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course

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lecturer

Instant World Cities - When Attitude Becomes Form

title

The great reconstruction of downtown Los Angeles into a flow-through heater for international capital in the 1990s (Mike Davis), the marketing of the city of New York as a "city exclusively for the rich" (Samuel Stein) in the 2000s, and the urban exodus from Tokyo after the real estate boom: in the metropolitan areas of modernity, economic success seems to go hand in hand with urban devastation processes. But the failure of neoliberal ideas of city and society has by no means led to their disappearance. On the contrary: they are expanding to ever smaller (sub)urban units. The asthetic coagulation of these socio-economic problem zones often leaves us speechless. Sometimes we encounter it in the form of stubborn retromodernism (Fisher), recurrent concepts such as the shopping plaza and the "citizen consumer" (Spencer), but also through a militarization of public space (Graham), but it remains stuck in the extra-linguistic space of factual constraint. We will use this course to examine the intertwining of architecture with its ideological, economic, and ecological background processes.
We will look at how a wide variety of actors from pop culture, architectural theory, and art respond to current urban environments and will attempt to decipher their

topic

Douglas Spencer
The Architecture of Neoliberalism – how contemporary architecture became an instrument of control and compliance, New York 2016

Nadir Lahiji
Architecture against the Post-Political, London 2014

Mike Davis

recommended reading