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Second General Assembly in January 2011

We seize the opportunity to announce the Second General Assembly. It is convened on
Friday, January 21st 2011, at 12:00h

Room BZ03009 of the Technical University Graz (Austria), Institute of Architectural Theory, Art History and Cultural Studies (entrance Technikerstrasse 4, 3rd floor). Registered members get the Annual report and the meeting agenda by separate mail.

Announcement

First CAA Graz Conference, March 14th, 2011 «Cultural Anthropology meets Architecture»

Reziproke Räume: Räume, Menschenbilder und Stadtgestalt
Interdisciplinary Conference on the Theory of Space and Culture (in German)

Organised by the Department of Folklore and Cultural Anthropology of the Karl Franzens-University Graz, in co-operation with the Institute of Architectural Theory, Art History (IAAC) and Cultural of the Technical University Graz, the Forum Kulturanthropologie und Architektur (FKA), and the International Association for Cultural Studies in Architecture (IACSA)

Directed by Johanna Rolshoven und Manfred Omahna

Venue: Haus der Architektur (HDA), Palais Thinnfeld Mariahilferstraße 2, 8020 Graz, Austria

Date: Monday March 14th, 2011, 9:00am to 17:30pm

«Cultural Anthropology Meets Architecture» seizes a stimulus and an opportunity which has been repeatedly given during the past thirty years. The encounter of a discipline roo-

ted in humanities—Cultural Studies and cultural anthropology—with a practical and pragmatic discipline—architecture in its full scope—longs for deepening.

The conference will centre on the ideas and representations of man which guide the becoming of architectural form and the interpretation of spatial social action in space. Around this theoretical pivot the exchange of both groups of disciplines will be able to benefit from each other.

The discussion will deal with the basic assumptions and paradigms of the production of knowledge and the production of built space. It aims at overcoming the common mutual allegations of <theory-building far from practise> respectively of <building without theoretical aims>. Its ambition is to replace this barren field with the study and respect of difference in the contemporary dispute over the primacy of applied or of fundamental research. ►

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«Cultural Studies in Architecture are nothing if not dialogues.» Dialogues can crystallise around images. Images taken seriously have an enormous capacity to encourage dialogues. In everyday environment they pass relatively unnoticed, being taken for granted. In unfamiliar places they disclose a swarm of questions and tentative answers; they trigger silent or spoken dialogues. We consider this a central methodological topic in Cultural Studies in Architecture.

Over two years we have asked people from very different contexts to comment on photographs by Jürgen Krusche. They descri-

bed what they saw, guessing about the circumstances without having to win a quiz. We like to thank all contributors to this dialogue for having taken their time. Their task called for the nowadays rather unusual sustained contemplation of a picture, of working at its resonance as if it were a sounding piece.

By inviting people to comment on these photographs, we indeed realised that «visual literacy» is hitting narrow side rails: reading texts goes without saying, but for many translating pictures into texts demanded an enormous effort.



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Impressum

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IACSA membership is open for everyone interested and willing to contribute to build the network. IACSA's registered office's address is at Hammerstrasse 14, 4058 Basel, Switzerland. The IACSA Newsletter is published every two months in electronic form.

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