

Learning from Denmark Investigation on Typologies – Health Care

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+++ Excursion ● 253.593 ● 2.5 ECTS ● Research Excursion to Aarhus & Copenhagen ● 13. - 18.10.2017 ● Flights & Accommodation to be organised individually

Großes Entwerfen ● 253.B59 ● 10 ECTS
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Introduction 05.10.2017 ● ZS Panigltrakt EG
09.00 - 13.00 ● weekly deck-critics ●Thursdays
Teamwork in teams of two

One of the pillars of the so-called Nordic Model, Denmark employs a distinct system of capitalist economics and socialist values, providing for an environment where developments in architecture and design are deeply rooted in everyday social life while having the power to reflect, react and even initiate social transformations. Historically, architects like Arne Jacobsen and Jorn Utzon have had a lasting influence on architecture and design worldwide, while in the early 2000s a new and young generation of architects has emerged and captured international attention, setting new and ubiquitous design standards around the world.

A research-based excursion to Aarhus and Copenhagen will allow us to visit and analyse specific building typologies as well as our project sites, providing us with a fundamental understanding of the contexts in which the current developments are taking place.

Investigation on Typologies - Health Care

Throughout history, notions of the body and the idea of health and illness were heavily relying on developments in politics, economics and culture, where innovations in medical treatments and advancements in technology have directly influenced the typology of healthcare facilities.

In Denmark, a deep reflection of the social transformations and belief in architecture as a healing factor is represented in innovative and updated typologies of healthcare evolving at the moment.

Which typologies form the basis of today's care facilities and what are their correlations to the particular social systems they belong to? Which social transformations do we face today and how can those requirements be translated into new typologies – especially for care facilities? How do these buildings integrate into the city fabric? Are they aware of their position as a social institution? This questions and different typological approaches will be the starting points for the design process.

The final architectural projects will be elaborated and presented through drawings, images and models.

1 from "Imperfect Health - The Medicalization of Architecture", Canadian Center for Architecture, Lars Müller Publishers, 2012

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