

Architectures of Care

Spaces of Social Reproduction

Spatial arrangements of housing, care work and urban social infrastructure co-constitute the socio-spatial patterns of global supply chain capitalism. This seminar explores the spatial organization of care, social reproduction, and the division(s) of labour it embodies, as integral aspects of industrial and post-industrial urbanization in different geographic contexts across the planet.

Readings will introduce current debates on care economies and (spatial) divisions of labour in geography, social and architectural studies including critical queer and feminist approaches. In research-based analytical drawing or mapping projects, seminar participants are invited to explore diverse architectures and urban spatial typologies performing as infrastructures for care work and social reproduction on different scales, including trans-local practices and networks.

By questioning common spatial arrangements of production and reproduction in a relational, planetary perspective, as well as underlying assumptions about race and gender, the course aims to contribute to a critical assessment of dominant architectural and urban planning principles. We encourage research into architectural and urban interventions with the potential to offer alternatives, to counter and reprogram unsustainable and unjust mechanisms of exploitation, and to set care and due diligence in primary focus.

Seminar projects will include:

- Explorative research of micro- and macro-geographies of re:productive labour/care work
- Analysis of specific typologies (architectures, urban spaces, networks) by means of architectural drawing, mapping and a final written report
- Development of visual and audio formats for an online exhibition (collective digital archive of architectures of care)

Weekly reading assignments are essential in preparation of the sessions and mandatory for all participants.

Seminar
SoSe 2021

Tuesday 11-13h

online

First meeting April 20, 2021

Registration:

motivation letter and first assignment

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Group Projects: Case Study Clusters

Research projects will be developed in teams of 3-4 students. It could be helpful if your team includes participants with different disciplinary backgrounds and competencies in research, languages, drawing and writing.

The starting point for designing your group research project are **case studies of care practices and related architectures/spatial arrangements**, to be chosen and clustered in conversation with the course coordinators.

As guideline in developing the project, you are invited to address the following **research question**:

How are practices of care and social reproduction organized spatially (by means of architecture)?

Group outputs (deliverables)

01

Contributions to a collective digital archive of architectures of care.

We aim to develop around 25-30 case studies in total, in clusters of 3-4 per group. The case studies will be uploaded on a website.

Each case study will be represented in:

drawing – (floor) plan (scale to be defined and depending on the scale/size of the case study), in black lines on white background (no use of colour). Submitted as pixel image (eg. jpg, screen resolution)

acoustic representation – audio track that represents the case study acoustically.

This can include sound bites from interviews, atmospheric acoustic impressions, quotes etc that are related to the case study. Submitted as audio file (eg. mp3)

short description text – 100 words max.

02

Report booklet (A5)

At the end of the seminar, a group report should be submitted. Based on the case studies of the collective digital archive, group reports analyse a set of related typologies of architectures of care and discuss how certain practices of care and re:productive labour are organized spatially. Different scales of investigation may be helpful to be considered in the analysis of case study clusters.

The report should include:

original analytical drawings (one key-drawing and a minimum of 4 analytical drawings in addition to the case study (floor) plans from the digital archive) and text (around 3500-4000 words plus references).

Specifications for drawings and layout template for an A5 booklet will be provided.

Sources and References

In the report you are expected to relate to reading from the course syllabus and additional literature in order to discuss the topic you have chosen.

You are encouraged to include photographs or other graphical elements in the report to support your arguments, but be conscious of copyright limitations.

Always clearly identify the sources for the information and arguments you present by a short reference in brackets (Author Year: Page).

A list of complete references you have used or quoted must be added at the end of the report (not included in the word count).

Timeline

April 27	Presentation of case study ideas (First Assignment)
until May 4	Definition of case study clusters and research teams Selection of research objects, team building.
May 11 / 18	Presentations of hand sketches/ concept drawings
June 22	Group presentations (with guests)
June 29 to July 6	Submission of web content for digital archive 1 (floor) plan drawing, soundfile, short text (100 words)
July 13	Launch of digital archive
August 2	Final Submission of Report booklet

Case Study Options

AirBnB	Clubhouse	Food Delivery Services
All Inclusive Holiday Resort	Community Center	Golf Resort
Alternative Health-Care Infrastructure	Community Kitchen	GP (doctor)
Ambulance	Community Garden	Gym
Baby hatch	Container/Bauwagen/ Monteurszimmer (temporary housing for construction workers)	HIV hospice
Bachelor Hotel	Convenience Food	Holiday House in Brandenburg
Ballroom	Cooperatives	Home for the Elderly
Berliner Tafel	Covid Testzentrum	Home Office
Birth Center	Covid Warn-App	Hospice for the terminally ill
Brothel	Cruise ship	Hospital
Camping ground	Cruising ground	Hotel
Campsite (seasonal housing for agricultural workers)	Dark room	House of Culture
Canteen	Dormitory (permanent housing for industry/service workers)	Kindergarden
Caravan/trailer	Emergency Shelters	Kitchen
Care Home	Factory Housing (formal/ informal)	Klappe/Cottage/Glory Hole
Catering Services	Fertility Center	Library of things
Chambre de bonne	Fitness Tracking Apps	Maid's Room: In-House Care Workers, Nanny
Children's home		Master Bedroom
City WC /Public Toilet		Meals on wheels
		Midwife

Mobile nursing service	Urban Gardening
No Kitchen House	Wärmebus
No-tell motel	Women's center
Nursery	Women's health care center
Panic button	...
Park	
Platforms for Domestic / Maintenance Work	
Refugee Camp	
Repair Cafe	
Safe(r) Space	
Sanatorium	
School	
School test regime	
Serviced Housing	
Spa	
Sperm Bank	
Street walkers' patch	
Studio	
Surrogate mother	
Tinder/Grindr/...	

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Session	Topic	Reading Selection from	Presentations
April 20	1 Introduction		
April 27	2 Care: Life's Work, Spaces of Production and Social Reproduction	The Care Collective, Fitz/Krasny, Hayden, Federici, Schneider, Lange, Wigley	First assignment: 1 image (all participants)
May 04	3 Caring & Commoning: Spaces of Solidarity	Trogal, Barbagallo/Federici	Research teams announcements
May 11	4 Infrastructures of Care: Pipes, Bodies, Houses	Abbott/Lupton, Leigh Star, Schwellenatlas, Tronto	Hand sketches I
May 18	5 The Global Household: Domestic Layouts and Care Chains	Hayden, Safri/Graham, Giudici, Aureli, Kelly	Hand sketches II with Natacha Quintero (TBC)
May 25	6 Care Industries: Resorts and White Factories	Zinganel/Beyer	
June 01	7 Living backstage of the Global Factory	Miraftab, Schling, Brovia/Piro, Hagemann, Merchant	with Anke Hagemann
June 08	8 Care, Ecology, Climate	Tsing, TBA	with Rosario Talevi (TBC)
June 15	9 Emergency Care: Safe(r) Spaces, Spaces of Refuge	Foucault, Dalal/Misselwitz, Trott	with Tekla Tevdorashvili (TBC)
June 22	10 Group Presentations	(10:00-13:00, with guests)	Group presentations
June 29	11 Urban Talk: Torsten Lange Queer Ecologies of Care		Submission of Web Content I
July 06	12 Urban Talk: Elke Krasny Critical Care in Architecture + Urbanism		Submission of Web Content II
July 13	13 Digital Archive Launch		
Aug 02	Final Submission of Reports booklet		