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Programme:
All times CEST, Note: BST will be 1 hour earlier.

Thursday, 8 October 2020
9.45 Introduction
10.00–10.45 Breakfast address: Momoyo Kaijima, Architectural Ethnography, response/Q&As
11.00–11.45 Trajectories I, parallel sessions
12.00–12.45 Trajectories II, parallel sessions
13.30–14.15 Lunch address: Isabelle Doucet, Thinking and Writing through Practices, response/Q&As
14.30–15.15 Orientations I, parallel sessions
15.30–16.15 Evening address: Bryony Roberts, Expanding Modes of Practice, response/Q&As

Friday, 9 October 2020
9.45 Introduction
10.00–10.45 Breakfast address: Jane Rendell, Practicing Ethics, response/Q&As
11.00–11.45 Trajectories III, parallel sessions
12.00–12.45 Orientations II, parallel sessions
13.30–14.15 Concluding roundtable conversation

Important dates:
31 August 2020
Please send an email including your abstract and bio to research.eda@ar.tum.de.

7 September 2020
Notification of acceptance and feedback from the scientific committee.

28 September 2020
For Trajectories, send us your 5-minute pre-recorded presentation (using ZOOM or the recording function of MS PowerPoint/Apple Keynote) via https://wetransfer.com.

To enable lively discussions, access to the pre-recorded Trajectories presentations will be granted three days prior to the event.

Keynote speakers:
Isabelle Doucet is professor of theory and history of architecture at Chalmers University of Technology, in Gothenburg. Her books include The Practice Turn in Architecture: Brussels after 1968 (2015) and Transdisciplinary Knowledge Production in Architecture and Urbanism: Towards Hybrid Modes of Inquiry (2011), edited with Nel Janssens. Since joining Chalmers, Isabelle initiated the research project 'Women Architects and 1968', beginning with pilot research on women graduates at Chalmers. As part of the Chalmers-wide Gender Initiative for Excellence (Genie), Isabelle acts as the ACE-department’s local coordinator. Between 2017–2019, she was involved as a researcher in the Mellon Multidisciplinary Research Project called Architecture and / for the Environment, coordinated by the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) and supported by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Momoyo Kaijima graduated from the Faculty of Domestic Science at Japan Women’s University in 1991. She founded Atelier Bow-Wow with Yoshiharu Tsukamoto in 1992. She has served at the Art and Design School of the University of Tsukuba since 2001, currently as an associate professor (2009–). Since 2017, she is professor of Architectural Behavioral Technology at ETH Zurich. While engaging in design projects of houses, public buildings and station plazas, etc., she has conducted numerous investigations of the city through architecture such as Made in Tokyo and Pet Architecture. She was the curator of the Pavillon at the 16th Venice Architecture Biennale.


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1. What do I want to know and why

This two-day event, hosted by TU Munich, TU Delft and KTH Stockholm, takes as its point of departure the growing interest in practice-oriented research in the broadest sense, including expanding modes of work in well-established areas of architectural research such as architectural history and theory or urban and landscape studies. This recent ‘turn to practice’ manifests itself, first and foremost, in the flourishing of empirical and performative approaches. It can also be noted in the shift towards contemporary history, critical heritage studies etc., which employ a host of experimental methods, and forms of dissemination. Finally, the workshop also recognises the emergence of research practices by practitioners. Our goal is to reflect upon the multitude and diversity of current research practices. This event also marks the beginning of a doctoral course on research practices. International doctoral candidates with an interest in practice-oriented formats in architecture and adjacent fields, who are either already pursuing or approaching a research project, are invited to participate.

2. What do I have to know to pursue my research

Proposals may address processes, performances, outcomes, and/or effects of your research. This two-day synchronous workshop will take place on ZOOM and focus on dialogue. Sessions will be strictly 45-minutes long, allowing for discussion. Days will begin and conclude with a short address. To amplify, refresh, and expand discussion on research practices, we welcome two types of contributions: a) Trajectories, sessions with five 5-minute individual presentations, and b) Orientations, workshop- or roundtable-based group conversations with three to five participants.

3. What do I know through my experience

Please apply with an abstract, either: a) addressing your individual research; or b) as a group addressing a research topic or question you consider crucial. Note: The 5-minute Trajectories presentations will be pre-recorded. The contributions to Orientations will be self-moderated.

4. What is already known about my topic

This workshop is part of the program of the BauHow5 Alliance including the Swedish research school ResArc (TUM, TUD, UCL, ETHZ, CTH, LTH, KTH) and funded by the Erasmus+ project SABRE. The workshop can be counted as one module of the doctoral course ‘Approaching Research Practice in Architecture: Theory, Methods, Ethics’ (7.5 ECTS). Find more information about the course and apply here: https://www.ar.tum.de/en/research/doctoral-studies.

5. What would the effects of my intervention be

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