

## Call for abstracts:

Please apply with a short bio (50-100 words) and an abstract that responds to the following five questions. Describe (in no particular order):

Your research interest: *What do I want to know and why?*

Knowledge in your field: *What is deemed knowledge in my field and in what ways do I expand and/or challenge it?*

Your precedence: *What history do I tell?*

Relevance and ethics of your interventions: *What impacts might my way of doing research have?*

Paths for learning: *How can I/we rethink and reproduce other ways of knowing?*

## Important dates:

**15 September 2021**  
Please send an email including your abstract and bio to [research.edu@ar.tum.de](mailto:research.edu@ar.tum.de).

**20 September 2021**  
Notification of acceptance and feedback from the scientific committee.

**7 October 2021**  
Send us your 5-minute pre-recorded presentation (e.g. using ZOOM) via <https://wetransfer.com>.

The call is free of charge. All submissions are peer-reviewed.

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

## Keynote speakers:

Esra Akcan is Professor of Architectural History and Michael A. McCarthy Professor of Architectural Theory, Department of Architecture, Cornell University. Akcan's research on modern and contemporary architecture and urbanism foregrounds the intertwined histories of Europe and West Asia, and offers new ways to understand architecture's role in global, social and environmental justice. Her most recent book *Open Architecture: Migration, Citizenship and the Urban Renewal of Berlin-Kreuzberg by IBA-1984/87* exemplifies formal, programmatic and procedural steps towards open architecture during the urban renewal of Berlin's immigrant neighborhood, by giving voice not only to the established and understudied architects who were invited to build public housing here, but also to noncitizen residents. Her forthcoming books are *Building in Exile: Bruno Taut; Abolish Human Bans: Intertwined Histories of Living and Learning*. Currently, she is writing *Right-to-Heal*. Akcan has authored over a hundred and fifty articles and essays in scholarly books and professional journals of multiple languages on critical and postcolonial theory, racism, immigration, architectural photography, translation, neoliberalism, and global history. Akcan received numerous awards and fellowships.

Lilian Chee is Associate Professor at the Department of Architecture, National University of Singapore, where she co-leads the Research by Design Cluster. Her research connects embodied experience and affective evidence with architectural representation and feminist politics. Her award-winning film collaboration *03-FLATS* (2014) has screened in 16 major cities. She is on the editorial boards of *Architectural Theory Review*, *Australian Feminist Studies*, the idea journal and advisor for the Bloomsbury Architecture Library. Her current book projects are *Architecture and Affect* (Routledge), and *Remote Practices: Architecture at a Distance* (Lund Humphries). She is co-directing a series of short films *Objects for Thriving* (2021) which explore objects, domestic spaces, structures of feeling and the elderly. She was Visiting Fellow at Future Cities Lab Singapore-ETH Centre (2018) and Honorary Senior Research Associate at Bartlett UCL (2018-2019). Her forthcoming research explores the intersection of home-based work practices with domesticity through an affective-feminist perspective.

Amina Kaskar is a South African architect, having obtained a Masters in Architecture from the University of Witwatersrand in 2014 and completed a Masters in Human Settlements in 2018.

# Approaching research

## Scientific committee:

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# in architecture

## Programme:

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

**Wednesday, 13 October 2021**

- 10.00–10.15 Introduction
- 10.15–11.00 Breakfast address: Lilian Chee, *Researching Domesticity*, response/Q&As
- 11.15–12.15 *Trajectories I*, parallel sessions
- 13.30–14.30 *Trajectories II*, parallel sessions
- 14.45–15.30 Panel discussion on doctoral education with guests

**Thursday, 14 October 2021**

- 10.00–10.15 Introduction
- 10.15–11.00 Breakfast address: Amina Kaskar, *Reflections on Counterspace*, response/Q&As
- 11.15–12.15 *Trajectories III*, parallel sessions
- 13.30–14.30 *Trajectories IV*, parallel sessions
- 14.45–15.30 Afternoon address: Esra Akcan, *Methodology as Ethics*, response/Q&As
- 15.30 Information on the following doctoral course

# practice

She was awarded the Global Minds scholarship in 2020 to complete a PhD at KU Leuven. Her proposed PhD is entitled "Afro-Indo Agendas: South Asian female migration to South Africa and the shaping of urban space". Her work is predominantly formed with ideas towards gender and migration, exploring new categories in which the city can be investigated. She co-founded Counterspace, a collaborative architectural studio dedicated to architectural projects, exhibition design, art installations, public events curation, and urban design. During her time at Counterspace, 2014-2020, Counterspace was commissioned to design the Serpentine Pavilion 2020 and was listed in the top 100 architecture firms in the world by *Domus Magazine*.

# 13-14 October 2021

## Convenors:

Torsten Lange (TU Munich)  
Elena Markus (TU Munich)  
Andreas Putz (TU Munich)  
Meike Schalk (KTH Stockholm)

# 1. *What* do I want to know and *why*

This two-day event, hosted by TU Munich and KTH Stockholm for the second time, 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 and a host of experimental methods and forms of dissemination. The aim of the workshop 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.

# 2. What is deemed *knowledge* in my field and in what ways do I challenge and/or *expand* it

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. Proposals may address processes, performances, outcomes, and/or effects of your research. This two-day workshop will take place on ZOOM. We welcome five-minute prerecorded presentations. Please apply with an abstract addressing a question which you consider crucial for your research.

# 3. What *history* do I tell

This workshop was created as part of the program of the BauHow5 Alliance and the Swedish research school ResArc (TUM, TUD, UCL, ETHZ, CTH, LTH, KTH). It is funded by TUM-IAS through an Anna Boyksen fellowship, TUM and KTH ABE.

# 4. What *impacts* might my way of doing research have

# 5. How can I/we rethink and reproduce

The workshop can be counted as one module of the doctoral course 'Approaching Research Practice in Architecture' (7.5 ECTS). Find more information about the course and apply here: <https://www.ar.tum.de/en/research/doctoral-studies>.

# *other ways* of knowing