

ARCHITECTURE AT LARGE:

The Production of Locality within Circulatory Regimes

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This seminar considers architecture's relation with the circulation of information, goods, capitals and people throughout the territory. Rather than looking into how the new global regimes defined by these processes results in homogenized built environments, we seek to understand the ways in which architecture participates in what Arjun Appadurai has called the "production of locality" in his book *Modernity at Large*. In this seminar we explore the nature of the new spatial constructs that result from the alignments and misalignments between the different processes of circulation that shape the contemporary globalizing world, and the systems of inclusion and exclusion they continue to define.

We will test this theoretical framework through the analysis and representation of programs central to these regimes—programs which cannot be reduced to the organization of enclosed and circumscribed functions, but can only be studied as complex articulations of spatial configurations and material devices with bits of information, broadcasted media operations, abstractions of economic transactions, global cultural projects and geopolitical relations among others. Topics and programs to be considered include: (A)Market / Mall; (B)Media / TV Studios (C)Transportation / Airport; (D)Diplomacy / Embassy; (E)Tourism / Hotel and (F)Finance / The financial district.