Asian Architecture + Urbanism

Asian Architecture + Urbanism is a selective and strategic study of architecture and urbanism in Asia that integrates history, theory, professional practice, technology and design with a particular focus on how the study of the Asian city be applied to our work as designers and practitioners. This Course has been a successful installation in the Masters of Architecture at RMIT for a number of years. Its core is reflecting the leadership and expertise of RMIT academics engaging in the field of Architecture and Urbanism through innovative design research practice.

The focus of the design research seminar is Asian [Japanese] landscape architecture and urbanism, which is provoking contrast with domestic practice, projects and thematics, ultimately enabling open, critical and sensitive global perspectives. The design research seminar is built on the premise that designers must be able to articulate and engage in formal investigations through rigorous research practice not only to broaden their understanding in the act of designing but also to advance the scholarship that makes up design. Therefore, the seminar will offer students training in principal methods of project-based research with focus on precedent study, discourse and literature review and basic research methodology in design research.

The course is structured around a twelve week lecture series presented by RMIT Architecture and includes a distinct landscape architecture focus. The seminar offers the exposure to architecture research practice through the research poles Expanded Field, Urban Architecture Laboratory and Advanced Architectures.

In the landscape architecture post graduate design research seminars two combined seminar presentations will address the topics:

**Design Research at RMIT**
Prof. SueAnne Ware/ Dr. Helene Frichot (TBC)
Wednesday 9th March 2.00-4.00 in 8.12.43

**Methodology in Design Research**
Julia Werner/ Dr. Marieluise Jonas
Wednesday 23rd March 2.00-4.00 in 8.12.43