Special Issue

Architecture of Compromise: Everyday Architecture for the Polycrisis

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue explores the questions connected to Everyday Architecture, its production, and current ecological and societal crises, in light of the necessary ecological urban redevelopment ahead. It asks how a modern vernacular architecture should be conceived in the 21st century.

We propose to characterize Everyday Architecture not primarily by a specific style or architectural expression, but rather by the mode of its production—that is, the architectural way of working that navigates within a narrowly defined framework of contextual conditions. It differs from "high architecture" in that these contextual conditions are the decisive determinants and necessitate a variety of what can be described as compromises.

This Special Issue searches for such architectures of compromise from which strategies for future ways of dealing with the polycrisis can be derived. It addresses questions of (local) energy supply, traffic connections, cooperation on a neighborhood scale, and our understanding of our role within the discipline as well as in research and teaching.

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