

## Dimensions, issue 9: Changing Spatial Practices

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Call for Contributions for the upcoming issue »Changing Spatial Practices: Alliances, Activism and Networks« of Dimensions. Journal of Architectural Knowledge, edited by Kadambari Baxi (Barnard College, Columbia University, New York), Isabel Glogar (Technical University of Munich), Gabu Heindl (University Kassel), Bernadette Krejs (Vienna University of Technology), Tatjana Schneider (TU Braunschweig).

In times of multiple crises – characterized by inequality, exploitation, conflicts and violent forms of extraction – multidimensional and diverse forms of thinking, designing and building, disrupt and challenge existing paradigms in the field of architecture.

With this Call for Contributions, we raise the questions:

- What do these crises do to architecture as profession, practice and discipline?
- How do architects and other spatial practitioners contribute to other imaginaries?
- Referring to Audre Lorde (1983/2007: 30) we ask: »Are we doing the work?«.

We aim to exploit how the field of work and practice, as well as the terminology of »space« are changing, i.e. reaching beyond the physical space, including social and action related spatial constellations, political spaces, ecological environments. We seek contributions that stimulate new forms of architectural knowledge focusing on feminist spatial practices, collaborative practices and alliances, actors and networks involved. We particularly invite inter-, cross- and transdisciplinary contributions that reflect and report on the consequences of such changes for architectural knowledge.

»Changing Spatial Practices« is looking for all forms of contributions reflecting on practice- and activism-related research and the superordinate constitution of knowledge. We are especially interested in reflections that address collective intersectional engagements for more multifaceted, spatial practices. Emphasizing works that project possible (climate) just futures that move away from the status quo still centered around modernism, growth, resource consumption, tangible elements and technical solutions, the focus of this issue is on diverse frameworks and scopes for collective engagements and models of governance in response to climate breakdown.

The issue invites inter-, cross- and transdisciplinary contributions that reflect and report on the consequences of such changes for architectural knowledge. How is the field of work and practice, as well as the terminology of »space« changing, i.e. reaching beyond the physical space, including social and action related spatial constellations, political spaces, ecological environments. We seek contributions that stimulate new forms of architectural knowledge focusing on feminist spatial practices, collaborative practices and alliances, actors and networks involved:

- What are possible futures of architecture in times of crisis and what can we do as designers, researchers and activists?
- What new forms of architecture, networks and agencies are emerging?
- How do collective practices and processes disrupt or change existing paradigms?
- How and with whom are alliances across different practices fostered and how are networks built, enlarged, scaled?
- What (new/other) forms of knowledge(s) emerge from practices and processes that highlight social and spatial justice, as well as planetary care?
- How can activism address notions of redistribution, reparations, or ethical practices?
- In what ways and with which methods do collective forms of practice operate?
- What is their scope and fields of action?
- What uses of media and technologies aid spatial practitioners in non-extractive, non-exploitative work?
- How do these new (or old) tools facilitate different types of collaborative practices?

The call invites spatial practices which take perspectives of resistance, joy, hope and forms of unlearning, that are imagined for a fairer, more inclusive, diverse, feminist and truly sustainable world. Contributions may address – through texts, and visual formats as reports from the field including co-writing, interviews and essays and other short pieces not exclusive of any media – how new territories or novel reformulations of what is already here have come about and continue to emerge.

All contributions have to be original works, which have not been published in another context. Dimensions. Journal of Architectural Knowledge publishes research that has been completed, but also explicitly intends to present research projects that have not yet been completed. Here, the focus is on the presentation of the procedures/methods and intended goals or findings achieved so far.

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- Language US English, citation Harvard Style Title max. 60 characters
- Key words 5–8 key words / terms
- Abstract max. 1.000 characters
- Text 20.000–30.000 characters (spaces incl.)

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- Key words 5–8 key words / terms
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