

The Transformative Power of Architectural Heritage

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Architectural heritage is often seen as an obstacle for modern development of buildings and cities. But can the architectural heritage come to inspire rather than constrain architectural design and urban planning? In the current global situation of climate change architectural heritage is gaining momentum as it is widely recognized that it is better to preserve buildings to limit the emission of CO₂ than it is to tear them down to build new. The lecture deals with the architectural heritage understood as a culture that has developed continuously throughout history as rich catalogue, where the design of new architecture steadily adds new layers as a coupling of past, present, and future. In that way architectural heritage can be understood as a dynamic and creative force in urban development and as a creative power in contemporary society.



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