

School Lecture Series Autumn 2026

Volume 1

LEARNING

SEPTEMBER

8.9

Stefana Parascho +
Aude Billard

*Do Robots Dream
of Construction Sites?*

Lecture + Exhibition Opening, starting at 18:15 instead of 18:30

What if robots didn't replace people, but worked alongside us to conceive, plan and build architecture? While digitalisation is reshaping the built environment, most efforts have centered on automation and substitution, with little real impact on how we design or build. The talk argues that adaptability - not automation - is the key to sustainable architectural and construction impact. It highlights autonomous systems that adjust structural and spatial strategies in real time, and human-robot interaction models that keep human judgment central. The lecture introduces the exhibition "Do Robots Dream of Construction Sites" and ends with a panel discussion between Prof. Stefana Parascho and Prof. Aude Billard, moderated by Prof. Pier Vittorio Aureli.

22.9

Elli Mosayebi,
EMI Architekt*innen

*Chliriet Secondary
School Building*

What makes for a good learning environment for young people? The presentation on the Chliriet Secondary School explores how spatial layout, landscape, architectural design, and color schemes can shape everyday school life. The long, narrow wooden building frames a spacious schoolyard featuring the existing multipurpose hall. The classrooms face the open landscape, while the hallways and group rooms offer views of the schoolyard. The colorful interior creates a vibrant and distinctive learning environment.

OCTOBER

6.10

Jo Taillieu

1:33/1:2

One of the most interesting public manifestations of learning in architecture are books about student's work. This lecture will present 1:33/1:2 new publication that showcases work by EPFL students. This book is exemplary in representing how learning architecture can be both a school reality and something that continues to inspire the architectural community at large. "About architectural tomography, about the importance of the drawing, about the book presentation 1:33/1:2, and about a special bookselling"

27.10

Thomas Friberg +
Sophie Piticco,
pool Architektur

Building for Disassembly

Growing student numbers and the need to renovate numerous school facilities prompted the Canton of Zurich to seek a temporary solution for sports facilities. Each building is intended to remain at a given location between three to fifteen years, until it is either relocated or stored for future reassembly. pool Architektur responded by designing a prefabricated timber construction system that enables a variety of spatial configurations and appearances, allowing for careful integration into the surrounding environment.

NOVEMBER

10.11

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The Mediterranean Institute for the City and Territories, designed in collaboration with Marion Bernard, Point Suprem, Jacques Lucan and Atelier Roberta, is a unifying entity rather than the simple sum of three existing schools (architecture, urban planning, and landscape studies). The Institute's purpose is to physically foster relationships, exchanges, and collaborations between the three institutions and their immediate as well as broader environment. The architecture of the Institute is therefore intentionally open to the city. From Porte d'Aix Square, this small campus stands out, day and night, as a welcoming presence.

24.11

Paolo Tombesi

*The extraction of value –
Measurements, materials and craft*

Why and how do we take measurements across building? Does our professional identity determine our needs and methods? By comparing the measuring traditions of different actors, the lecture will clarify objectives and characteristics of the ruling tools in use. The idea is to show how measuring has always responded to multiple instrumental ideas of accuracy, which have in turn affected the production of information and the organization of work.

Every 2nd
Tuesday
EPFL Architecture

Foyer SG
18:30