

Tendencies in architectural and urban research: Focusing on everyday life



(7,5 ECTS)

In comparison with other sciences, architecture research is a rather young discipline that was mainly developed along with the growth of the modern society, including a wide range of topics and scales: everything from technological issues and planning as well as self reflective analyses and critical stand points in general. Times are changing and new aspects are continuously added to the stock of architecture research.

The course Tendencies in Architecture Research provides opportunities for doctoral students to achieve an overview of trends, approaches and practices in contemporary architecture research. The course also provides a basic introduction to architecture theory, methodology and academic publication.

In this year's course we will, after a first introduction to the field of architectural and urban research, focus on research on the mundane. Within architecture theory, as well as generally in the social sciences today, an interest has emerged regarding how actions and phenomena that are part of everyday life – like eating, walking, travelling, gathering, breathing, listening, and so on – can be studied, in relation their social and material settings. We see new perspectives on the impact that seemingly trivial phenomena may have on the built environment, as well as how architecture and urban design are essential for the formation of life.

In this course we will discuss *themes*, *theories* and *methods* of research on everyday life. The course will, for example, include:

- Architectural research concerned with everyday life
- Philosophy of everyday life
- Ethnographical methods and techniques
- Everyday life and societal changes

Course leaders

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Confirmed guests

Prof. Albenya Yaneva (Manchester University), Prof. Andrea Mubi Brighenti (University of Trento), PhD Jennifer Mack (KTH Stockholm), PhD Jesper Magnusson (Malmö University) and PhD Kajsa Lawaczeck Körner.

Dates

Session 1: April 25-26

Session 2: June 13-14

Session 3: September 19-20 (Obs! The dates in September are preliminary.)

Location

The course is held at School of Architecture, LTH, Lund University.

Application

The course is open to doctoral students and lecturers within the field of architecture and design. Apply by sending a statement of interest to resarc@arkitektur.lth.se. Deadline is March 31st. The email should include name, affiliation and possible affiliation to ResArc.

Course credits and attendance

To achieve 5 ECTS the participant is required to attend 2 modules, and complete an assignment. To achieve 7.5 ECTS the participant is required to attend 3 modules, and complete an assignment.

The course is contributing to the ResArc PhD course series: **Tendencies** - Approaches - Philosophies - Communications.

Literature (preliminary examples)

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