

Fachsemester im Bereich Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur
Subject Semester in History and Theory of Architecture
HS 2021 (063-0855-21)

Chair for the History and Theory of Architecture
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Female Agency in Architecture before 1850

This History Research Studio aims at exploring the crucial role women played in the birth, life and afterlife of buildings in the early modern period. We will study female patronage, authorship, and criticism in architecture. With a focus on female agency this studio examines the emergence of the role of women in architecture and architectural theory, in a period of great economic, social and cultural change: 1450-1850.

Students are invited to identify and investigate their own specific case studies that pertain to this theme. The Studio will teach students to be both historically and critically competent. By combining different historiographical approaches, students will develop the skills to articulate their research questions, carry out appropriate primary and secondary study and write a complete paper.

The structure of the studio will follow an input-exchange-output model. All members of the chair will provide input, to both the theme and method, as well as examples and references of research. There is also room for students to read and discuss together with the material prepared for them (short texts, summaries and reading lists) and the materials they found. Weekly group meetings and individual supervision by the chair members will help students in academic research and writing. Exchanges with the researchers at the chair are also beneficial to further develop their research themes and teaching.

application

Places for this Subject Semester are limited. Please send your candidacy by email (a 300-word motivation letter and a 300-word statement on your topic of interest) to:

professur.delbeke@gta.arch.ethz.ch

See also the website of the chair: <https://delbeke.arch.ethz.ch/courses>

Deadline for application is Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 20.00h. You will receive a message on your acceptance for the Fachsemester by Thursday, September 9, 2021, 14.00h. This means students who are not accepted can then still choose a design class for HS 2021.

A student can only register once for a Subject Semester during the Master studies.