

Traces of Colonial Spaces (6ECTS, graded)

Design is not apolitical. Throughout history, architecture and urban planning have been tools that manifest the visions of those in power. But what happens when a political regime is overthrown, renounced, reformed? The built environment's capacity to outlive its designers means that systems of injustice that were strategically inscribed into it also live long and prosper, and are upheld for many generations. When we don't place a critical lens on theoretical and historical readings of architecture, these systems often get reproduced by new designers as objective norms.

This Projektwerkstatt, organized by the student initiative ifa_diaspora, attempts to understand various impacts of the colonial enterprise that construct our everyday surroundings and viewpoints in the city of Berlin - in public, private, and digital space. Together we will create a space of collective learning outside of traditional knowledge production. Participants are encouraged to contribute topics, methodologies, and projects (interviews, mappings, texts, podcasts, videos, installations etc.) that reflect upon and highlight the traces of colonialism in our respective fields. The Projektwerkstatt will be offered this semester for the last time (for now).

Beginning: 31.10.2023

When and Where? Tuesdays 10:00 -12:00 am, room A 606 at Institute of Architecture, TU Berlin

Additional Information: spoken language: English, 6 ECTS, graded

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