

ARC496: TOPICS OF ARCHITECTURE

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Urbanism and City Studies

History, Theory, Criticism

Sustainability ---Ecology

Technology, Materiality

Society, Politics, and Ethics

Contemporary Research Directions

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to key debates and approaches in architecture, ranging from history, theory, and criticism to contemporary issues such as technology, urbanism, sustainability, and social justice. Through readings, discussions, and case studies, students will explore how architecture both shapes and is shaped by cultural, political, and ecological contexts. The discussions will be framed largely through the context of Turkey, while also engaging with broader global perspectives. The course further addresses emerging perspectives such as the Anthropocene and posthuman thinking, encouraging critical and innovative reflections on architectural practice and research.