

The Active Engagements of Architecture

ACS Focus Session

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Summary

Architecture is typically positioned, described and evaluated according to formal, expressive, aesthetic, functional and material criteria. Why is this so, and how can we effectively broaden contemporary discourse in ways that may inform our work today?

One way may be to reintroduce and reposition the communicative, discursive and participatory aspects of architecture, and how it often materializes symbolic content through the active engagements it often provides. This presentation will focus on purpose-built sacred architecture as a means to unpack a broad range of issues and perspectives regarding the engaging and mediating roles of architecture.