ARCHITECTURAL CONTEXTS: PLACE AND CULTURE

Instructor: Howard Davis + 3 GE
Lectures: Tuesday and Thursday 12:00-1:20, 177 Lawrence Hall
Sections: Arch 430: One 50-minute discussion session per week; Arch 530: One 1 hr-20 min seminar per week

This is the final course in the required Design Arts core sequence for B.Arch. and M.Arch. students and builds on the courses in Spatial Composition and Human Contexts of Design.

The course investigates the idea that buildings are not isolated objects, but are anchored in and shaped by their physical and cultural contexts, and may play an important role in improving those contexts. The course examines the emergence of settlements and cities, vernacular buildings, contemporary issues in urban design, buildings in the landscape and in the context of cities, and culturally- and place-based principles for architectural design.

Course Requirements
Attendance at lectures, participation in sections, weekly critiques based on lectures and readings, weekly short projects, midterm exam, and final exam. Exams will cover lectures and required readings.

Detailed information will be provided in the syllabus. Questions may be directed to Howard Davis:

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