OVERCOMING CONSTRAINTS OF THE WORK OF ARCHITECTS IN DENMARK

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Architects can produce unlimited numbers of ideas, visions, concepts, projects, speculative drawings and models etc.

To realize or materialize any of them, power of control over a site as well as human and material resources are needed.

Or in general and more abstract: MONEY



The 'winner' of the competition was Moreau Kusunoki Architects. The competion took part when nothing was secured and there were financial games between Guggenheim Foundation, collector Carl Gustaf Ehrnrooth and Helsinki Municipality. The project was cancelled by political decision in 2016.

1715 participating architect firms accepted from start to be the game ball between financial and prestige interests, which no other profession would ever do.

Given the fact that each such competition entry needs an investment of at least 1000 hours, that adds up to 1.715.000 working hours. Or better to imagine: with the same investment of hours, a large architect firm of 100 architects could work 429 weeks or 9,5 years.





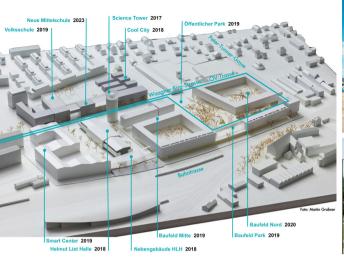








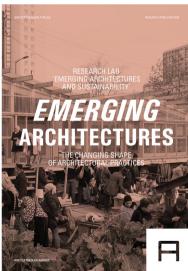




















I think that the practice as an 'object – architect' is a phase-out model. Transdisciplinary collaborations, Private-Public-Partnership models, you might like them or not, will certainly be part of our future... Institutions want to have everything 'ready' and controllable... A project should not only be designed but built, financed, operated and maintained. That is actually the model we architects need to look closer... These large scale projects we process actually only by contracts as general planners including all design services (Generalplaneraufträge)'

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