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Humans, Nature, Architecture

title

The conception of ourselves mirrors itself in relation to nature. Firstly humans sense their dependence from binding necessity. However not only the body is subject to nature's laws. Thinking as well as the cultural and social organisation of communities can be linked to „nature" as a normative basis for existence. However at the same time nature might be conceived as the opposite of culture and therefore the opposite of a self-reliant human being that judges itself as largely emancipated from its environment.

It is within the ambiguity of dependence and freedom that architecture forms the natural and social environment. The seminar will discuss the philosophical aspects of this interrelation as well as the resultant theoretical consequences with reference to building. Nowadays this issue is of great importance since we experience the climate crisis as a result of the earth's transformation by human beings' activities.

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recommended reading