

Booklist and Reader's Advisory, January 2024

Recently published architectural books and related works, selected by **Barbara Opar**, Librarian for Architecture, Syracuse University Libraries. Barbara can be reached at baopar@syr.edu.

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Articles and Segments

This task is taken on by **Qiying (Andrea)Ruan** for the next semester.

Andrea assisted with the preparation of the December selections and is assuming responsibility for all the selections beginning January 2024 until her May graduation. Andrea is currently a fifth student in the B.ARCH program with a special interest in new possibilities for the discipline. Since freshman year, Andrea has participated in the SOA Magazine Club as led by Dean Michael Speaks. Andrea's goal for the **Articles and Segments** is to locate articles on new trends in the industry.



Here are her suggested readings:

Koering, Jérémie. "By Means of the Line: Meyer Schapiro and Drawing as an Epistemological Tool". *Grey Room*. (Issue 93, Fall 2023). p.32-63.

"The qualities of the image-substance, as every artist knows, are not altogether separate from the qualities of the represented objects. A thicker outline makes the figure look more massive; a thin line can add to its delicacy and grace; a broken line opens the form to the

play of light and shadow with all their expressive implications for the concept of things.... Both poles of substance, the ancient and the modern, enter into the visual manifestation of the whole and convey peculiarities of outlook and feeling as well as subtle meanings of the signs" (52).

Lee, Janghwan & Sanghyun Lee & Garam Han. "How Is the Architecture and Urbanism Handling Provincial Crisis?: Mid-Size City Forum". *Space*. (September 2023). p.118-126.

"In our society, the current situation of mid-size cities is often characterized by keywords such as 'declining population' and disappearance of provinces', but few people talk about the details of how the urban structure is changing. I think this discourse shouldn't be led by just sociologists and statisticians, but it is an important time for architects to investigate mid-size cities. [...] Understanding the world is what drives us to redefined architecture and present alternative visions" (124).

Maranzana, Chiara. "How Mattiazzi's Designer Chairs are Created". *Abitare*. (Issue 627, September 2023). p.124-127.

"For his part, Mattiazzi adds his love of wood and pursuit of perfection. [...] [H]e works with his hands, his head and his heart. Sandpaper alternates with numerical control machines and the chairs are not considered finished until they have been checked with real eyes and touched with real hands. 'Production is centred around people,' Paolo says, 'and we have established a good balance between automation and craftsmanship. It is an effective way of ensuring high quality.[...]" (127).

"Marko Brajovic: Monkey House". *GA Houses*. (Issue 189, 2023). p.42-51.

"Monkey House was inspired by the verticality of the forest, in the possibility of approaching the crests of the trees, in a gentle and subtle way, connecting with its countless inhabitants of the kingdom of flora and fauna. [...] The Monkey House is an observatory. A place of encounter and reunion with yourself and other species, to observe Nature outside and inside us, where everything is in everything" (43).

Modica, Marcello. "Brownfield Regeneration in The Alps. A Design-Based Research". *Urbanistica*. (Issue 167, January-June 2021). p.92-105.

"In the uncertain flux of the contemporary city, the regeneration of industrial brownfield sites remains a central and unavoidable issue for urban planning practice. After the season of discovery and experimentation, industrial neglect has become nowadays a familiar, if not ordinary, 'object'. The many redevelopment experiences conducted so far in medium and large European urban centres, as well as the regional restructuring programs, projects

and strategies at the territorial and landscape scale, have contributed to forming a solid base of knowledge, methods and practices to continue to innovate” (100).

Na, Unchung & Sorae Yoo. “The Boundaries We Draw”. *Space*. (September 2023). p.60-85.

“What is the difference between the natural and the artificial? Where does the boundary between the two lie? The exposed sand and gravel in the cracks of concrete walls is no different to the exposed plane of rough stones. Is this natural or artificial? Grasses probe and gentle breezes blow through crevices in the concrete. When contemplating how nature and the artificial are related, the fundamentals of architecture are called into question” (69).

Palermo, Pier Carlo. “For A Simple, Clear, Easy-To-Apply, Ease-To-Respect and Easy-To-Control Urbanism”. *Urbanistica*. (Issue 167, January-June 2021). p.115-127.

“The fundamental premisses [...] are that urban planning must (should) continue to play an essential role, despite the difficulties, in contemporary and future society. In this sense, it cannot be intended as a mere ‘art of presuppositions’ (Palermo 2019): a strategic vision or design of ideal forms and regulations are not enough; what is at play is the capacity to affect, here, now and for the time to come, real processes of urban and territorial transformation” (121).

