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ARCHITECTURE LECTURES
ARCHITECTURE AND...
AGENDA
LES JOURNÉES DE L'ARCHITECTURE – DIE ARCHITEKTURTAGE / [ARCHITECTURE DAYS]
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Founded in 2006 Stiftung Architektur Dialoge Basel unifies different activities with the aim of promoting awareness of contemporary architecture and encouraging dialogue about architecture among a broad public.

Ever since 1980 – even before the founding of the foundation – renowned architects have presented their work in Architecture Lectures, a series in which, e.g., Tadao Ando, Roger Diener, Aldo van Eyck, Sir Norman Foster, Frank O. Gehry, Zaha Hadid, Jacques Herzog, Herman Hertzberger, Helmut Jahn, Renzo Piano, Alvaro Siza, Livio Vacchini and others have provided insight into their accomplishments.

The interdisciplinary series Architecture and... highlights the multifaceted collaboration between architects and professionals from related fields. Discussions feature the meeting of architecture with urban development, city planning, art or engineering as well as building technology, façade planning or landscape architecture.

Continually updated at the Architektur Dialoge Basel Website and sent bi-weekly as a newsletter, the Agenda provides information about the rich variety of events concerning architecture that are taking place in the Basel region. Provided free-of-charge this offer has enjoyed increasing popularity and current distribution includes over 1'200 persons.

Ever since 2008 Architektur Dialoge Basel has been taking part in Les Journées de l'architecture – Die Architekturtage / [in English, Architecture Days], which entails approximately 160 events aiming to bring contemporary architecture in the Upper Rhine region closer to more than 40'000 visitors.

In 2011 the Architektur Dialoge Basel launched its own Website www.architekturdialoge.ch with online access of the audio and video archive of previous lectures, as well as descriptive summaries in English, French and German of all the foundation's past events.

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ARCHITECTURE AND…

This year's interdisciplinary lecture series "Architecture and…" features three events exploring the topic of **Architecture and Furniture**. Architecture and furniture not only come together 'afterwards' when a building is furnished. Especially evident at least since the movement to achieve the Gesamtkunstwerk, architecture and furniture have been merging as they mutually determine and complement one another's form and function, i.e., the design concepts of Classical Modernism were not the first to present furnishings and architecture as mutually intertwined in their aim to dissolve the borders between the disciplines and create mixed forms: architecture as furniture and furniture as architecture. Conventional notions of architecture as immobile and furniture as mobile have lost their extreme polarity and have led to new ramifications, affinities and also contrasts of the two fields. Particularly intriguing are changes in scale. With today's so-to-say declension, the formal vocabularies of architecture and furniture are being declined in every dimension as well as conjugated, compared and diminished – and come together again in the one-room apartment as well as in urban space.

Tuesday, 11 September 2012, 7:15 P.M., free admission
Kunstmuseum Basel Lecture Hall
Architecture and Furniture I: Construction
Thomas Wüthrich, Product Designer, INCHfurniture, Basel
Andreas Bründler, Buchner Bründler Architekten, Basel
Furniture and Architecture in Dialogue: Associations and Inspiration

Tuesday, 18 September 2012, 7:15 P.M., free admission
Kunstmuseum Basel Lecture Hall
Architecture and Furniture II: Conceptual Design
Priska Schmückle von Minckwitz, Architecture Historian, Paris
Spatial Concepts as Gesamtkunstwerke

Tuesday, 25 September 2012, 7:15 P.M., free admission
Kunstmuseum Basel Lecture Hall
Architecture and Furniture III: Inspiration
Prof. Arthur Rüegg, Architect and Author, Zurich
The Architect Le Corbusier as Furniture Designer

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Architecture Beyond Limits

15 – 19 October 2012
LUNCHTIME TOURS

Ever since 2000, Les Journées de l'architecture – Die Architekturtage [Architecture Days] – an annual program with numerous events celebrating architecture – has taken place in the Alsace /FR and Baden-Württemberg /DE regions of the Upper Rhine. Thanks to the engagement of Architektur Dialoge Basel the program has been conducted tri-nationally since 2008. Every year approximately 160 events bring contemporary architecture closer to over 40'000 visitors. This year as part of the overall program, Architektur Dialoge Basel invites visitors to a series of lunchtime tours under the motto 'Architecture Without Borders' guided by prominent representatives from politics, culture and religion. Scheduled over five consecutive days, tours of contemporary and well-known buildings will explore how this year's motto 'Architecture Without Borders' can be interpreted in a number of different ways. An 'Architecture Without Borders' can manifest as fantasy, e.g., as in the child's imagination of going beyond the limits of the buildable. Another idea that immediately comes to mind are daring constructions, which extend to the limits of what's technically feasible. Or an architecture, whose aesthetic aims to be international and thereby in a certain way appears limitless.

Monday, 15 October 2012, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Location: Bläsiring 124, Basel
Guide: **PROF. RALPH UBL**, Art Historian, Full Professor of Modern Art History, University of Basel
Tour: Bläsiring residential building by Buchner Bründler Architekten, 2012

Tuesday, 16 October 2012, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Location: Voltamatte, Basel
Guide: **URS BUESS**, Co-Chief Editor, Tageswoche
Tour: new Robinsonspielplatz Volta by TrinklerStulaPartner Architekten, 2012

Wednesday, 17 October 2012, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Location: Vitra Campus, Weil am Rhein, Germany
Guide: **JÜRG STÄUBLE**, Artist
Tour: VitraHaus by Herzog & de Meuron, 2009

Thursday, 18 October 2012, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Location: Münchensteinerstrasse 33, Basel
Guide: **DR. IUR. PETER SCHAI**, Former Member (1998) of the Great Council of the Canton of Basel-Stadt
Tour: Lonza high-rise office building by Suter + Suter Architekten, 1962

Friday, 19 October 2012, 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Location: Marktplatz 9, Basel
Guide: **DR. THEOL. FRANZ CHRIST**, Parish Pastor, Basel Cathedral
Tour: City Hall, constructed 1504–1904

Participation in any tour is free of charge. For some tours the number of participants is limited.

Sponsors: Swisslos-Fonds Basel-Stadt, Swisslos-Fonds Basel-Landschaft, Manor

For further in**formation about Les Journées de l'architecture – Die Architekturtage [Architecture Days] events, see www.ja-at.eu**

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ARCHITECTURE LECTURES

An architecture lecture by the Japanese architect Kazuyo Sejima of the architecture firm SANAA is planned for the end of 2012 / beginning of 2013. This event will most likely take place in connection with a tour of the new production hall by SANAA at the Vitra Campus in Weil am Rhein /DE.

For further information about the foundation Architektur Dialoge Basel, see our Website:
www.architekturdialoge.ch

We would appreciate coverage in your media and hope to be able to personally welcome you at our events. Comprehensive information about our events can be sent to you by mail upon request.

We would be happy to respond to any particular questions you might have and provide any background information or images you might need.

Sincerely yours,

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