

48-770 MAAD Pro-Seminar I

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This course explores architecture's digital culture to introduce contemporary topics of architectural research, design, practice, and construction. It outlines an evolving landscape of contemporary practice and research and the changing nature of the discipline. In providing a broad sweep of contemporary agendas, methodologies, and priorities, the course provides foundational knowledge, necessary for the establishment of the MAAD thesis proposal.

Texts by leading practitioners, academics, and researchers will serve as the content for our weekly discussions. The small class size provides a unique opportunity to foster discourse and debate while building the culture of the MAAD program.

Students enrolled in this course will:

- Develop an understanding of contemporary architectural topics, methods, and theories
- Reflect upon weekly readings through carefully crafted written responses
- Participate in weekly discussions to consider the efficacy, impact, and connectivity of the topics and themes addressed
- Expand design sensibilities to include consideration of topics addressed
- Identify a topic and a series of motivating questions to inform your future work