Somaini, Antonio. “Algorithmic Images: Artificial Intelligence and Visual Cultural”. *Grey Room*. (Issue 93, Fall 2023). p.74-115.

“Deep-learning models introduce new ways of connecting images to other images, images to texts, texts to images, and, ultimately, people to people through the mediation of images and texts. Techniques of image generation, processing, and editing [...] are being quickly transformed and in some cases entirely replaced by new forms of so-called prompt engineering. All the research fields that deal, from different perspectives, with the study of images and visual media are suddenly faced with the possibility opened up by algorithms capable of analyzing and classifying images within vast image databases, but also with the questions raised by the limits and the biases of these algorithms, as well as by an entire new array of AI-generated images and image operations” (75-76).

“Tower Hamlets Town Hall”. *Architecture Today*. (Issue 328, November & December 2023). p.68-86.

“Allford Hall Monaghan Morris has transformed the former Royal London Hospital in Whitechapel into Tower Hamlets Town Hall. Chris Dyson admires a project that combines conservation, retrofit and new build to create a complex, vibrant building that plays a vital role in civic life” (68).

Trombetta, Luca. "Felipe Pantone". *Abitare*. (Issue 627, September 2023). p.48-53.

"Graffiti taught me the importance of spontaneity, adaptability and contact with a wide public. Today designing spaces on a large scale allows me to immerse viewers physically in my works. It's an opportunity to blur the boundaries between art and architecture, turning the urban landscape into a vibrant and dynamic experience" (52).

Booklist

Topical—Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Asare, Janice Gassam. [Decentering Whiteness in the Workplace: A Guide for Equity and Inclusion](#). Oakland, CA. : Barret-Koehler Publishers, 2023. ISBN: 9781523005550. 208 pages. \$22.95.

The Subject is Architecture

Architects

Aldo, Van Eyck. [Aldo-Hannie-Van-Eyck-Architecture](#). Köln: Nordrhein-Westfalen:Walther Konig Verlag, 2023. ISBN: 9783753303710. 160 pages. \$50.00

Bawa, Geoffrey. [Geoffrey Bawa: Drawing from the Archives](#). Zurich: Lars Müller Publishers, 2023. ISBN: 9783037787052. 240 pages. \$39.99.

Naughton, Lindie. [Herbert Simms: An Architect for the People](#). Orlando, Florida: New Island , 2023. ISBN: 9781848409101. 264 pages. \$17.99.

Architecture, Ancient

Anastasio, Stefano. [Mesopotamia, Syria and Transjordan in the Archibald Creswell Photograph Collection of the Biblioteca Berenson](#). Oxford: Archaeopress, 2023. ISBN: 9781803274553. 324 Pages. \$78.00.

Angliker, Erica. [New Approaches to the Materiality of Text in the Ancient Mediterranean: From Monuments and Buildings to Small Portable Objects \(Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, 4\)](#). Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols Pub, 2023. ISBN: 9782503601564. 260 pages. \$144.00.

Armstrong, Jeremy , Rhodes-Schroder, Aaron. [Adoption, Adaption, and](#)

[Innovation in Pre-Roman Italy: Paradigms for Cultural Change \(Archaeology of the Mediterranean World, 3\)](#). Los Angeles: Brepols Pub, 2023. ISBN: 9782503602325. 282 pages. \$138.00.

Hodos, Tamar. [The Archaeology of the Mediterranean Iron Age: A Globalising World c.1100–600 BCE](#). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020. ISBN: 9780521148061. 336 pages. \$117.00.

Architecture - Switzerland

Wandeler, Meret. [Urban Change Over Time: The Photographic Observation of Schlieren 2005–2020 Reveals How Switzerland Is Changing](#). Zürich, Switzerland: Scheidegger and Spiess, 2023. ISBN:9783039421404. 632 pages. \$85.00.

Architectural Design

Fu, Yun. [Thinking and Building on Shaky Ground: On Architecture in Seismic Regions](#). Boston: Birkhäuser, 2023. ISBN: 9783035625585. 368 pages. \$78.99.

Garcia, Cruz. [Universal-Principles-Architecture-Architectural-Relationships](#). Beverly; Massachusetts: Rockport Publishers, 2023. ISBN: 9780760380611. 224 pages. \$33.24.

Mommersteeg, Brett. [Variations of a Building](#). London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023. ISBN:9789819968015. 217 pages. \$106.00.

