

2. Traditions of Building

Reading: BaT 9, 251, 256-58

Today's lecture examines traditions of building around the world, investigating the types of structures humans have created throughout time and their particular responses to the natural environment in different geographic locations, exploring the diversity of available materials and resulting building qualities. We also spend time on the question of "What is Architecture" and how different historians have responded to what can be considered within that framework.

terms:

architecture
building
vernacular
traditional
infrastructure
trade
secular
post and lintel, trabeated
brick
rammed earth
pueblo
adobe
compression, compressive strength
tension, tensile strength
Bedouin tent
tipi
longhouse