

Seminar SoSe 2019

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Architectures of Circulation: Urban infrastructures of global commodity production

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Seminar, 3 ECTS
MA UD, MA Arch, MA SRP: WP

Teaching Day
Monday, 2pm, Room A 606

First meeting
April 8th, 2019, 2pm, Room A 606

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Course Information

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Monday, 2 - 4pm, A 505

Erstes Treffen

April 8th, 2019, 2pm, A 505

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[Architectures of Circulation Booklet](#)

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