Ritcher, Praeger. [Ausbauhäuser: Gemeinschaftlich, bezahlbar, regenerativ / Collaborative, affordable, regenerative](#). Capri NA, Italy: JOVIS, 2023. ISBN: 9783868596151. 160 pages. \$36.99.

Architectural Drawing

Biechteler, Heike. [Drawing in Architecture Education and Research: Lucerne Talks](#). Baltimore: Park Books, 2023. ISBN:9783038603306. 328 pages. \$50.00.

Architectural Theory

Pickersgill, Sean. [The Architect's Dream: Form and Philosophy in Architectural](#)

[Imagination](#). Bristol: Intellect Ltd, 2023. ISBN: 9781789387407. 374 pages. \$149.95.

Shokouhi, Marjan. [From Landscapes to Cityscapes](#). Lausanne, Switzerland: Peter Lang Ltd, International Academic Publishers, 1st edition, 2023. ISBN: 9781800798700. 259 pages. \$60.95.

Wang, Wilfried. [On the Duty and Power of Architectural Criticism: Proceedings of the International Conference on Architectural Criticism 2021](#). Vienna: Park Books, 2023. ISBN: 9783038602712. 320 pages. \$39.00.

Building Materials

Bundegaard, Rune. [Danish-Ceramic-Architecture-Rune-Bundegaard](#). Stockholm: Arvinius + Orfeus Publishing, 2022. ISBN: 9789189270169. 256 pages. \$111.18.

Building Types

Achurra, Maria Eugenia. [Civic Buildings after the Spanish-American War \(Caribbean Studies Series\)](#). Jackson, Mississippi: University Press of Mississippi, 2023. ISBN: 9781496847577. 144 pages. \$110.00.

Geva, Anat. [Architecture-American-Synagogues-1950s-1960s-Humanities](#). College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2023. ISBN: 9781648431357. 200 pages. \$71.25.

Milambiling, Joyce. [Skyscraper Settlement: The Many Lives of Christodora House](#). New York: New Village Press, 2023. ISBN: 9781613322154. 288 pages. \$83.66.

Sebastiano, Brandolini. [The House at Capo d'Orso](#). Cambridge: The MIT Press, 2023. ISBN: 9780262544962. 248 pages. \$21.96.

University of Illinois. [Building Momentum: A Decade of Construction, Renovation, and Renewal across the University of Illinois System](#). Urbana Champaign: University of Illinois Press, 2023. ISBN: 9780252045431. 104 pages, \$29.95.

Historic Preservation

Ritchie, Ian. [Renewal Architects: The Transformation of Farsons Brewery Malta](#).

East Sussex: Unicorn Publishing Group, 2023. ISBN: 9781911397366. 208 pages. \$27.77.

Landscape Architecture

Henderson, Ron. [30 Trees: And Why Landscape Architects Love Them](#). Boston: Birkhäuser, 2023. ISBN: 9783035627312. 256 pages. \$53.99.

Hollin, Clive. [Psychological Appeal of Gardens](#). 1st edition, Abingdon: Routledge, 2023. ISBN: 9781032267265. 108 pages. \$166.87.

Rubin, Dan. [Sun Seed And Soil-Tips And Techniques For A Northern Garden](#). Boulder, Colorado: Boulder Books, 2023. ISBN: 9781989417508. 280 pages. \$29.95.

Masterworks

McAleavy, Tony. [Malmesbury Abbey 670-1539: Patronage, Scholarship and Scandal](#). Suffolk, England: Boydell Press, 2023. ISBN: 9781800109865. 394 pages. \$71.52.

Naik, Anuradha. [An Architectural Masterpiece in Hyderabad: From British Residency to Osmania University College for Women](#). London: Scala Arts Publishers Inc, 2023. ISBN: 9781785513374. 160 pages. \$3.71.

Outer Space

Meuser, Paul. [Moon-Architectural-Guide-Paul-Meuser](#). Berlin: DOM Publishers, 2019. ISBN: 9783869226705. 336 pages. \$9.95.

Sustainability

Lucas, Dorian. [Sustainable Buildings Environmental Awareness in Architecture](#). New York: Braun Publishing, 2023. ISBN: 9783037682913. 192 pages. \$59.95.

Women in Architecture

Taylor, Jacqueline. [Amaza Lee Meredith Imagines Herself Modern: Architecture and the Black American Middle Class](#). Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press,

2023. ISBN: 9780262048347. 288 pages. \$26.82.