

## Philosophy & Architecture (Lisbon, 5-6 Nov 2015)

Lisbon

Deadline: Jun 1, 2015

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

Philosophy & Architecture International Postgraduate Conference 2015

The Center of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon is pleased to announce the Call for Papers for the Philosophy & Architecture International Postgraduate Conference, to be held on the 5th and 6th November 2015 in Lisbon, at the Faculty of Humanities of the University of Lisbon [Faculdade de Letras da Universidade de Lisboa] and at the Berardo Collection Museum [Museu Coleção Berardo].

Architecture is one of the most antique cultural symbols of the human achievement. For some, it is an art; for others, it is just a craft. We experience it and are surrounded by buildings that decisively influence the way we live. Still, most of the times, this familiarity becomes a kind of invisibility and indifference. If we consider the architectural thought within a philosophical perspective we can understand its roots and its importance to human civilization, that is to say not only the idea of an object but also all the encompassed idea of a worldview.

The conference aims to promote high-quality research among young scholars in the fields of the relationships between Architecture and Philosophy. Our goal is to refresh the debate on questions such as how these two areas of study can work together and what can both approaches profit from each other. How can we discuss the idiosyncrasies of Architecture within a philosophical point of view, focusing its contemporary relevance? We invite all new understandings of the concept of Architecture, developing new configurations of debate and attempting an alternative theoretical device to the actual production.

Topics of interest might include (but certainly are not limited to):

- Contemporary Art and Architectural Theories
- Architecture, Design and Sculpture: the 'paragone' and the arts of space
- Spatial concepts and philosophy
- Architectural and philosophical systems
- Architecture as metaphor
- Authorship and style
- Public policies, morality and the city
- Architecture with/without architects
- Architecture and landscape

Submission procedures and deadlines

MA and PhD students of Philosophy, Architecture and related disciplines are strongly encouraged to submit proposals.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words are to be sent to [philosophyarchitecture@outlook.com](mailto:philosophyarchitecture@outlook.com) no later than 1st June 2015. All presentations will be 15-20 minutes long and followed by discussion. Please send the abstracts as PDF files without identifying information and a separate document with a short biography (including degree currently under study, main publications and academic affiliation). Suggestions for panels are welcome and should be sent along with a statement outlining the panel's relevance. The best papers selected by the scientific committee will be published. Notifications of acceptance will be sent on 17th July 2015. The conference program will be announced by 30th July 2015.

There will be no registration fees for paper presentations.

#### Scientific committee

Adriana Veríssimo Serrão (University of Lisbon)  
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#### Conference contacts and webpage

You will find updated information on the website <https://philosophyarchitecture.wordpress.com>.  
If you have any inquiries regarding the conference, please feel free to email [philosophyarchitecture@outlook.com](mailto:philosophyarchitecture@outlook.com) or the organizing committee.

#### Reference:

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