

Einladung zum Vortrag

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Abstract

This presentation will examine the relationships between diverse technical design strategies and competing conceptions of ecological place-making. It discusses the conceptual challenges involved in defining what we mean by calling a building 'green', and outline a social constructivist perspective on the development of sustainable architecture. The presentation will identify alternative logics of ecological design which have their roots in competing interpretations of the environmental problem, and explores the ways in which each logic pre-figures technological strategies and alternative visions of sustainable places. Finally, I will highlight the implications of the contested nature of ecological design for architectural education, practice and research.

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Arbeitsschwerpunkte

His research interests revolve around the social production and consumption of technology and the material environment. His research approach has involved the development of an innovative sociological approach to urban development, in particular aimed at critically understanding the technical strategies and socio-economic processes framing environmental change.