

Facing Moral Complexity

Professional Ethics for Architects and Urbanists

TU Delft, 7-12 July 2014

Description

Today's architects and urbanists face societal and environmental challenges of an unprecedented scale and complexity. They often work on commissions that frequently operate in delicate contexts – contexts that sometimes even presuppose or facilitate the exploitation of human labor and environmental resources alike. Such factors pose inescapable questions of *moral complicity*. But where do the architect's and urbanist's professional and moral *responsibilities* really lie today? And how are we to engage them in a clearer and more conscientious manner? In this Summer School, students will work closely with international experts from the EU, the U.S., and Canada, to learn more about the specific ethical challenges that practitioners face today – and to get acquainted with new models and frameworks to address such contemporary moral challenges *head-on*. We discuss questions of professional and moral responsibility at a local to a global level, and pose them in concrete contexts from large-scale multi-national corporations to localized projects on historical preservation. You will meet experienced practitioners whose reflections are informed by their personal experience, and who have published to wide acclaim on these topics. On top, you will gather firsthand exposure to some of the Netherlands' newest and most ground breaking architecture – guided by the architects themselves.

Content

- **Theoretical and practical lectures**
- **Intense workshops** run by international experts
- **Architectural Day Trip** to work by Neutelings-Riedijk Architects (NL) **with the architects**
- **International Architecture Ethics Conference** (Delft July 9-11) featuring internationally celebrated architecture and ethics keynote lectures and ground breaking research from 60+ presenters

Location

TU Delft, Netherlands

Accommodation

Single/double rooms at hotels (free of charge)

Registration

Master and PhD students from IDEA League universities can apply by sending the application form to their universities' contact person **until 7 May 2014**. Their contact details and the application forms are available on the web page: www.idealeague.org/education/summerschools

Costs

All costs (incl. day trip) during the summer school **will be fully covered**. Only travel expenses to Delft have to be paid by the participant.

Contact

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