialogue within the community.

This seminar will run over two consecutive days this coming **November 9th and 10th, 2023**.

The course will host a total of 10 PhD students who have established and confirmed their research plan. Applicants should submit their research plan to riot@epfl.ch for acceptance to the course by the **20th of October**.

Please contact Summer Saud Islam (summer.islam@epfl) in case of questions.

The seminar is open to the public for attendance (TBC hybrid option).

Keywords

Justice, Extraction/Materials, Space Production, Territory

Learning Prerequisites**Required courses**

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For EDAR PhD students, Introduction to Research I and II are required.

Resources

Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/AR-677>