

International Lecture Series 10.9.15/5:00 pm :

David Leatherbarrow Atmospheric Conditions

One of the most interesting developments in contemporary architecture is the rejection of object-oriented designs in favor of approaches that discover "exterior" involvements for single works, an architecture of mutual envelopment. Architects such as Jean Nouvel, Peter Zumthor, Kengo Kuma and Adam Caruso exemplify this approach. Today the term atmosphere is variously used to describe spatial settings as networks of relationships, with distinct character and mood. The aim of this lecture is to describe this view of buildings, landscapes and cities, and its role contemporary practice.

David Leatherbarrow is an architect, writer and professor at PennDesign, University of Pennsylvania. He is one of the most productive and vivid theoreticians within the academic field of architecture of today. Through studies of cultural aspects that are linked to technological issues and questions of context his ideas and writings are rooted in a strong ethical tradition in terms of thinking and teaching architecture.



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