

Ethics and Politics of Material in Architecture

11–12 July 2019

Interdisciplinary Workshop at the Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz – Max-Planck-Institut

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Thursday, 11 July 2019

- 14:00–14:30 INTRODUCTION
Research Group Ethics and Architecture, KHI
- 14:30–15:15 MATTER AND MEDIUM
Nathalie Bredella (Berlin)
Titanium: Material Cultures During the Digital Turn
- 15:15–16:00 Florin Gstöhl (Bern)
O.R. Salvisberg (1882–1940) and the Meaning of
Materials. Architectural Modernism and its
Differentiated Use of Materials
- COFFEE BREAK
- 16:30–17:15 Ole W. Fischer (Salt Lake City)
Grey Matter(s)? Building the Specific Out of the Generic
- COFFEE BREAK
- 17:30–18:45 LIVING ARCHITECTURES?
Rachel Armstrong, Rolf Hughes (Newcastle)
Rituals of Haunting: The Eco-Materiality of Living
Architecture
- 20:00 Dinner (for speakers)
- 21:00 Site Visit: Railway Station Firenze SMN
(for speakers)

Friday, 12 July 2019

- 10:00–10:45 ESSENCE AND APPEARANCE
Thomas Bo Jensen (Aarhus)
Pure Form – Impure Associations
- 10:45–11:30 Vitale Zanchettin (Venice)
The Language of Materials in Raphael's Architecture
- COFFEE BREAK
- 12:00–12:45 SUBSTANTIALIZING MEMORY
Agata Pietrasik (Berlin)
Material Memory: Ethics and Aesthetics for
Post-war Uses of Granite
- 12:45–13:30 Ralph Ghoche (New York)
A Conquest from Below: Porphyry and the
Monument to Thomas Bugeaud in French Algiers
- LUNCH BREAK
- 15:00–15:45 THE MATERIAL OF POLITICS
Gabriella Cianciolo, Pia Kastenmeier (Florence)
The Materials of Ancient and Modern Pompeii.
Bricks and Concrete Between False Myths and
(Un)Sustainability
- 15:45–16:30 Hannah Rose Feniak (New York)
Putting Up a Façade: Rationalizing Modernism
with Recourse to Brick in Late-Francoist Spain
- COFFEE BREAK
- 17:00–18:00 FINAL DISCUSSION